

# IMMANUEL

LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF ROSENTHAL

## Newsletter



MAY GOD  
BLESS YOU  
and  
SEND YOU  
a happy  
NEW YEAR

Sunday Service: 9:30

Sunday School: 9:45

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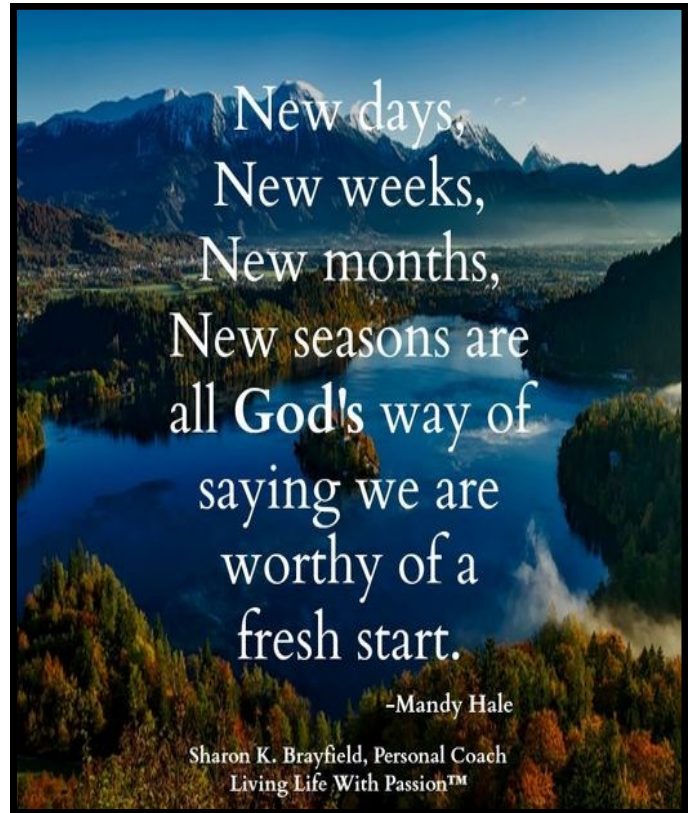
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# BRIDGES

## JANUARY, 2024



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### Looking forward...

So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. 1 Peter 3:14

It has been a good year. Be blessed as you look forward to a new year and what the Lord will do with us all in 2024.

Pastor Boyd

### Here is a favorite recipe of Jacqueline and I. Enjoy!

#### Cedar planked Salmon with Sundried Tomatoes

- 1 -3 lb salmon fillet, deboned
- 6 large garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped
- 2 tablespoons sun-dried tomatoes packed in oil, minced
- 1/4 cup olive oil

#### Directions:

1. Combine garlic and salt and grind into a paste. Combine the garlic, parsley, dried tomatoes and olive oil in a bowl; blending all ingredients. Chill until ready for use.
2. With a sharp knife, cut two lengthwise slits in the salmon fillet, dividing the surface of the fish into thirds. Cut to the skin, but not through it.
3. Preheat grill.
4. Spread half the garlic/tomato mixture over the fillet and into the slits. Place the fish on salmon plank and barbecue over a medium heat. Close the lid and grill for 15 minutes.
5. Spread the remaining garlic/tomato mixture on the fillet. Close the lid, turning the temperature to high and grill 10 minutes more, or until fish flakes when tested. Do not overcook as fish will become dry. It should be moist.
6. Remove the fish from the grill and serve.



# HELP

I have been going through the history of our church and find it fascinating . I can not find any pictures of the move of the prayer chapel (now Pastor Boyd and Jacqueline's home) or during the construction of the sanctuary. I am finding very little history of the church after 1981. If you have any pictures, please let me know so I can get a copy of them.

Florence (780)-963-6870

# Announcements and Upcoming Events



## The Gospel Tool

The Gospel Tool Bible Study Group  
date for January is:  
**January 7 & 21** after Service

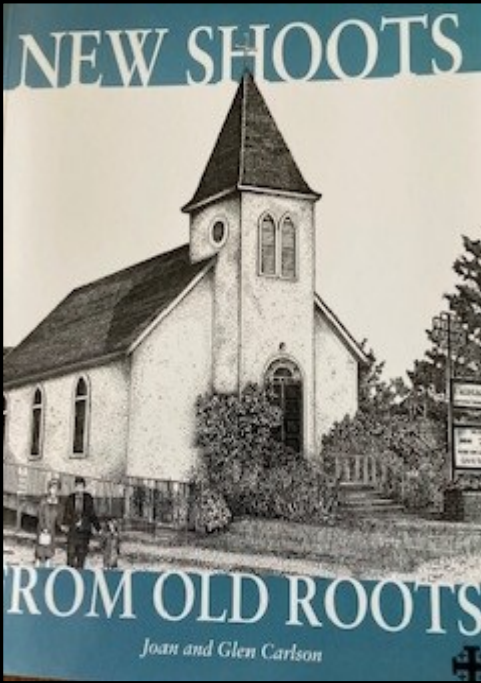


Join the guys **January 13, at 9:00 am** for Men's Breakfast in Rose Hall. Make your plans to attend. Great food and fellowship

We had Men's Breakfast on December 9. The men cooked a great meal. John Neiman shared the value of personal Bible reading and the new insights he is experiencing.

Submitted by Howard Gitzel

## BETH'S BOOK STORE



We have chosen **'New Shoots From Old Roots'** as our book of the month.

There is no charge for this book. If you are interested in the history of Immanuel this is a good read.

We have a number of copies in Beth's Book Store.

Check it out and other books in the foyer.



JOIN US FOR A

# baby shower

HONORING  
**KAYCE ALLEN MORGAN KOSHEIFF**

SUNDAY JANUARY 14TH 2PM  
ROSE HALL, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1228 TWP RD 524  
STONY PLAIN, AB T7Z 1Y4

*please RSVP to*  
LEAH KULAK 780-915-7024

*registered at*  
AMAZON.CA (LINK IN EMAIL)  
WEST COAST KIDS ID# SDVWRH  
BABIES R US REG.#62118241

KAYCE USES PAMPERS SENSITIVE WIPES  
& HUGGIES LITTLE SNUGLERS DIAPERS



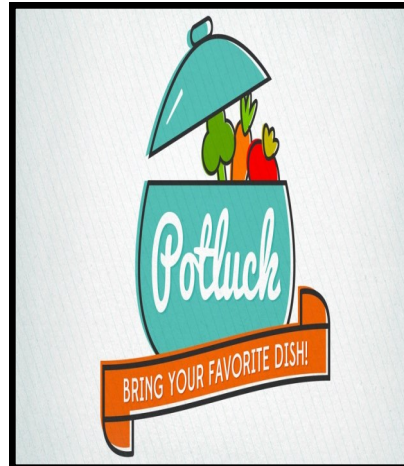
# Mark Your Calendars

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Celebration of Life for

**Chris Randoy**  
will be held at  
**Immanuel 1 pm,**  
**January 6.**  
Lunch to follow in  
**Rose Hall**



### Join us January 28 Potluck Sunday.

Bring you favorite dish and enjoy the fellowship as we get to know each other.

Remember Potluck can also mean soup if you so choose.

### Discovering Healthy Relationships

Jane Graff & Melissa Henstridge

Thursdays 6:30-8:00 pm from January 11-February 22<sup>nd</sup>



Come join us as we discover new ways to be in relationship and shut the spiritual door to the unhealthy patterns and ways of being in relationship We will start in the first week with an exploration of boundaries and then work through the following 5 patterns:

1. Not recognizing abnormal behaviors and setting boundaries;
2. Taking responsibility for others' emotions;
3. Accepting the minimum in relationships;
4. Feeling a need to justify and explain; and finally,
5. The internalization of blame.

We will wrap up the seventh week with fellowship and reflection. There is **no cost** to attend however we do ask that you register and can commit to the full seven (7) weeks as we work through the material.

There is 1 hour of home work each week as we reflect and learn how these patterns operate in our lives.

We will use this learning to compose prayers to break free and move into new, healthy patterns and better boundaries.

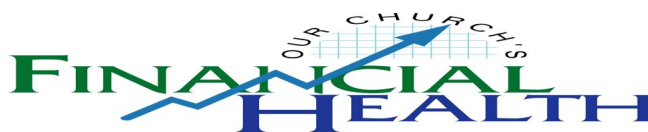
You can register by contacting the church office, 780-963-4048  
**Melissa (text 780-916-8990) or Jane, in person.**

A free will offering to Immanuel Lutheran is welcome to cover costs of hosting and materials



DATE	07-Jan-24	14-Jan-24	21-Jan-24	28-Jan-24
Speaker	Boyd	John	Russ	Len
Leader	Donna	Len	John	Russ
Reader	Dee	Chris	Donna	Tracey
Greeter	Beth/Coreena	Duane/Nina	Tracey/Dee	Frank/Jean
Music		Julie	Al	Sarah
Prayer Team	Russ & Jane	Chris & Coreena	John & Karen	Kathy & Kelly
Ushers	Tony	Frank & Jean	Tony	Frank & Jean
Communion	Dietrich		Strand	
Sound	Adam	Milt	Mario	Darren
Mediashout	Angela	Lillian	Julie	Connie
Counters	Theresa/Florence	Colleen/Beth	Gloria/Len	Tracey/Nina
Coffee	Jean	Florence	Jason	Chris

Please remember if you are unavailable, find someone who is willing to trade with you, or cover for you.



#### December 5 Council Meeting

- ◆ We need to train our sound volunteers to understand the new computerized sound system.
- ◆ Boyd needs a break and will be unavailable for most of January.
- ◆ Average attendance is up again in November.
- ◆ Finances continue to look good for 2023.
- ◆ Several more cemetery plots have been sold.
- ◆ The following motion was approved for our tithe. Moved to tithe 10% of offerings to the following charities: Nehemiah Construction 2%, Light for All Nations 2%, Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute 2%, Spoken Word 1%, MOMS Canada 1%, Rock Solid Refuge 1%, WorldServe 1%.
- ◆ A new lease with Fire Place church has been signed. This lease will expire in 2028.

Submitted by Len Lewin

Happy New Year to Immanuel Friends & Family!

For those wishing to have automatic withdrawals for donating, please contact Angela at [treasurer@ilcor.ca](mailto:treasurer@ilcor.ca)

Average offering per Sunday in

December: \$5,456.29

Average attendance per Sunday in

December: 90

We are seeing an increase of attendance per Sunday, Praise the Lord!

Submitted by Angela St Pierre



Our next meeting is **January 18** 6:00 pm

In the Board Room.

Come join this wonderful group. Every one welcome.



# What's Been Happening...

# Heartfelt THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!



Lighting the candles to make a beautiful path for our Live Nativity.

The walk through was from 5:30-6:00 pm.  
The Candles were also lite for the

Christmas Eve Service



Many people waiting in line to walk through the Live Nativity. Many selfies were taken and the children loved petting the animals



Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem



Caesar looks determined as he declares a counting of the people to be taxed.



The Innkeeper said, " There is no room at the





Christ is born in a stable and laid in a manger



Angels we have heard on high



The three kings came to worship Jesus

# Great Job!

This event could not be possible without the dedication of the many volunteers. We give special thanks to Jon Jespersen from Jon's Funny Farm out of Westlock for bringing all the animals. The weather cooperated with us for this event.

We are getting a greater response to this endeavour each year. We had an approximate **300 people** attend this year

Looking forward to next year.

We would also like to thank the many who contributed to **Food for the Soul** during the **Live Nativity**. We collected four large boxes of food and \$500.00 to distribute to the less fortunate.

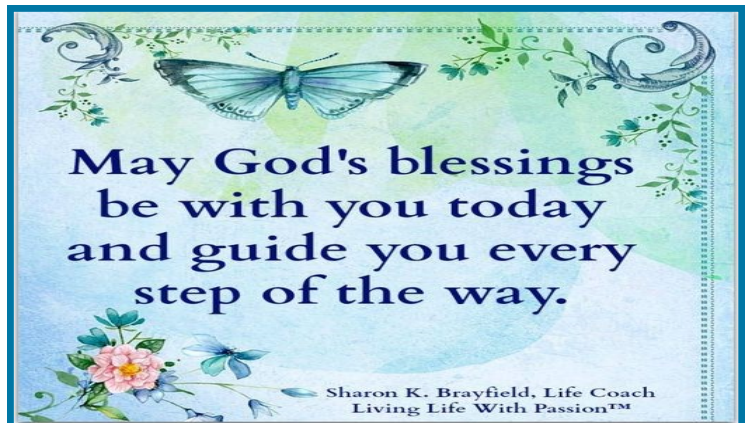
**Food for the Soul** is one of our charities.



Many animals, from a calf, to goats, sheep and alpacas from Jon's Funny Farm out of Weslock were here for the families to enjoy.

**A BIG Thank YOU** To Jon Jespersen for the animals.

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# JANUARY

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# Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1. <b>MAY GOD BLESS YOU and SEND YOU a happy NEW YEAR</b>	2.	3.	4.	5. 10:00-11:30 <b>Pastor's Bible Study</b>	6.  1 pm Funeral
7. 9:30 Sunday Service 9:45 Sunday School  <b>Gospel Tool</b>	8. Pastor's Day off	9. 9:30-11 am <b>Ladies Bible Study</b>  10:00 am <b>Prayer Group</b> 7:00 pm <b>Ladies Bible Study</b>	10.  7:00 pm <b>Prayer Meeting</b>	11.  6:30-8:00 <b>Discovering Healthy relationships</b>	12.  10:00-11:30 <b>Pastor's Bible Study</b>	13. 9:00am <b>Men's Breakfast</b>  
14. 9:30 Sunday Service 9:45 <b>Sunday School</b>  2pm <b>Baby Shower</b>  	15.  Pastor's Day Off	16. 9:30- 11 am <b>Ladies Bible Study</b> 10:00am <b>Prayer Group</b> 7:00 <b>Ladies Bible Study</b>	17.  7:00 pm <b>Prayer meeting</b>	18.  6:30-8:00 pm <b>Discovering healthy Relationships</b>	19.  10:00-11:30 am <b>Pastor's Bible Study</b>	20.  
21. 9:30 Sunday Service 9:45 Sunday School  <b>Gospel Tool</b>	22. Pastor's Day Off	23. 9:30-11 am <b>Ladies Bible Study</b> 10:00 am <b>Prayer Group</b> 7:00 pm <b>Ladies Bible Study</b>	24.  7:00 pm <b>Prayer Meeting</b>	25.  6:30-8:00pm <b>Discovering Healthy Relationships</b>	26.  10:00- 11:30 <b>Pastor's Bible Study</b>	27. 10:00 am Worship Practice  
28. 9:30 Sunday Service 9:45 Sunday School   <b>Potluck</b>	29.  Pastor's Day off	30. 9:30-11 am <b>Ladies Bible Study</b> 10:00 am <b>Prayer Group</b> 7:00 pm <b>Ladies Bible Study</b>	31.  7:00 pm <b>Prayer Meeting</b>			





Sunday school lessons this month were based mostly on Advent and Christmas. The children had a few lessons on Tower of Babel and Pentecost. This theme will continue through the month of January. The children are enjoying the lessons from the Super book academy.

With Advent and Christmas the attendance of Sunday school was high, with the most children we have had in a long time, Praise God. We can only pray that this continues and you never know; we might be looking for more teachers in the New Year. May God continue to be with the children and show them that He is the true God and how much he truly loves them.

## From The Mouths Of Babes!

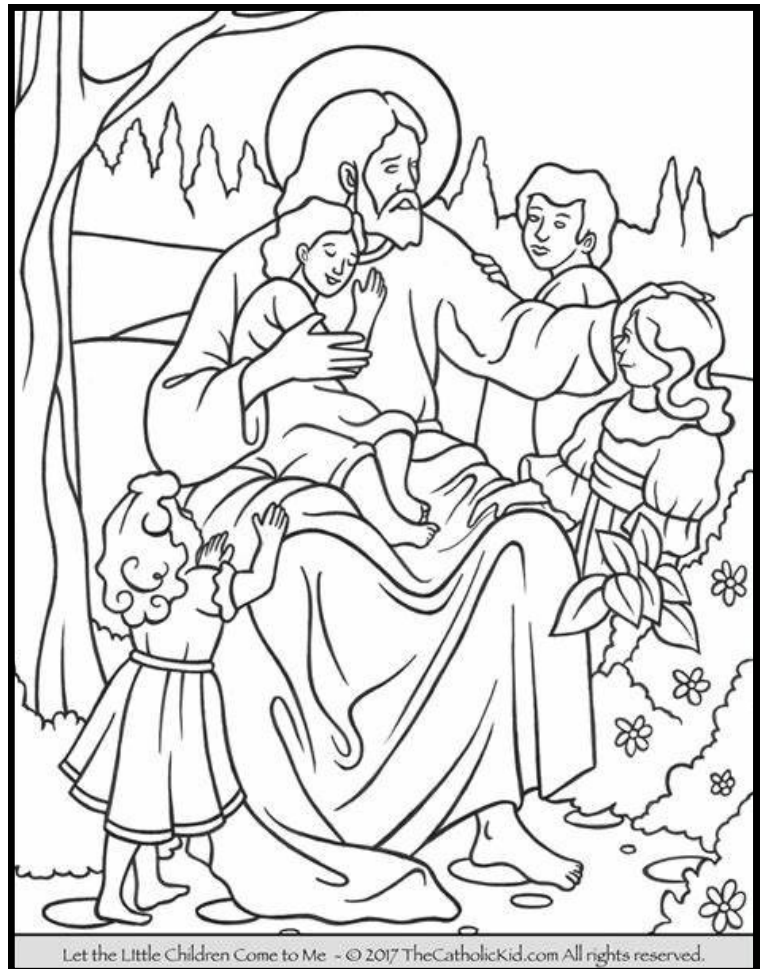
One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Joey standing in the foyer of the church staring at a large plaque covered with names. The pastor walked up to the 6-year-old and greeted him. "Good morning pastor, What is this?"

The pastor said, "Well son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service."

Finally, little Joey's, barely audible and trembling with fear, asked:

"Which service, the 8:30 or the 10:30?"

# THE KIDZ PAGE



# *This is our story*



In 1891 our church started in our forefathers homes. Our first Church was built in 1897, entirely by Volunteer labour with dove-tailed logs. The alter consisted of a square box covered with cloth. A small stove was in the middle of the room. The people often sat on chairs huddled around the stove.



In 1980 the construction for the addition to our church started with the removal of the alter portion on the church.

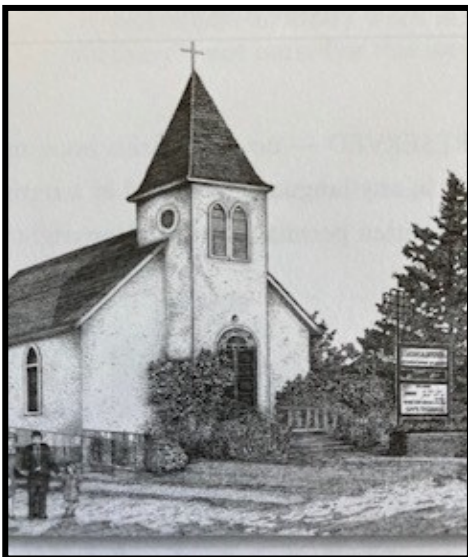


Our first church was sold to Henry Schneider for \$100.00 and moved just south of our church and converted to a home. It sat on the farm now owned by Brian Bauer for a number of years. It has since been demolished.

A new church was built



Basement foundation in place for the addition to the church. A new roof and insulation was added to old church then made into an office.



Our new church was completed in 1925 by volunteer labour at the cost of \$1800.00. Most of the money was raised by Pledges.

Fifty-five years later, an addition was added to the church



With a contractor and many volunteer hours the addition was completed and dedicated in August of 1980, at a cost of \$138,500. The mortgage was paid off by October 1994.

## *To be Continued*





Dear Immanuel

**A Blessed and Happy New Year to you and your family!**

I greet you in the Name of the Sovereign Lord.

This year had many challenges and many changes. There has been political turmoil in the Middle East and constant spiritual warfare against the identity and person of Jesus Christ. No matter what happens, **God is still on the throne and we know the outcome!**

Despite all the challenges, the Lord has greatly blessed the Light For All Nations ministry. Everyday we see people coming to know the Lord and there has been a continual increase in the volume of people watching on social media, so much so that we needed to hire more people for follow-up and to recruit more volunteers and in the New Year we will need to hire at least

We can truly say, like the Psalmist: **"You crown the year with Your goodness, and Your paths drip with abundance"** (Psalm 65:11). We are looking forward to another year of great harvest!

Let's finish 2023 with **victory in Jesus**, like the old hymn says. Let's determine to start the New Year trusting in His grace and mercy and moving forward with new beginnings. I pray you and your family will enjoy God's peace and provision.

Your brother in Christ,

Nizar Shaheen

*Just think—  
you're here not by chance,  
but by God's choosing.  
His hand formed you and made you  
the person you are.  
He compares you to no one else—  
you are one of a kind.  
You lack nothing  
that His grace can't give you.  
He has allowed you to be here  
at this time in history  
to fulfill His special purpose  
for this generation.*



**When God answers  
your prayers,  
He is increasing  
your **Faith****

**When God delays,  
He is increasing  
your  
**Patience****

**When God  
doesn't answer,  
He has something  
**Better** for you.**

**So when you Pray,  
have Faith, be Patient,  
and Trust God.**