

IMMANUEL

LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF ROSENTHAL

BRIDGES

FEBRUARY, 2025

 **NEWSLETTER**



Be grateful for the things and people you have in your life. Things you take for granted someone else is praying for

-Marlan Rico Lee

Sharon K. Brayfield, Leadership Coach
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Confirmation: 9:15-10:15
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From the
Pastor's
Desk



Offense

¹⁹You know *this*, my beloved brothers *and sisters*. Now everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak, *and* slow to anger; ²⁰for a man's anger does not bring about the righteousness of God.

James 1:19-20

It is on my heart to do a series on offense and the destructiveness of offense. We live in a world that is training generations of people in taking offense. In our society, people tend to look for ways to take offense. Offense destroys relationships by driving us to be angry at each other. The passage above says that when we are operating out of anger, we will never gain the kind of intimate and trusting relationships that are God honoring and righteous. It dehumanizes people by turning them into "the enemy." When the culture of offense bleeds over into Church culture, it sets us up for division and Church splits. People who fear giving offense walk on eggshells around each other all the time, and it prevents us from developing a safe and peaceful community of faith where people know their value. I have come to believe that the willingness to take offense is a mark of our level of spiritual and emotional maturity. I believe God desires us to grow beyond offense so we can become a safe and loving family. To see this become a reality at Immanuel, we need to cultivate the ability to not take up offense, nor live in fear of offending others. I am looking forward to sharing with you about this topic as we come to Church to learn from God's word and grow in fellowship with each other. Be blessed!

Pastor Boyd

Allowing worries and concerns to trouble us only gives them power over our hearts and minds. By choosing to maintain a positive attitude and trust in God's unwavering care, we regain power. Our faith becomes our fortress, shielding us from negativity and doubt. Embrace each day with love, joy, gratitude, and faith in God—this is your true source of strength. Let go of what weighs you down; choose faith over fear! Shine brightly and let God lead your path!

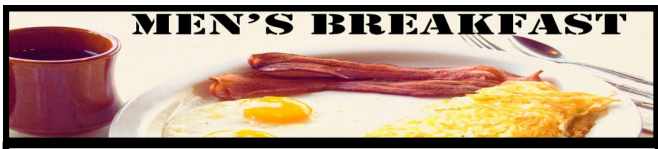


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COME OUT & SHINE

God doesn't give us what we can handle God helps us handle what we are given.

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Mark Your Calendars
UPCOMING EVENTS



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join The guys **February 8**, for Breakfast. Great cooks, delicious meal, followed by informative speakers.

AGM
 Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on **March 16** after service, followed by a Potluck lunch. Please remember to get your annual Reports into Julie before February 15.

MUSIC NIGHT

Join Mark Lenyk for **Music Night** 5-8 pm on **February 8 and 22**



Shrove Tuesday



is coming!
 Get Ready
 For our Annual



Join us **March 4 5:00 pm** for our Pancake and sausage Supper with all the trimmings

February 23, 2025 Potluck

Please join us **February 23, for Potluck**. Bring your favorite dish and connect with the people you worship with.

Beth's Book Store

BOOK OF THE MONTH

PHILIP YANCEY

Where Is God When It Hurts?

A COMFORTING, HEALING GUIDE FOR COPING WITH HARD TIMES

ALL AUTHOR'S ROYALTIES AND PUBLISHER'S PROFITS WILL BENEFIT THE



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The Silent Auction



We are planning to start a **Benevolent Fund** to help those in need within our Church Family.

Starting **March 9**, make plans to bring new or gently used items for a Silent Auction to raise funds for this great cause. Giving can be fun.

Spring is a great time to do a purge of your gently used items or bring something new.

All Items will be set up in the gym with a bidding sheet for you to make a bid.

Closing date for bidding on the items will be **April 27**.

We have chosen **"Where is God When it Hurts"** as the book of the month. (This book *discusses the pain that is experienced in life and in relationships, and asks the questions, what can we do to help those who hurt, and who can help us when we suffer?*)

Check it out in the foyer



Highlights from the January Council meeting:

- ◆ Repairs on the rooftop units have been completed, but replacing these units should be on the 5 year maintenance plan.
- ◆ Pastor Boyd has had a good conversation with a neighbor in the subdivision across from the church about the light pollution that the lights from our church. Apparently, this has been a concern of the subdivision for some time, but this is the first we have heard of it. In an effort to be good neighbors, and bless our neighbors, we will disconnect the roof lighting, and explore alternative lighting that will keep our congregation safe, and lower our light pollution.
- ◆ Reviewed the stark differences in our congregation from 4½ years ago to what is happening today.
- ◆ Financially, we came in under our budget for 2024 by \$756.00.
- ◆ Going forward, all gifts in kind will be for professional services rendered, not for purchases made. If purchases are made that you would like to donate to the church, you will be reimbursed, and it will then be your choice whether to donate that amount.
- ◆ Two well attended paint nights were held at the end of 2024.
- ◆ Our Walk/Drive thru Nativity brought over 300 people in, along with financial and food donations going to Food for the Soul.
- ◆ Immanuel Elders are working on engaging new council members for 2025. If you have someone in mind that may like to serve on our council, please be in touch with Pastor Boyd or Elders.
Remember – there are no nominations at the AGM.
- ◆ Council is currently working on the budget for 2025, and the Annual General Meeting (AGM) has been set for March 16, 2025.

Submitted by Julie Villadsen

DATE	02-Feb-25	09-Feb-25	16-Feb-25	23-Feb-25
Speaker	Boyd	Boyd	Len	Boyd
Leader	John	Russ	Donna	Len
Reader	Donna	Tracey	Rylee	Duane
Greeter	Tracey/Dee	Beth/Coreena	Lorne/Linda	Duane/Nina
Sunday School	Dee/Linda/Darlene	Dee/Linda/Darlene	Dee/Linda/Darlene	Dee/Linda/Darlene
Music	Al	Caroline/Jacqueline	Al	Video or Hymn
Prayer Team	Jane/Karen	Kathy/Kelly	Dave/Kathy	Chris/Coreena
Ushers	Tony	Frank & Tony	Tony	Frank/Tony
Communion	Dietrich		Strand	
Sound	Neil	Graeme	Mario	Adam
Mediashout	Connie	Cheryl	Lillian	Julie
Counters	Theresa/Florence	Colleen/Chris	Gloria/Len	Nina/Sandi
Coffee	Jean	Florence	Dianne	Colleen

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

**A profile of our Church and where we have come in the
past 4½ years.**

2020:

- ◆ Sunday Service
- ◆ Sunday School
- ◆ Tuesday Prayer Meeting
- ◆ Kids preschool using the building
- ◆ Counsellors using the building

2025

- ◆ Sunday morning worship and coffee
- ◆ Bi-weekly Potluck and Soup Sunday
- ◆ Bread ministry / food give away
- ◆ Sunday School
- ◆ Worship ministry developing
 - Teams led by Caroline, Al, the choir, Jacqueline and Julie
 - Instruments played by Mark, Theresa and Al
- ◆ Addition of volunteer secretary
- ◆ Sound Ministry
 - Soundmen in training
 - New Sound system, Microphones and Monitors
 - Sound treatment of walls in Sanctuary
- ◆ Music Night bi-weekly
- ◆ Friday morning Young Moms' group
- ◆ Women's Tuesday night and Wednesday morning Bible Study
- ◆ Pastor's Friday morning Bible Study
- ◆ Tuesday morning prayer group
- ◆ Three Alpha groups
- ◆ Confirmation re-established
- ◆ Membership classes have re-started. People are asking for membership
- ◆ Wednesday evening prayer group
- ◆ Elders board re-established
- ◆ Men's monthly Saturday breakfast with 9-20 attending
- ◆ Kitchen ministry is growing with more volunteers
- ◆ Sanctuary decoration is getting more active
- ◆ Cemetery ministry – run and developed by Angela
 - Addition of Columbarium
 - Clearing of the old graveyard begun
 - Cemetery is paying for itself and contributing to the church for the first time in history
- ◆ Trail system for prayer walks

- ◆ CLBI retreats
- ◆ Several women's day retreats
- ◆ Movie Nights a couple of years ago
- ◆ Trunk or Treat Halloween Alternative
- ◆ New foyer design and lay out
 - Coffee Bar
- ◆ Talk of Staircase to upper level of foyer
- ◆ Table and Chairs for fellowship
- ◆ Some shingle repairs on the old church
- ◆ New field under construction west of the church
- ◆ Renovation to Pastor's Suite
- ◆ Spoken Word Ministries seminars and events
- ◆ Increase in group gatherings in home

Special Events

- ◆ Christmas Eve Service – Attendance in 2024 was 127,
Attendance in 2023 was around 70
- ◆ Good Friday Service
- ◆ Easter Sunday
- ◆ Clean up days and Facility enhancement

As long as love resides
in your heart, as long as
goodness resides in your
soul, life will always
be beautiful.
Every day is a miracle;
Every moment is a grace;
Every heartbeat is a
blessing; Every life is a
gift from God.

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OUR CHURCH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH

Hello Congregation Members:

We thank all of you for your generous contributions to Immanuel this past year. We have been able to keep our budget on track, as well as, cover some larger maintenance bills that were incurred throughout the year. We are also thankful for the designated contributions which were received for the renovation of Pastor Boyd & Jacqueline's suite. We are Blessed to have each of you supporting our church family!

Effective January 1, 2025, we as Council have changed the process for Gift In Kind Donations to comply with CRA Guidelines. Should you wish to purchase an item that is an expense to the church (ie. Photocopy paper or coffee) and would like a donation receipt, please place the invoice/ receipt with your contact information in an envelope and place in the Treasurer's mailbox or offering plate. I will then reimburse you for the expense, and in turn, if you wish, donate it back to the church as a General Offering. However if a donation of property or intangible property is donated, a Gift In Kind receipt will be issued at fair market value of the item.

December's Offering:

Total Donation's Received:	\$25,287.36
Total Average Per Sunday:	\$5,057.48
Total Average Attendance:	90

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela St Pierre
Treasurer



Pennies for Pastors. Loose change is collected on the first Sunday of the month for Pastors in the Mission field. In January \$200.00 was collected.

Here's What's Happening!



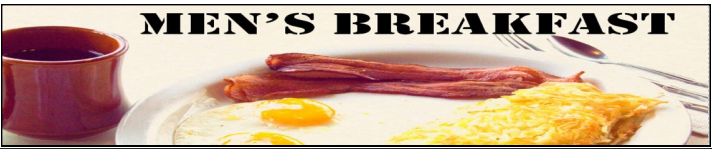
January 31 We make sandwiches for Food for the Soul in our kitchen four times a year. We take the sandwiches to Lighthouse Church to be distributed along with fruits and vegetables. Blessings the less fortunate.



Give us this day
our daily
Bread

February 1 Our helpers distributing the sandwiches and other food that were brought to Lighthouse Church. Food for the Soul is open to pick up these items on the first and third Saturday of the month from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

What's Been Happening...

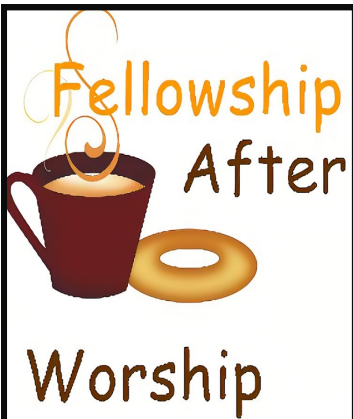


MEN'S BREAKFAST



January 11, three tables were put together to accommodate the men that came to have a fantastic meal at Men's Breakfast. Russ Graff, our speaker, shared the story of his life's path.

Submitted by Duane Spooner

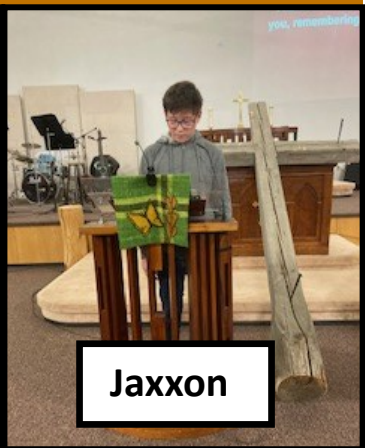


By popular requests we are once again having coffee in the gym after Service. Please join us as we would love to get to know you. Many people are bringing baking and Charles is doing gluten free baking for your enjoyment.

Youth Leaders



Owen

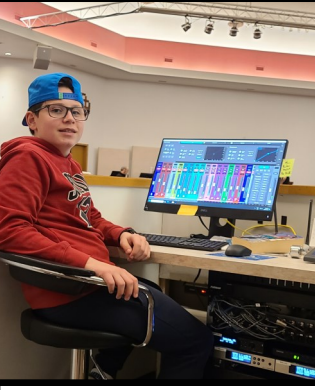


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The confirmation class lead our service on **January 19**. These are our future Church Leaders. Please pray for them as they grow in faith and into adulthood.



January 25, was Music Night at Immanuel. Anyone can join Mark in playing, singing and learning every second Saturday of the month. Join them **Feb. 8 and 22, 5-8 pm.**



Our sound Man.



What's Happening?

Potluck



Many crock pots and casserole dishes were filled with mouth watering food on **January 26** for our potluck. This large group is enjoying the fellowship.



A big thank you to those who helped with the clean up

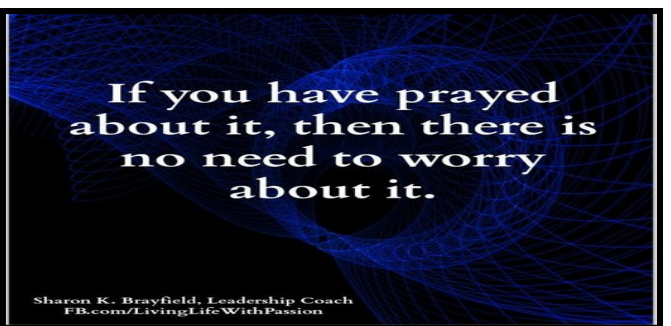


On **January 23**, a Celebration of Life was held for Rose Edwards at Immanuel with 150 staying for lunch



The Kitchen Committee did an awesome job of decorating the Gym and provided a fabulous lunch.

Our new chairs are in the background.



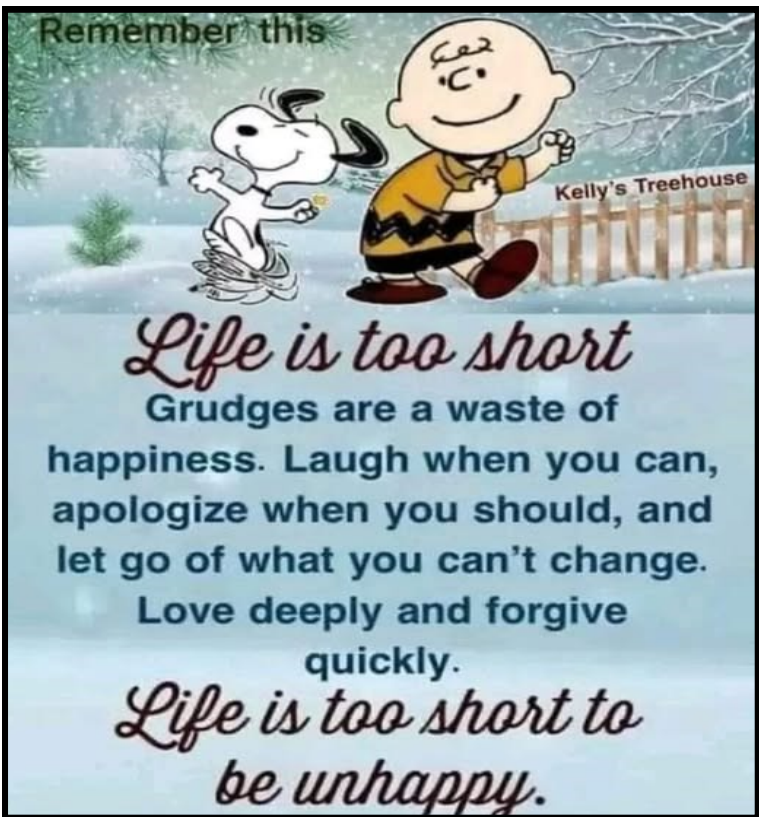


THE KIDZ PAGE



Sunday School Children in the media room then moved to the class room.
Below are just some of our many Sunday School teachers,

First we would like to thank Duane, Len and Dee for leading the Sunday school lessons during the month of January. The children learnt more about the wall of Jericho and the story of Gideon. For the month of February the children will be taught the story of Samuel, with the focus being about His call from God. The lessons will teach the children that they are never too young to be an example of God's love to those around them. Only through God and with God is this possible in their lives.
God bless.
Submitted by Colleen












From The Mouths Of Babes!

I have been teaching my three year old daughter Caitlin, the Lords prayer. Finally she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she enunciated each word right until the end of the prayer. "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from Email."

February

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. 
2. 9:15 Confirmation 10:15 Sunday Service Sunday School 	3. Pastor's Day off	4. 10:00 am Prayer Group 7:00 pm Ladies Bible study	5. 10:00-11:30 Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm Prayer meeting	6.	7. 10:00-11:30 Pastor Bible Study	8.  9:00 am Men's Breakfast 5-8 pm Music Night
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