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Sunday Service 10:15

A simple
reminder that
one kind word
can change
someone's
entire day.

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BRIDGES

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Newsletter

Fight your
battles through
PRAYER.
And win your
Kelly's Treehouse
battles through
FAITH.
AMEN!



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our ELDERS

Our Church Elders are:

Russ Graff: 780 963 1553

John Nieman: 780 399 4664

Please call on them in
Pastor Boyd's absence.



Forgiveness is the
best form of love.
It takes a strong
person to say sorry
and an even
stronger person to
forgive.

Multiple times in his writings Paul likened the Christian life to that of running a race. A race where we throw off everything that hinders and run with perseverance. But what kind of race is it? There are many kinds of races so how are we to use this image?

Some say it is like a marathon, where we steadily manage our energy and resources in a determined, measured run to the finish line. Problem with that is that God is infinite and that he promises to provide all that we need with unlimited power through his Holy Spirit. There should be no need to pace ourselves.

Likewise, is it a sprint? Where we go all out using everything given us and run full speed. There is also a problem with this analogy. To explain, we can learn something from the history of God's people after the death of Joshua.

"Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died at the age of a hundred and ten. And they buried him in the land of his inheritance, at Timnath Heres in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash.

After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, another generation grew up who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel." Judges 2:8-10

The generation after Joshua's forgot about God and what he had done. One generation after miraculous victory after victory where Joshua took over from Moses to claim the promised land.

So, I propose that the race is a relay race, where you and I run our portion as "all in" as we can, yet as we near our finish line we briefly run alongside another runner and hand them the baton. We hand them the baton of faith so that they then can run their own race as we fade away. May this kind of race, a relay race, be what Paul had in mind as he mentored young Timothy?

Immanuel has 135 years of history. Multiple generations of believers. Nothing wrong about that and it deserves recognition. We have run a good race but now, while we celebrate, is it time to think more about the future than the past? Who will run the next leg of this generational Christ following relay race? To whom are we now passing the baton?

We need to look for opportunities to hand over the baton to the next generation. One example, we have been asked to host an intern. Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute (CLBI) has a four-year degree program for those serious about entering ministry and future seminary training. This is one way we can look to the future, to pass on the baton. If this opportunity comes to fruition more information will certainly be shared with all of you.

We can also continue to seek out opportunities in youth ministry, Sunday school, confirmation classes, befriending and assisting young families, sharing Jesus with family and friends. The list is endless; opportunities abound. We have been given a 135 year legacy, a legacy that will mean little if we don't continue to share the gospel, run with perseverance, and successfully pass on the baton.

John and Karen Neiman

Mark Your Calendars UPCOMING EVENTS



Dear Churches and Liaisons,
Our 5th annual **Back to School Campaign** is now underway! Together, we can help low-income families in our community get the school year off to a strong start. 🍎 📚

Why Your Support Matters

Many families in our community are forced to choose between purchasing school supplies and meeting basic needs like groceries or utility bills. Your contributions help lift that burden and allow parents to focus on what matters most — their children's education and well-being.

Ways You Can Help:

Monetary Donations – Preferred, as needs vary by school and grade. Donate online or via e-transfer to

office@neighbourlinkparkland.ca

- **Gift Cards** – Walmart gift cards (\$25–\$50) are especially helpful, as they can be used for shoes, snacks, and supplies.

School Supplies – Accepted, though needs are grade-specific.

Spread the Word – Share with your congregation and networks. Posters attached.

Church Liaisons:

Please promote the campaign within your church. If your church is able to accept donations on our behalf (including non-perishable school snacks), please let us know — we'd be happy to coordinate pick-up with you.

Donation Deadline: August 10, 2026

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping kids start the school year with confidence!

Neighbourlink is one of the charities that Immanuel supports

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS NEEDED!



Please contact Donna Mckean if you are willing to help with the Sunday School classes beginning in September.

Sunday School at Immanuel

Coming this Fall—a new Sunday School curriculum called God's Kids, a curriculum created by RightNowMedia.

God's Kids provides solid, Christ-centered content that's easy to use. It's a ministry tool for our Church to help the next generation grow in their love for Jesus.

RightNowMedia is committed to faithful teaching that is practical, trustworthy and accessible. The curriculum is designed to honor Scripture, support volunteers, and help churches disciple the next generation.

The curriculum is:

Biblically Grounded: Scripture-rooted content that brings the Bible to life for kids in age appropriate ways.

Easy to Use: Flexible lessons with minimal prep so volunteers can step in confidently and teach with ease.

Media driven: Fun, interactive teaching that keeps kids engaged—plus a parent app that brings learning home for family discipleship.

Christ Centered: Faith forming lessons that point kids to Jesus and help them to understand what it means to follow him.

We are excited to start this curriculum in September. We would like to have teacher/volunteers attend a workshop to learn about the platform, and all the features that are available to use, in early August so they will feel equipped to teach come September. We are also able to schedule teachers so they know what lessons they will be teaching and when.



Here's What's Happening!

Potluck

Everyone Brings Something to the Table.



July 26, Potluck

A large variety of dishes were brought to enjoy.

The hall was filled with people visiting and meeting others from the congregation.



Ingredients:

- 1. cup unsalted butter, softened
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 4 large eggs
- 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
- Powdered sugar (for dusting)

Instructions:

- 1. Mix 2 cups flour, powdered sugar, and butter until crumbly. Press into a 9x13" pan and bake at 350°F for 15–20 mins.
- 2. In a bowl, whisk sugar, 1/4 cup flour, eggs, and lemon juice until smooth.
- 3. Pour over hot crust and bake 20–25 mins more, till set and golden.
- 4. Cool completely, dust with powdered sugar, and slice into sunshiney squares.
- 5. Serve chilled or room temp—both ways are heavenly!

May today greet you
like a bright
windowpane, letting
golden light spill into
every corner of your
heart, and may every
step you take be
cushioned by gratitude
and gentle surprise.

GAUNTLETS
OF LOVE

Pray before everything

Pray before you decide.
Pray before you respond.
Pray before you offer advice.
Pray before you lovingly correct.
Pray before you do anything!

When you pray first, your response
will often be different than it would
have been without prayer.
Let God speak before you speak.
Let God guide your words and
actions. Amen if you believe in the
power of prayer.

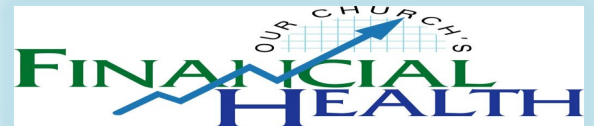
VOLUNTEER SHEDULE

DATE	August 2, 2026	August 9, 2026	August 16, 2026	August 23, 2026	August 30, 2026
Speaker	Shawn	Sam Tekley	Dave Nelson	Shawn	Russ
Leader	John	Russ	Len	Donna	Chris
Reader	Rylee	Dee	Donna	Tracey	Rylee
Greeter	Frank/Jean	Tracey/Dee	Lorne/Linda	Nina	Mitch/Lorie
Music	Al	Caroline	Al	Mark/Team	
Prayer Team	Jane/Karen	Kathy/Kelly	Dave/Kathy	Chris/Coreena	Dave/Kathy
Ushers	Tony	Frank/Jean	Tony	Frank/Jean	Tony
Communion	Dietrich		Strand		
Sound	Pat	Shawn	Neil	Graeme	Pat
Mediashout	Lillian	Lorie	Jen	Connie	Kris
Counters	Theresa/Florence	Colleen/Chris	Gloria/Len	Nina/Sandy	Cheryl/Kelvin
Coffee	Jean	Florence	Gill	Colleen	Dianne

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



There was no Council Meeting in July therefore no report.



Here is the report for June:

June brought an abundance of rain, but also many Blessings!

Total offerings received: \$15,871.16

Weekly average: \$3,967.79

Average Attendance: 71

Blessings,

Angela St Pierre

To continue giving your offering or donations to Immanuel

Our e-transfer address

is: donations@ilcor.ca

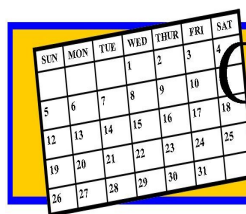
Everything...
happens for a reason.
You may not see it now,
but sooner or later, God will
reveal why He let things
happen. Always remember
His ways are better than
our ways. Put your
trust in Him.

Sharon K. Brayfield
Living Life With Gratitude™



Pennies for Pastors.

Loose change is collected on the first Sunday of the month for Pastors in the Mission field. In July \$370.00 was collected



Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1.
2. 10:15 Sunday Service 	3.	4. 11:00 <u>Prayer Group</u>	5.	6.	7.	8.
9. 10:15 Sunday Service 	10.	11. 11:00am <u>Prayer Group</u>	12.	13.	14.	15.
16. 10:15 Sunday Service 	17.	18. 11:00 am <u>Prayer Group</u>	19.	20.	21.	22.
23. 10:15 Sunday Service  Potluck	24.	25. 11:00 am <u>Prayer Group</u>	26.	27.	28.	29.
30. 10:15 Sunday Service						