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Sunday School: 9:45

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The Story of Joseph (Genesis 37)

Joseph was young and arrogant. His arrogance did not win him friends in the family. Finally his brothers acted on their hatred and set a trap for him. As I read farther in the story, I have to keep in mind the statement of Joseph to His brothers that came at the end of the story.

"What you intended for evil, God intended for good."

It strikes me that God allowed this to happen. In fact, according to Joseph's word, God actually laid the plans for what happened. That means God used Joseph in his youthful arrogance to anger the brothers. Knowing the brothers would take offense, God used the brothers Reuben and Judah to guide the actions of the others so that they didn't kill Joseph but so that Joseph ended up sold into slavery and on his way to Egypt.

As the brothers enacted their plans, Joseph lost control of his life. He found Himself carried into a place and a time in his life that he neither planned, and if he had known it would come, he would have avoided. All though this time, God went with Joseph. The passages just say the God was with Joseph.

Never do we see God explaining Himself to Joseph or saying anything that would prepare Joseph for what was to come. We don't even see God showing up in the night to comfort Joseph or to tell him that it's all just a part of the plan. Joseph just had to live it out day by day and trust God. In that process, with all his own attempts to get justice having failed, Joseph became truly dependent on God. All he could do was serve, pray and leave tomorrow in God's hands.

Throughout this journey, Joseph was given favor. If we can look beyond the being sold into slavery, his being framed by Potiphar's wife and the subsequent jail time, Joseph was given favor by God in all of the places that he found himself. The Spirit of God was with Him causing those around him to recognize his gifts and to put him in places where he could serve. This happened in Potiphar's house. It happened in the jail and it happened with Pharaoh.

Just as in so many biblical stories, God had a plan and God's plan unfolded according to God's timing.

Joseph just had to wait and trust God. Even when he tried to get himself out of prison, by asking the cupbearer to put in a good word with the Pharaoh, the man failed to do so and left Joseph to rot in jail.

The story of Joseph has much to say to those who want to follow God's plan for their lives. When God has a plan, He brings it to pass. God didn't wait for Joseph to put himself in strategic places. God Himself has acted to place Joseph where he needed to be, even though Joseph sometimes did not understand what was happening to him at the time. At the time of God's choosing, He spoke to Pharaoh in a dream.

At the time of God's choosing, He brought Joseph out of jail to interpret Pharaoh's dream. Having already given Joseph favor with Potiphar and with the Chief jailer, now once again God gave Joseph favor, this time with Pharaoh himself. In all of this it was God who set things in motion. In the end nations were saved from starvation and prophecies given to Abraham, Joseph's ancestor, were fulfilled.

Through it all, we simply hear that Joseph served in whatever place he was put. God. He served. And he waited. He trusted in God's faithfulness and God used Him.

"Stop looking for the perfect church. Go worship a perfect God today with a congregation of flawed people who need grace as much as you do."

Carrying the Glory of God Women's Retreat

April 29, 2023, 9:30am-4pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church
52401 RR13, Parkland County, AB

Worship Crafts Ministrytime

Lunch & snacks provided. Please register by April 27
adm.swma@gmail.com or 780-963-4048

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Hosted by



There is no fee for this event.

A free will offering will be taken.



The Foyer committee is working hard to make changes in our foyer. Painting, recovering chairs, a special corner for the kids. This is just a start of what is to come. Take a look.



A little about our guest Speaker.

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The Bulletin Board

We welcome you to join our Women's ZOOM Bible Study Thursday's at 7:00pm. Jacqueline Hopkins will be leading the Bible study on the Gospel of John. Email Jacqueline at jhop66@gmail.com to register and get the Zoom link! Enjoy a great Bible study from the comfort of your home anywhere in the WORLD! Please share with your family & friends.

Women's Zoom Bible Study



Thursday 7pm Via Zoom

We welcome you to join us

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Volunteer week is April 16-22

WE  LOVE
OUR VOLUNTEERS


Volunteer
WEEK COMES ONCE A YEAR
BUT YOU'RE APPRECIATED
Every Day!

Announcements and Upcoming Events



April 2, Palm Sunday Service: 9:30 am

April 7, Good Friday Service : 9:30 am

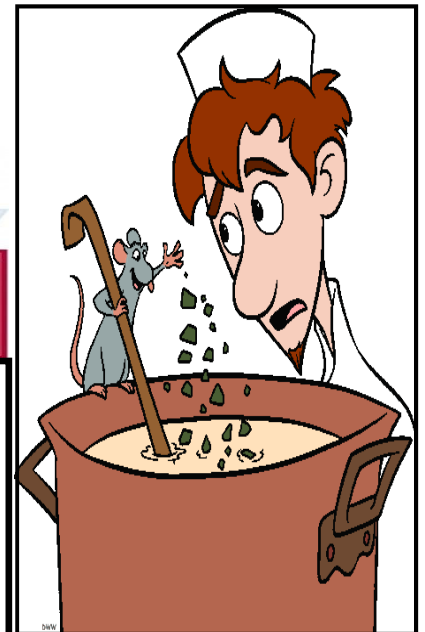
April 9, Easter Sunday Service: 9:30 am

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join us 9:00 am **April 15,** for men's breakfast in Rose hall. Great food and fellowship



Join us **April 21** at
6:00 pm for the
movie 'Ratatouille'
Free popcorn,
water .50
nickel candy



Join us **April 23** for Soup Sunday after Service.

DATE	02-Apr-23	09-Apr-23	16-Apr-23	23-Apr-23	30-Apr-23
Speaker	Boyd	Boyd	Howard	Boyd	Leah Beutler
Leader	Donna	Len	John	Russ	Donna
Reader	Dee	Chris	Dee	Tracey	Coreena
Greeter	Steve/Laurie	Frank/Jean	Tracey/Dee	Beth/Coreena	Steve/Laurie
Music	Al	Julie	Al	Sarah	Al
Prayer Team	Kathy & Kelly	Russ & Jane	Chris/Coreena	John & Karen	Chris/Coreena
Ushers	Tony	Frank & Jean	Tony	Frank & Jean	Tony
Communion	Dietrich		Strand		
Sound	Henry	Darren	Milt	Mario	Graeme
Mediashout	Connie	Angela	Lillian	Julie	Cheryl
Counters	Theresa/ Florence	Colleen/Beth	Gloria/Len	Tracey/Lisa	Beth
Coffee	Jean	Florence	Jason	Chris	Colleen

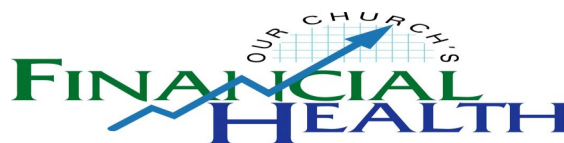
Please remember if you are unavailable, find someone who is willing to trade with you, or cover for you.



March Council Highlights

- ♦ Small groups are going great. If you are not involved in a small group, we encourage you to find one that fits into your schedule.
- ♦ Movie night is April 21 – bring your friends and neighbours and join us!
- ♦ Waiting to hear what the theme for Farmer's days is, so we can prepare a float for the parade. More volunteers are needed for this! Come and join us prepare the float.
- ♦ Immanuel has received a \$10,000 gift to set up a columbarium within our cemetery. We are currently collecting quotes, and you should see it going up soon.
- ♦ Sunday School is preparing for a new curriculum based on the Christian Broadcast Network show, "Superbook". Check it out for your children or Grandchildren.
- ♦ Acoustic Panels have been ordered, and will be installed as they arrive.
- ♦ The Foyer remodel has been started, walls have been painted and areas set up. Stay tuned for more changes!
- ♦ Council is looking for a secretary to take the minutes at the council meetings. If you are interested in this, see Graeme.

Submitted by Julie Villadsen



The treasurer report for March is as follows:

Total Offerings:	\$17,206.84
Average Weekly:	\$4,301.71
Average Weekly Needed:	\$4,848.08

Submitted by Angela St. Pierre

One step can start
a journey.

One song can change
a moment,

One smile can start
a friendship,

One hug can lift a soul,

One candle can wipe
out darkness,

One life can make a
difference,

One word can start
a prayer.

One hope will lift a spirit,

One touch can show
you care.

Be that one today...



Here's
What's
Happening!

AGM
Annual General Meeting



AGM was held on March 19, followed by Potluck lunch. We sure have great cooks at Immanuel.



The Bible is filled with people just like you and me who had issues, but God still chose to use them for His glory. Don't ever let anyone make you feel like you're not worthy of being used by God. Your life is not hopeless... It Has Purpose!
Amen

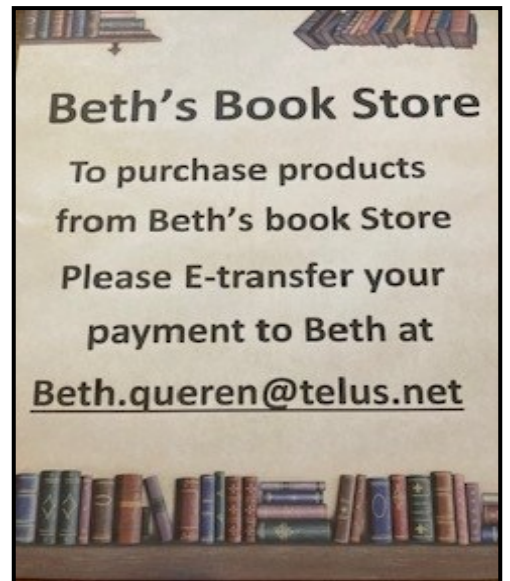
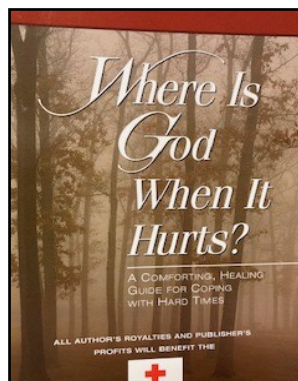


BETH'S BOOK STORE



Come and check out our book store, just off the foyer.

*Book
of the
Month*



We have chosen the book **'Where is God When it Hurts'** as a book of the month. Besides the many books in the store, we also have a small supply of gifts.

Changes to the **Book Store** will transpire as we continue to up grade the foyer.



March 17, the Sanctuary, Foyer and Rose Hall were beautifully decorated for a wedding.

Best wishes to the bride and groom.

March 11, Men's breakfast.



Cooking up a storm in the kitchen



Great fellowship









Seating for over 120 guests plus the bridal party





Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1.
2. 9:30 Sunday Service Sunday School 	3. Pastor's Day off	4. 10:00 am <u>Prayer Group</u> 7 pm <u>Ladies Bible Study</u>	5. 7:00 pm <u>Prayer Meeting</u>	6. 6-8 <u>Boundaries</u>	7.. 9:30 am 	8.
9. 9:30 Sunday Service /Sunday School 	10. Pastor's Day Off	11. 10:00am <u>Prayer Group</u> 7 pm <u>Ladies Bible study</u>	12. 7:00 pm <u>Prayer meeting</u>	13. 6-8 pm <u>Boundaries</u>	14. 10am <u>Pastor's Bible Study</u>	15. 9 am <u>Men's Breakfast</u>
16. 9:30 Sunday Service/ Sunday School 	17. Pastor's Day Off	18. 10:00 am <u>Prayer Group</u> 7:00 pm <u>Ladies Bible Study</u>	19 7:00 pm <u>prayer Meeting</u>	20. 6-8 pm <u>Boundaries</u>	21. 10:00 am <u>Pastor's Bible Study</u>	22.
23. 9:30 Sunday Service/Sunday School 	24. Pastor's Day Off	25. 10:00 am <u>Prayer Group</u> 7:00 pm <u>Ladies Bible Study</u>	26. 7:00 pm <u>Prayer Meeting</u>	27. 6-8 pm <u>Boundaries</u>	28. 10:00 am <u>Pastor's Bible Study</u>	29. 9:30 –4 pm <u>Women's Retreat</u>
30. 9:30 Sunday Service Sunday School					Do you play an instrument or have a singing voice? Musicians are always needed. To become a part of our Worship team, contact Al Olsen.	

THE KIDZ PAGE



March has been a very enjoyable month for the children at Sunday school. We have looked at Jesus washing of the feet (how Jesus showed us to serve others), and also the Holy week and what Maundy Thursday means. For the month of April we will be looking at the story of Thomas and the Easter Story. We will talk about how important the Easter story is for Christians.

The attendance this month was up and down from 4 to 14 children, we are so thankful for the parents and grandparents that bring their children to Sunday school when they are able.

Submitted by Colleen

TALK ABOUT THE CAR

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car. His father said he's make a deal with his son, "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car."

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided, he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, "Son you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut."

The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible, that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."

And Dad's Replied

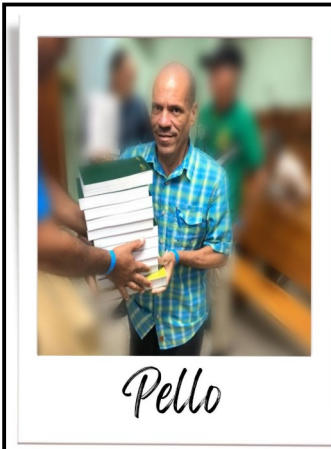
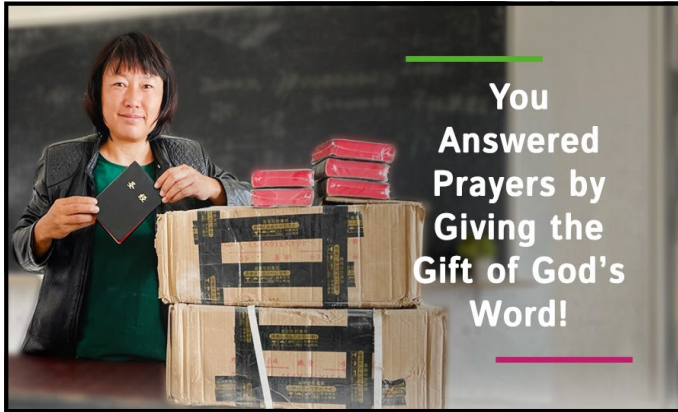
"Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?"

**Always have eyes
that see the best,
a heart that forgives
the worst,
a mind that forgets
the bad
and a soul that never
loses hope.***





NEIGHBOURLINK PARKLAND
...empezando la acción...



Pastor Pello* is passionate about sharing the Gospel in his community. So many people were devoid of hope. He wished he had biblical resources to offer new believers.

You provided him with thousands of New Testaments for his ministry! Because of you, new believers are learning all about the love of Jesus.

On behalf of everyone who received a Bible because of you, thank you! You've transformed so many lives.

The need is still great. You're invited to be a part of bringing God's Word in these challenging areas!

Note: World Serve is one of nine charities Immanuel supports



REFER A SENIOR TODAY!

Do you know of a senior who is isolated and lonely?

The Keep In Touch Program connects community volunteers to seniors through a friendly phone call once or twice a week. For many of us, a call from a friend makes a big difference in how we feel. There is so much comfort knowing someone cares, and having a person to share laughter and memories with is so meaningful.

Isolation and loneliness are not new challenges that our seniors face, however throughout the pandemic, we have seen just how devastating and damaging it can be to our most vulnerable. Please help us to support those who have been disconnected.

To make a referral, please contact our NeighbourLink Parkland; No senior should ever have to feel alone and unheard.

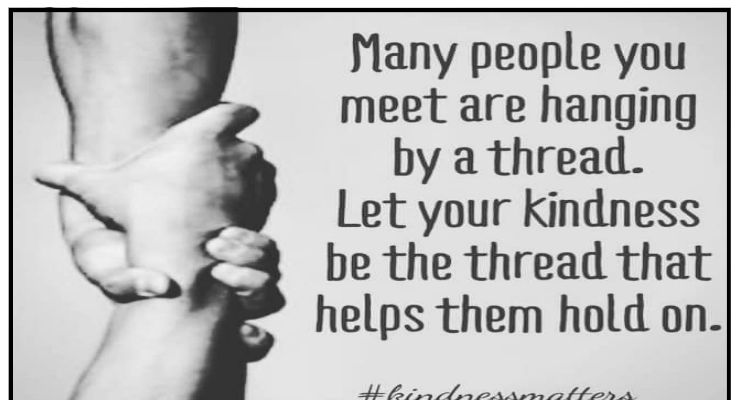
Phone: 780-960-9669

Email: neighbourlink.parkland@telus.net

For more information about the program or volunteer inquiries, please visit

neighbourlinkparkland.ca

Note: Neighbourlink Parkland is one of nine charities that Immanuel supports



#kindnessmatters



Unsalted butter
 Graham crackers crumbs
 Sugar
 Cream cheese
 Cool Whip
 Bananas
 Milk
instant banana cream pie pudding mix

- Preheat oven to 350F. Spray a 9-inch spring-form pan with oil.
 - Make crust by combining 1/2 cup melted butter, 2 cups graham cracker crumbs, and 1/4 cup sugar
 - Remove 1/2 cup of the graham cracker mixture and set aside
 - Press remaining graham cracker mixture into springform pan, pressing it up the sides of the pan a bit
 - Bake in preheated oven to 7 minutes; cool completely before filling
 - Once the crust is cool, place half of the sliced bananas to cover the crust
 - Make the filling by beating together cream cheese and 1/2 cup sugar. Fold 2 cups of Cool Whip into the cream cheese mixture; spread over the banana layer
 - Arrange remaining sliced bananas over the cream cheese mixture
 - In a mixing bowl, whisk together milk and instant pudding mix and let set for 2 minutes
 - Fold remaining Cool Whip into the pudding and spread over the banana layer
 - Sprinkle with reserved graham cracker crumb mixture
- Refrigerate for at least 4 hours before slicing and serving

Psalm 23

THE BREAKDOWN



The LORD is my shepherd = **RELATIONSHIP**
 I shall not be in want = **SUPPLY**
 He makes me lie down in green pastures = **REST**
 He leads me beside quiet waters = **REFRESHMENT**
 He restores my soul = **HEALING**
 He guides me in paths of righteousness = **GUIDANCE**
 For his name's sake = **PURPOSE**
 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death = **TESTING**
 I will fear no evil = **PROTECTION**
 For you are with me = **FAITHFULNESS**
 Your rod and your staff they comfort me = **DISCIPLINE**
 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies = **HOPE**
 You anoint my head with oil = **CONSECRATION**
 My cup overflows = **ABUNDANCE**
 Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life = **BLESSING**
 And I will dwell in the house of the LORD = **SECURITY**
 Forever = **ETERNITY**

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Life is so short.

Grudges are a waste of time. Laugh when you can, apologise when you should, and trust God with what you cannot change.

Nicky Gumbel



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