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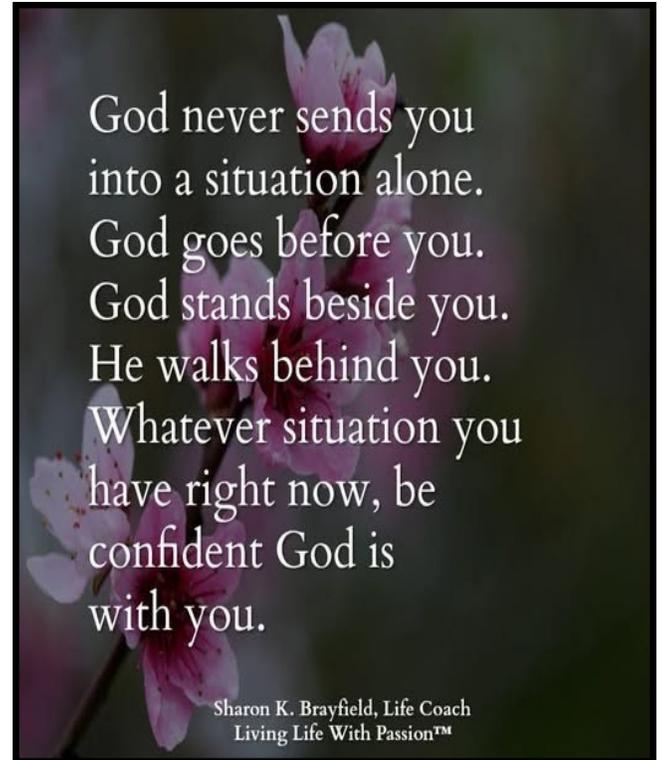
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our ELDERS

Our Church Elders are:

Russ Graff: 780 963 1553

John Nieman: 780 399 4664

Please call on them in
Pastor Boyd's absence.



Psalm 27:1

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?

We live in a part of the world where the amount of daylight varies greatly with the seasons. It can affect our mood and health. Karen makes sure I take my Vitamin D daily during the long winter months. For some it can be as if we are in solitary confinement where we spend weeks indoors with limited natural sunlight. Not good.

Our psalmist is likely in darkness because he is in hiding. Living in caves, fleeing from dangerous pursuers, and yet is not afraid. Even though we are only fleeing from the cold, we too need not succumb to the depression darkness brings.

We remember that God who caused light to shine out of darkness can also shine in our hearts with the light of his Son. The light of Jesus can shine into every corner of our lives, bringing forgiveness, restoring hope, so much so that we too can shine as lights to a dark world.

While we wait for the season to change, and the amount of natural light to increase, let's open our windows and lives to God's word. That's where the true light is found, the Lord has not left us in darkness.

Dear Jesus, your word in John 1:4 says about you, "In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind." Help us overcome the fear of darkness and fear of evil with the help of the illumination of Your Holy Word. May we walk in that light, a light that only you can bring. Amen

Submitted by John Nieman

This was an email from Eva, who lives in a small community near Manzanillo Cuba. Pastor Juan, Eva's husband, has permission from the government to take items to the prisoners in a nearby prison. Cuba has the highest percentage of political prisoners in the world. When we were there in 2020, Juan was taking mostly food as the prisoners were under fed. But with food being expensive and difficult to find, the prisoners are probably starving now. Although we don't send food in our small parcels, even a needle and thread would be appreciated to repair a prison uniform.

Attached is a photo with Juan and Eva.

Submitted by Len Lewin



Beloved brothers and sisters, good morning! I'm speechless with gratitude for you all 🙏 Thank you so much for your wife's thoughtful gesture ❤️ and of course, for yours as well. The box has arrived, and so has the money to pay 🧑‍🏫 ♀ You are always so kind; we really needed everything! A big hug and blessings. Take care; we love you all so much!

Eva

Mark Your Calendars
UPCOMING EVENTS

MEN'S BREAKFAST



Join the guys on **February 14 at 9:00am** for breakfast. They are excellent cooks.

**SHROVE TUESDAY
Pancake SUPPER**



Join us **February 17 at 5:00pm** for a free will offering Pancake Supper with sausage and all the trimmings.

Potluck
Everyone Brings Something to the Table.

Join us on **February 22** for potluck after service.

**ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**

Our Annual General Meeting of Immanuel (AGM) is coming up on **March 29, 2026**. In preparation for this meeting, we will need the following reports to be sent into our church office to be compiled into the Annual Report that will be made available prior to the meeting. Please have all these reports in by **February 6, 2026**.

- ◆ Pastor's Report
- Elders Report
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- Council Report
- Facilities Manager Report
- Sunday School Report
- Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study Report-
- Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study Report
- Prayer Ministry Report
- Food Ministry Report
- Cemetery Report
- Missions Report
- 2025 Cuba Missions Report



Hope Mission is a Christian social care agency that has been serving the vulnerable in Edmonton since 1929. Today they are providing Shelter to over 1,000 people per night, serving over 3,000 meals daily, providing emergency care, addictions recovery programs, food supports for families and more. Winter in Edmonton is tough, especially for those without food or shelter. Their mission is truly to give hope to those in need.

Check out their web-site.

Hope Mission is doing a fundraising walk **on Feb. 21**. The walk is called **"Cold Hands, Warm Hearts"**. The walk is about coming together to raise funds for warm meals, shelter and care for the vulnerable, and to enable them to help more homeless people in Edmonton.

The walk is 3 or 5 km. You can support **Leslie Preece** and **Donna Mckean** in this walk by donating money using the following link.

<https://compassion.ca/advocate/donnamckean>.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/me/6SyMHC6r>



Council Highlights – January 2026

- ◆ Mandy and Cody were a guest worship band at Immanuel this month. Jacqueline had reached out to friends to find extra worship resources, and found they were available. We have booked them for Sunday morning worship for one Sunday in February and one in March. We are pursuing conversations with them about how to enhance our worship ministry at Immanuel.
- ◆ Pastor Boyd and Jacqueline are starting to prepare for the end of their Pastoral Contract in 10 months. Elders and Council, as well as Pastor Boyd and Jacqueline will be looking towards making plans for what the next steps will be.
- ◆ Financially, Immanuel is in a good place, with a healthy balance sheet to end the year.
- ◆ All Missions funds for 2025 have been paid out.
- ◆ Council is beginning to work on the 2026 budget. If you have any additions to the budget, please get them into Angela or Len.
- ◆ Facility – we did have a leak in the sanctuary roof and will have a professional come in to look at it.
- ◆ Council has approved \$12,670.00 for the following projects:
 - Stairs to Mezzanine – for easier access to storage, including cutting through the cinder block wall for a door, and building a four-foot safety wall.
 - Elevator Shaft Flooring
 - Kitchen Storage Room Shelving
 - Board Room Storage
- ◆ Council approved eaves troughing for the old church in the Spring.
- ◆ AGM date was discussed and will be announced soon.
- ◆ The Elders will begin looking for additional Council Members.

Submitted by Julie Villadsen



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.

What's Been Happening...



January 10

50% OFF Except for Bibles
BOOK SALE!



Beth's Book Store



Men's breakfast enjoyed amazing food and then had round table discussions about needs unique to men that could be topics at our future meetings.
Submitted by Howard Gitzel

Potluck

January 25

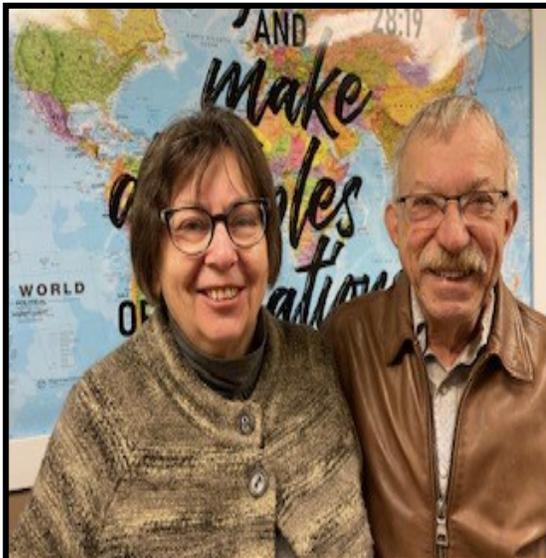
A long line up for the large variety of food.
Nine table's were filled with people enjoying everything from soups, salads, casseroles and hot dogs for the kids.
The dessert table had pies, squares, cakes & muffins.
A wonderful day enjoying each others company.



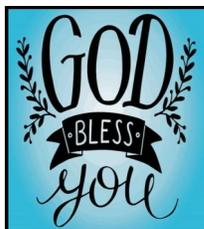
Beyond Immanuel's Walls



Members sharing the gospel in our community and beyond.



Bonnie and Len Lewin



Close to retirement Len was wondering how he could Serve God. In 2016 he talked to World Serve if they were doing some mission work. They said yes, in Cuba. The two week trip lasted three weeks, where they met a number of wonderful people, praying with them and getting to know them. It is illegal to construct Churches in Cuba. Their churches are add-ons to the houses or a building with no signs to let you know that it was a church. The first year, Len questioned himself, "What was our purpose?" Then one of the people said to him, "You are not forgotten, come again." Special licences are required to have foreigners stay at their homes. Often there is no legal place to stay, but the people found homes for them to stay. When asked what the people needed the most, they all said shoes and pain meds. So Len and Bonnie returned to Cuba over the next five years with 8-9 suitcases filled with meds, shoes and clothing with them each year. Since the suitcases were for charity, West Jet did not charge them for the extra suitcases.

Even though the people had very little food they welcomed them into their modest homes. Even a restaurant told them they could not serve them because there was no food.

Now that there is no power and no fuel for the vehicles, the people are suffering from malnutrition.

Cuba is a broken country.

Since their last trip to Cuba Len and Bonnie have been sending care packages to Cuban doctors and ministers. Each package contains ibuprofen and other pain meds. They also put in hard to find items in Cuba, such as thread, craft supplies, reading glasses, band aides, sanitary pads and razors. They spend around \$4000.00 a year for the items and shipping out of their own pocket.

God Bless them.

Donations can be made through Immanuel. Mark "Cuba" on the offering envelope.

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It is a blessing to have Len and Bonnie Lewin as part of Immanuel and the community. Thank you for all the work you do in the name of Lord.



Every Wednesday evening, volunteers bring bread from Cobs Bakery to the Lewin's home, where two ladies come to bag all the bread. Thursday mornings Len and Bonnie open their home to anyone who could use the bread. Some goes to a youth center, some to large families, some to seniors and some to single Moms. What a blessing.



In the background stands Len Lewin, who shares the gospel as a speaker at Waterford at Summerlea, every Sunday afternoon.



Lorie's cousin

Lorie Sprokkreeff came to visit her cousin at the facility where Len was Speaking. She helped Len give communion that day.

Len is also on the board of directors for MOMs Canada.

They ring the bells for Salvation Army and volunteer at Bluegrass Festival.



Do you know someone who is ill or in need? Have Lorie send a card, a special greeting or some encouragement to them, from our congregation.

Please call Lorie at 780-232-3203 or email lsprok@hotmail.com



VOLUNTEER SHEDULE

DATE	February 1, 2026	February 8, 2026	February 15, 2026	February 22, 2026
Speaker	Howard	Jacqueline	Russ	Boyd
Leader	Chris	John	Russ	Donna
Reader	Donna	Tracey	Rylee	Dee
Greeter	Lorne/Linda	Nina/Caroline	Mitch/Lorie	Leslie
Music	Julie/Crystal	Caroline/Jacqueline/Theresa	Choir - Theresa or Video	Mark/Team
Prayer Team	Jane/Karen	Kathy/Kelly	Dave/Kathy	Chris/Coreena
Ushers	Tony	Frank/Jean	Tony	Frank/Jean
Communion	Dietrich		Strand	
Sound	Graeme	Henry	Neil	Graeme
Mediashout	Connie	Kris	Lillian	Lorie
Counters	Theresa/Florence	Colleen/Chris	Gloria/Len	Nina/Sandy
Coffee	Jean	Florence	Gill	Colleen

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



December Financial Report

Total Offerings for December: \$28,494.96

Average Per Sunday: \$5,699.00

Average Weekly Attendance: 78

Submitted by:

Angela St. Pierre

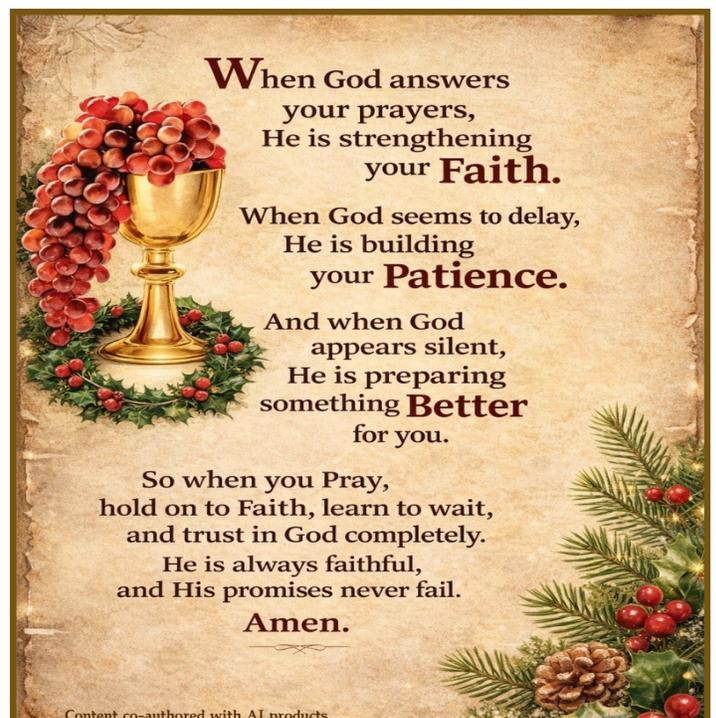
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Pennies for Pastors.

Loose change is collected on the first Sunday of the month for Pastors in the Mission field. In Jan. \$350.00 was collected.



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THE KIDZ PAGE



This month Sunday school was lead by Mellissa and Lisa, thank you so much for the time that you put into teaching the children. The children enjoyed a variety of lessons, singing and crafts. They got to make ice cream, sundaes, a craft showing the healing of Naaman, watch movies, play bible "Jeopardy" and of course sing with "Cowboy Randy". We would also like to once again thank Randall McLeod for leading the singing and also Abraham for teaching the children the "actions" that accompany the songs the children are learning.

The Sunday school for the month of February will be lead by Julie and Cheryl. Thank you for teaching the children for a second month this session. The theme for this month will be "love" complete with crafts and possible cookie baking (and if the congregation is blessed, cookie sharing!) "Cowboy Randy" (and hopefully Abraham) will lead in the children's Worship.

We are asking once again for a Sunday school leader as Michelle will be stepping down, she has agreed to finish off this season, thank you, Michelle. We are also in need of teachers, if you are interested in either of these positions, please email Julie and she will let Michelle know.

Please continue to pray for all who are involved with teaching our children.

God bless.

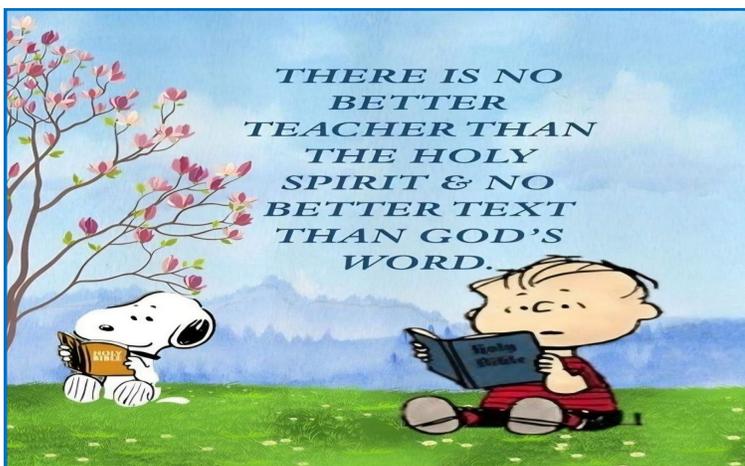


Snack time for the Sunday School Children after the lessons



A minister was making his first visitation to meet members of his congregation. He knocked at the door of the first house but there was no answer. He put his business card under the door. And wrote on it, "Revelation 3:20" (Listen! I am standing at your door..)

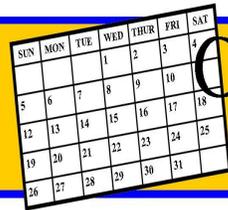
Next Sunday the verger told him after the morning service that his business card had turned up in the collection plate. The minister picked it up and saw that underneath the words, "Revelations 3:20" were the words, "Genesis 3:10" (.. And I was afraid because I was naked..)



THERE IS NO
BETTER
TEACHER THAN
THE HOLY
SPIRIT & NO
BETTER TEXT
THAN GOD'S
WORD.

HELLO February

Calendar of Events



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1. 10:15 Sunday Service 10:30 Sunday School 	2. Pastor Day Off	3. 11:00 am Prayer Group 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study	4. 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting	5. 7:00 pm Corn Hole	6. 10:00 am Pastor Bible Study	7. 
8. 10:15 Sunday Service Sunday School 	9. Pastor's Day Off	10. 11:00 Prayer Group 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study	11. 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm Prayer meeting	12. 7:00 pm Corn Hole	13. 10:00am Pastor's Bible Study	14. 9:00am Men's Breakfast 
15. 10:15 Sunday Service Sunday School 	16. Pastor's Day Off	17. 11:00am Prayer Group  5:00 pm 7:00pm Ladies Bible Study	18. 9:30 Ladies Bible Study 7:00 Prayer Meeting	19. 7:00 pm Corn Hole	20. 10:00am Pastor's Bible Study	21.. 
22. 10:15 Sunday Service Sunday School  	23. Pastor's Day Off	24. 11:00 am Prayer Group 7:00pm Ladies Bible Study	25. 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm Prayer Meeting	26. 7:00pm Corn Hole	27. 10:00am Pastor Bible Study	28. 