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Sunday Service 10:15

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Youth Classes 10:30



# BRIDGES

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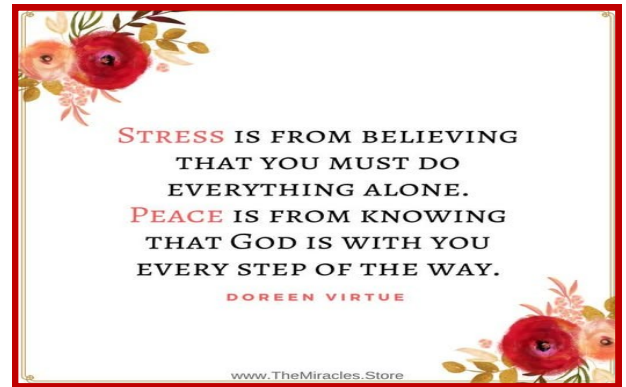
## Newsletter

When Love resides  
in your Heart, Life will  
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Every day is a Miracle;  
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Amen

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## Invalid forms of argument Part #2

From Pastor Boyd

This is the follow-up to last month's article where we began to look at invalid forms of argument. There are many ways to distract people who are trying to make a point. I hear this done often, especially among those who attack the Christian Church for its beliefs. It is helpful to know these techniques, so you are not confused by them when you run into someone who uses them. In part #1 we looked at ways of using personal attacks as a way of trying to shift a discussion away from where we want to take it.

Part # 2 is using distraction and deflection tactics (Red Herrings). Here are four ways of using distraction tactics:

1. Red Herring: Introducing an irrelevant topic to divert attention away from the original issue. The person who disagrees with you may try to shift to a different topic when he knows he has lost the discussion. You may have to insist on finishing the discussion and making the point you are trying to make.
2. Whataboutism (Whataboutery): Responding to an accusation by making a counter-accusation, effectively saying "Well, what about X?". People do this to get away from the responsibility of either having to prove their point or having to admit that they cannot back up their argument. I remember a time when I was in a discussion with someone who was defending alternative lifestyles that were not biblical. Once he realized he could not make a good defense of the lifestyle he was embracing, he suddenly said, "Hitler persecuted people from this lifestyle." It made no sense and had nothing to do with the discussion, but it was an effort designed to elicit sympathy and throw the discussion off its focus so that he no longer had to prove why he had made his lifestyle choice. I told him his statement made no sense to the current discussion and kept the discussion on track. He gave up the conversation shortly after that.

Changing the Subject: Abandoning the current, losing argument to pivot to a new one where the speaker feels more comfortable. This can happen when one of the people in the discussion is pulled into an uncomfortable topic. For example, he may not be comfortable with emotions and so he shifts to logic when you are trying to share how you feel with him. That way he can explain your struggle away and not have to deal with emotions that he is uncomfortable with. Or maybe you are trying to discuss morality with someone, and they shift the discussion to politics instead. It may mean they do not want to talk about your topic but are too shy to tell you that, so they just change topics. As in the other cases, you may have to insist on being heard rather than just walking away. Sometimes the person will listen once he knows his attempt to derail the discussion did not work. Sometimes he will walk away.

Continued:

Tone Policing: Focusing on the emotion or tone behind a message (e.g., "Why are you getting so angry?") rather than the message itself. This is a distraction tactic which many people use. I think of a man who did not like to discuss conflict. To throw the other person off, he would shift the attention from the content to the emotions that the discussion elicited. Whenever he faced conflict, he would say, "This is getting us nowhere. I will discuss it when you calm down." Of course, no one was ever considered calm enough to discuss it, so issues were never resolved. Because of that he never had to admit he might be wrong. Nor did he have to make the changes his relationships required in order to remain healthy. Dealing with someone like this requires perseverance and a calm demeanor. You need to insist that the discussion take place. Some will refuse and walk away. You may have to let them go.

I share this not just so we can see when others may be trying to distract us from having a healthy discussion but also so we can see when we may not be healthy in our own discussion of issues. The healthier we are in our ability to discuss, the stronger we will become as a community of faith.

Be blessed!

Pastor Boyd



**March 29, AGM**

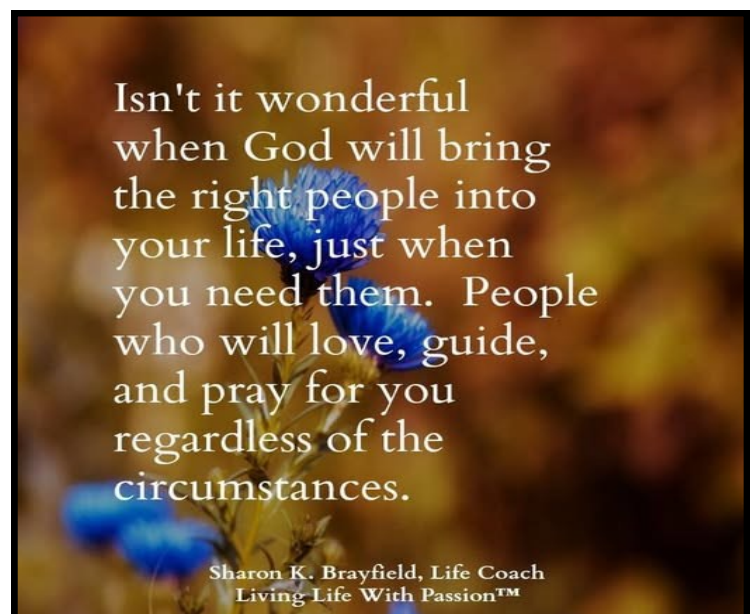
**Council members are:** Tracey Bartholomew (chair), Angela St Pierre (Treasurer), Graeme Dawes, Len Lewin, David Nelson, Duane Spooner, Mitch Sprokkreeff, Steve Parkinson



**March 24**

Twelve Pastor's from local churches met at Immanuel.

Kitchen committee provided the soup and sandwiches for lunch.



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Mark Your Calendars  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Join the guys on **April 11, at 9:00am** for breakfast. They are excellent cooks.



Join us on **April 26** for potluck after service.



**YOUTH SESSIONS FOR APRIL**

**"If God made a perfect world that was "Very Good", what went wrong?"**

Submitted by Randall McLeod.



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**Council Highlights March 2026**

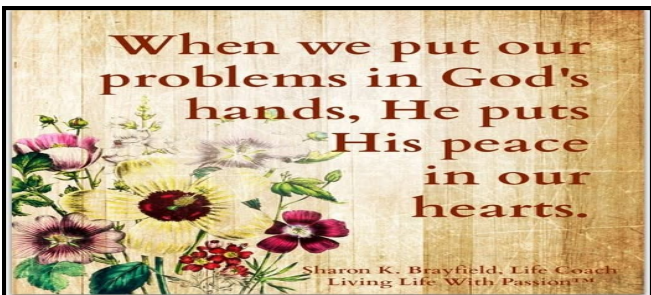
- ◆ Pastor Boyd and Spoken Word Ministries are planning for a Forgiveness event in Edmonton next fall – probably Mid-October. Stay tuned for more information.
- ◆ There was a good turnout for Valentine's Breakfast.
- ◆ The Ash Wednesday Service and CLBI Retreat went well.
- ◆ Pastor Boyd and Jacqueline have been hosting a College Career Food night once a month for the last few months – four or five young adults are usually attending.
- ◆ Expenses have been down, and we are currently in a good financial position.
- ◆ Rose hall rentals have been going well, the school has 3 gym rentals this month and Cornhole is booked for every Thursday night. There is a Homeschool group coming in May.
- ◆ We are currently looking for a nice table for Wedding Registry Signing. If you have something that may fit this purpose, please see Tracey or Pastor Boyd.
- ◆ The stairs to the Mezzanine are in and security exit lighting has been installed. Sub-flooring was installed over the top of the elevator shaft, covering up the hole and making that area safe. Going forward, there should not ever be a need to install an elevator.
- ◆ Gravel for the road around the back of the church will be coming in soon, before the County imposes Road Bans.
- ◆ We are currently looking for a new Sunday School Coordinator for next year.
- ◆ AGM reports will be emailed out this year. Feel free to print and bring to the meeting on March 29. AGM will be following the service, with a potluck to follow.
- ◆ Pastor Boyd and John Neiman will be attending the CALC Convention this year, coming up this Spring.

Submitted by Julie Villadsen

# Here's What's Happening!



**March 29,** The kitchen committee prepared a great meal of pancakes and sausage for a large crowd who joined us for brunch after the AGM.



**MOMS Canada is one of the charities that Immanuel supports**

## Join Her Journey

AN EVENING OF IMPACT, ART, AND STORIES OF HOPE SUPPORTING SINGLE MOMS

Saturday, May 30, 2026  
6:00 - 9:00 PM

The Atrium at Supreme Steel  
28169 96 Ave Acheson, AB

Join us for an elegant evening of  
live music · live painting · silent auction  
mocktails & charcuterie · inspiring stories of hope

Tickets \$75  
[www.momscanada.ca/events](http://www.momscanada.ca/events)



## Auggie's Café

An Outreach Ministry of St. Augustine's - Parkland Anglican Church, Spruce Grove

**Dine-in or take-out? The choice is yours.**

**Tuesdays from 11:00am until 1:00pm**

St. Augustine's - Parkland Anglican Church  
131 Church Road, Spruce Grove  
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# What's Been Happening...

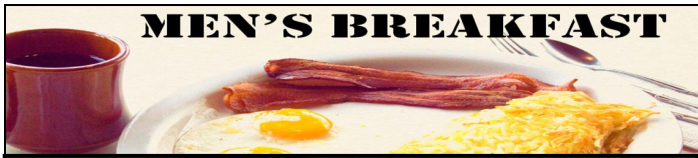


**March 6,** Chris, Colleen and Florence made ten loaves of bread into sandwiches in our Kitchen for **Food for the Soul.**



We have some great players in Rose Hall every Thursday evening at 7:00.p.m. Jacqueline, Jen, Leslie and Rien joined us in playing Corn Hole.  
Join us for a fun evening.

**March 7** Milt, Lilian and Florence helped distribute the Sandwiches and other food to the less fortunate.  
The extra sandwiches went to feeding the homeless in Stony Plain/Spruce Grove



## MEN'S BREAKFAST



**Men's breakfast, March 14**  
Again, we enjoyed another great breakfast prepared by Charles and crew. We followed with a look at the parable in Luke 12 about the man who thought he had it made, built bigger barns, but missed the most important thing of being rich with God.  
Submitted by Duanne Spooner and Howard Gitzel



*It's not our job to fix people, change people or judge people. It's our job to love people. The rest is in God's hands.*  
Sharon K. Brayfield  
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## VOLUNTEER SHEDULE

DATE	Easter Sunday April 5, 2026	April 12, 2026	April 19, 2026	April 26, 2026
Speaker	Boyd	Randall	Boyd	Ivar Osness
Leader	Len	Chris	John	Russ
Reader	Tracey	Rylee	Dee	Donna
Greeter	Mitch/Lorie	Leslie	Steve/Laurie	Frank/Jean
Music	Al	Caroline/Jacqueline	Al	Mark/Team
Prayer Team	Jane/Karen	Kathy/Kelly	Dave/Kathy	Chris/Coreena
Ushers	Tony	Tony/Frank	Tony	Tony/Frank
Communion	Dietrich	-	Strand	-
Sound	Graeme	Henry	Shawn	Neil
Mediashout	Connie	Kris	Jen	Lillian
Counters	Theresa/Florence	Colleen/Chris	Gloria/Len	Nina/Sandi
Coffee	Jean	Florence	Gill	Colleen

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

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Immanuel

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February Financial report

Total offerings received: \$18,377.44

Average offering per Sunday; \$4,594.36

Average attendance per Sunday 95

Submitted by Angela St Pierre



### Pennies for Pastors.

Loose change is collected on the first Sunday of the month for Pastors in the Mission field. In Mar. \$360.00 was collected.

# THE KIDZ PAGE



Thank you, Michelle, Mellissa and Randal for leading the Sunday school for the month of March. The lessons were all about Jesus and his amazing love for us, and with all that love for us, we can trust him.

It was good to celebrate the beginning of Holy week with the Palm Sunday parade lead by the children.

Next month's lessons will be lead by Lisa, Leah and Colleen, with Cowboy Randy leading children's worship. We are going to celebrated Easter and teach the children how important and joyful Easter is for us Christians. We will empathize that without Easter we would not have the absolute insurance of heaven that Christian's have. This month will also include learning about the ascension of Jesus.

Thank you for your continued prayers for the children and teachers. Please also continue to pray for a leader and also more teachers for the Sunday school program.

God bless.

God is the author  
of my story and  
He's not done  
writing yet.

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GOD, IF MY LIPS DON'T KNOW  
WHAT TO ASK FOR IN PRAYER,  
PLEASE ALWAYS HEAR MY HEART.



During the sermon on Jesus teaching we should love our enemies, the pastor asked the congregation to raise their hands if they had enemies.

Everyone except Mrs. Watson seated in the front row who had just turned 95, raised their hands.

"Mrs. Watson," the Pastor asked, "how could you live to 95 and not have any enemies."








"That is easy," the senior citizen replied, "I just outlived them."



# 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	

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1. 9:30 am <b>Ladies Bible Study</b>  7:00 pm <b>Prayer Meeting</b>	2.  7:00 pm <b>Corn Hole</b>	3.  10:15am <b>Good Friday Service</b>	4.  
5. 10:15 Sunday Service Sunday School Youth classes  	6. Pastor's Day Off	7. 11:00 <b>Prayer Group</b>  7:00 pm <b>Ladies Bible Study</b>	8. 9:30 am <b>Ladies Bible Study</b>  7:00pm <b>Prayer meeting</b>	9.  7:00 pm <b>Corn Hole</b>	10.  10:00am <b>Pastor's Bible Study</b>	11. 9:00am <b>Men's Breakfast</b>  
12. 10:15 Sunday Service Sunday School Youth Classes  	13.  Pastor's Day Off	14. 11:00am <b>Prayer Group</b>  7:00pm <b>Ladies Bible Study</b>	15. 9:30 <b>Ladies Bible Study</b>  7:00 <b>Prayer Meeting</b>	16.  7:00 pm <b>Corn Hole</b>	17.  10:00am <b>Pastor's Bible Study</b>	18.  
19. 10:15 Sunday Service Sunday School Youth Classes	20. Pastor's Day Off	21. 11:00 am <b>Prayer Group</b>  7:00pm <b>Ladies Bible Study</b>	22. 9:30 am <b>Ladies Bible Study</b>  7:00pm <b>Prayer Meeting</b>	23.  7:00pm <b>Corn Hole</b>	24.  10:00am <b>Pastor Bible Study</b>	25.  
26. 10:15 Sunday Service Sunday School Youth Classes   <b>Potluck</b>	27.  Pastor's Day Off	28. 11:00 am <b>Prayer Group</b>  7:00pm <b>Ladies Bible Study</b>	29. 9:30 am <b>Ladies Bible Study</b>  7:00pm <b>Prayer Meeting</b>	30.  7:00pm <b>Corn Hole</b>		