

# IMMANUEL

LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF ROSENTHAL

## Newsletter

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WORSHIP**  
*with us!*



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Sunday School: 9:45

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## BRIDGES

### FEBRUARY, 2023



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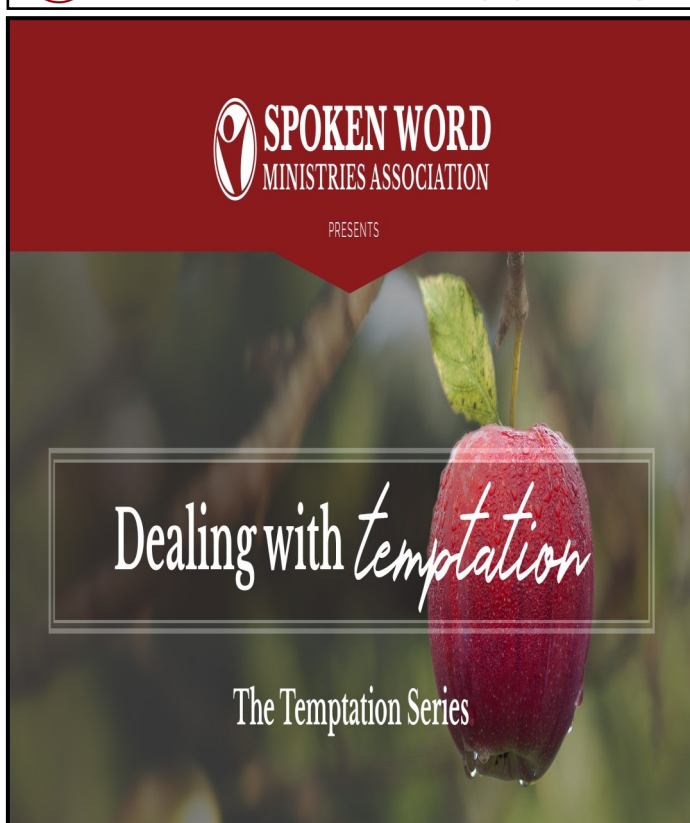
**Pray this way, "Our Father, who is in heaven..."**

Prayer is something the early Church spent much time in. They prayed individually and as corporate groups. Miracles happened during their times of prayer. During corporate prayer, the Holy Spirit was poured out and they were filled with His power (Acts 2). As the Church prayed for Peter, His chains fell off, the doors were opened and an Angel led him out of prison while his captors slept (Acts 12). Jesus taught his disciples to pray always, believing that God would pour out a blessing on them and meet their needs (Luke 18). The Apostle Paul asked the believers to pray for him that opportunities for ministry and the sharing of the gospel would open up.

I believe in prayer. So much happens when we pray. We gain a deeper sense of God's presence. We orient ourselves toward God in faith. By faith, God's Spirit moves into our world through our prayers and brings the Kingdom of God to earth, here, now. I am praying for God's Kingdom to come and His will to be done here at Immanuel and in our community. I invite you to join me. Very often I take time and wait on the Lord in the Church sanctuary. The silence and the peace is amazing. There He invites us to be still and know that He is God. I invite each of you to make use of the sanctuary to intercede and pray on behalf of what God wants to do here in Parkland County. I have added a photo I took one morning when I was there in His presence.

May the Holy Spirit have many opportunities this year to work through our prayers!

Pastor Boyd



**February 25, 9:30-12:00 & 1:00-4:00 pm**

**At Living Waters Christian Academy**

**#5 Grove Drive W**

**Spruce Grove, AB**

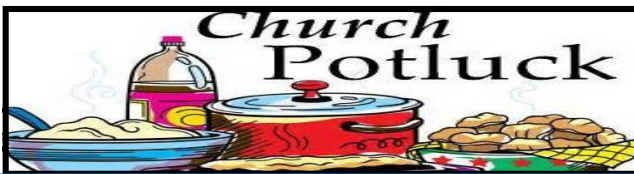


## The Bulletin Board



Join the guys for **Men's Breakfast on February 11, at 9 am.** Great food.

Learn of the many miracles that have happened in the lives of others..



Join us for Potluck **Sunday February 12** after service.



Food Committee meeting

**February 8, 6 pm in Board room**



**February 17** join us for the movie

**The Emperors New Groove**

Free popcorn,  
Bottled water .50  
Candy .05



### Dealing with Temptations

**Feb. 25** Living Waters Academy  
5 Grove Drive, Spruce Grove

### Finding Freedom through Forgiveness

**March 18** Super 8 Motel  
240 St Mathews Ave, Spruce Grove

### Women's Retreat

**April 29,** Immanuel Lutheran church

## Shrove Tuesday



## Pancake Supper

Please join us **February 21 at 5:00 pm** for Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. We will be having ham and pancakes with all the toppings.

Free will offering.



Immanuel Annual General Meeting

**March 19, 2023** after church

If you have reports to be included in our AGM reports, please get them into Julie at [villadsen@live.com](mailto:villadsen@live.com) by the end of January.



### Highlights of the Council Meeting:

- ◆ Power bill was the highest it has ever been. Utility costs are rising.
- ◆ Council will be looking at 2023 Financial needs at our next meeting, in preparation for the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- ◆ Pastor Boyd and Elders are looking to hold a new members class, and possibly a confirmation class, focussing on the core values of Immanuel.
- ◆ Anger Seminar was held last Saturday, with a good turnout, and good feedback from those who attended.
- ◆ Pastor Boyd and Jacqueline will be teaching at a YWAM base in New Zealand Feb 27 to Mar 13.
- ◆ Movie nights will continue monthly.
- ◆ The Foyer remodel committee is working to update and make our foyer more inviting and comfortable for visitors and for the congregation.
- ◆ Pastor and Elders are working on council recruitment, as Dan Strand and Julie Villadsen will be off council as of the AGM.
- ◆ AGM meeting date was set for March 19, 2023.
- ◆ Pastor Boyd will look at Lent/Easter plans for this year.

Submitted by Julie Villadsen



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Total General Offerings:	\$20,672.15
Average Per Week:	\$4,134.43
Average Needed Per Week:	\$4,820
Average Attendance:	67

Council is diligently working on the 2023 Budget.

Please keep the Budget in your prayers.

Submitted by Angela St. Pierre



We sent parcels to Cuba in October and they took 3 months to arrive. So we sent more after Christmas and these arrived after 3 weeks. A parcel to Ana contained glasses. Following is an email from Ana:

Look at this dear brothers, precisely today that the box arrived I had called my little cousin to come to the house because I wanted to give her a little blouse. When I saw the glasses in the box, I gave them to my mom so she could try them on and they didn't work for her, neither did Pedro, then I realized they were for myopia. When my cousin arrived, the first thing I see of her are her broken glasses and she was missing a lens and I quickly think of the ones you sent, I gave them to her and it turns out that they fit her super well. It is something wonderful what happened I did not remember that my cousin was Myopic and I wondered how she could find a person who would accommodate her. I told her where the glasses came from and to thank God for everything.

Bonnie and Len



DATE	05-Feb-23	12-Feb-23	19-Feb-23	26-Feb-23
Speaker	Boyd	Boyd	Boyd	John Neiman
Leader	Russ	Len	John	Donna
Reader	Dee	Chris	Donna	Tracey
Greeter	Steve/Laurie	Frank/Jean	Tracey/Dee	Beth/Coreena
Music	Al	Julie	Al	Sarah
Prayer Team	Kathy & Kelly	Russ & Jane	Chris & Coreena	John & Karen
Ushers	Tony	Frank & Jean	Tony	Frank & Jean
Communion	Dietrich		Strand	
Sound	Graeme	Darren	Milt	Neil
Mediashout	Angela	Jane	Lillian	Julie
Counters	Theresa/Florence	Colleen/Beth	Gloria/Len	Tracey/Lisa
Coffee	Jean	Florence	Jason	Chris

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



January 8,  
Soup Sunday,  
Ten pots of soup  
warmed the  
Soul. Great  
Fellowship,  
meeting new  
people.



The dough is rising for  
Pastor Boyd's famous  
cinnamon buns



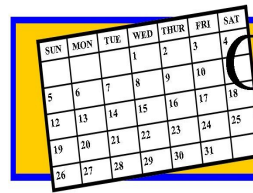
Cinnamon buns all rolled  
out and ready to be cut  
for Men's Breakfast on  
Jan. 21

### Six ethics of life






Before you Pray - **Believe**  
Before you Speak - **Listen**  
Before you Spend - **Earn**  
Before you Write - **Think**  
Before you Quit - **Try**  
Before you Die - **Live**

The cinnamon  
buns look deli-  
cious and hope  
the guys enjoyed  
the breakfast and  
the fellowship.





# Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>COFFEE FELLOWSHIP</b> Join vs! 			1.	2. 10-12 in office	3. 10: am <b>Senior Bible Study</b>	4. Worship practice
5.. 9:30 Sunday Service Sunday School 	6. <b>10:00 Mom's Group</b>  Pastor's Day off	7. 10-12 office 10:00 <b>Prayer Group</b> 7 pm <b>Ladies Bible Study</b> 7pm <b>Pastors Bible Study</b>	8. 6:-8 pm <b>Boundaries</b> Group  7:00 pm <b>Prayer Meeting</b>	9. 10-12 in office	10. 10am <b>Senior Bible Study</b>	11.  worship Practice
12. 9:30 Sunday Service /Sunday School 	13. <b>10:00 am Mom's Group</b>  Pastor's Day Off	14. 10-12 in office 10:00 <b>Prayer Group</b> 7 pm <b>Ladies Bible study</b> 7pm <b>Pastors Bible Study</b>	15. 6-8 pm <b>Boundaries</b> Group  7:00 pm <b>Prayer meeting</b>	16. 10-12 in office	17.  10am <b>Senior Bible Study</b>  6:00 pm <b>Movie</b>	18. 
19. 9:30 Sunday Service/ Sunday School	20. <b>10:00 am Mom's Group</b>  Pastor's Day Off	21.10-12 in office 10:00 <b>Prayer Group</b> 7:00 pm <b>Ladies Bible Study</b> 7:00 pm <b>Pastors Bible Study</b>	22. 6-8 pm <b>Boundaries</b> Group  7:00 pm <b>prayer Meeting</b>	23. 10-12 in office	24.  10:00 am <b>Senior Bible Study</b>	25 9:30 <b>Dealing with Temptations</b>
26. 9:30 Sunday Service/Sunday School 	27.. <b>10:00 am Mom's Group</b>  Pastor's Day Off	28. 10-12 in office  10:00 <b>Prayer Group</b> 7:00 pm <b>Ladies Bible Study</b> 7:00 pm <b>Pastors Bible Study</b>				





February's lessons will be focused on Jesus' disciples. We will teach the children how they were called and why they were called. We will learn about the 12 and who they were and how Jesus served them as they served Jesus. This theme also goes along with the January's lesson about the body of Jesus, we are his church.

The children are still enjoying their lessons and crafts and especially their "social time" in the gym. We are asking for prayers for the children, that they learn to hear God's voice in their lives and continue to follow Him and that we as teachers listen to what the Holy Spirit wants us to teach the children. Thank you.

God bless,

Your Sunday school Team

## THE KIDZ PAGE



A fun project with some bottle caps, paint, twigs, glue, small stones and some old boards.

Take the bottle caps and squeeze them to form the flowers and leaves. Spray paint any color. Glue the twigs, flowers, with a small stone for the center on the board to make a beautiful wall hanging.

**GOOPS**



In many churches, the 'Prayer of the Day' are often preceded with the minister saying, "The Lord be with you" to which the congregation responds, "And also with you."

The new minister in town was having trouble getting used to local customs about worship, and more trouble with the public address system. He kept flipping switches and turning dials and couldn't figure out if it was off or on. Finally, just before the 'Prayer of the Day' in frustration with the microphone he said, "There must be something wrong with this thing." Right on cue, the congregation responded, "And also with you."



## **Forty-five life lessons from a 90 year old**

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
4. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
12. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
13. Don't compare your life to others'. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye.  
But don't worry; God never blinks.
16. Life is too short for long pity parties. Get busy living, or get busy dying.
17. You can get through anything if you stay put in today.
18. A writer writes. If you want to be a writer, write.
19. It's never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else.
20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.
21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie.  
Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.
22. Over prepare, then go with the flow.
23. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
24. The most important sex organ is the brain.
25. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
26. Frame every so-called disaster with these words:  
"In five years, will this matter?"
27. Always choose life.
28. Forgive everyone everything.
29. What other people think of you is none of your business.
30. Time heals almost everything. Give time, time.
31. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
32. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick.  
Your friends will. Stay in touch.
33. Believe in miracles.
34. God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
35. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
36. Growing old beats the alternative – dying young.
37. Your children get only one childhood.  
Make it memorable.
38. Read the Psalms. They cover every human emotion.
39. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
40. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab yours back.
41. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
42. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
43. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
44. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
45. The best is yet to come.