

# IMMANUEL

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OF ROSENTHAL

## Newsletter



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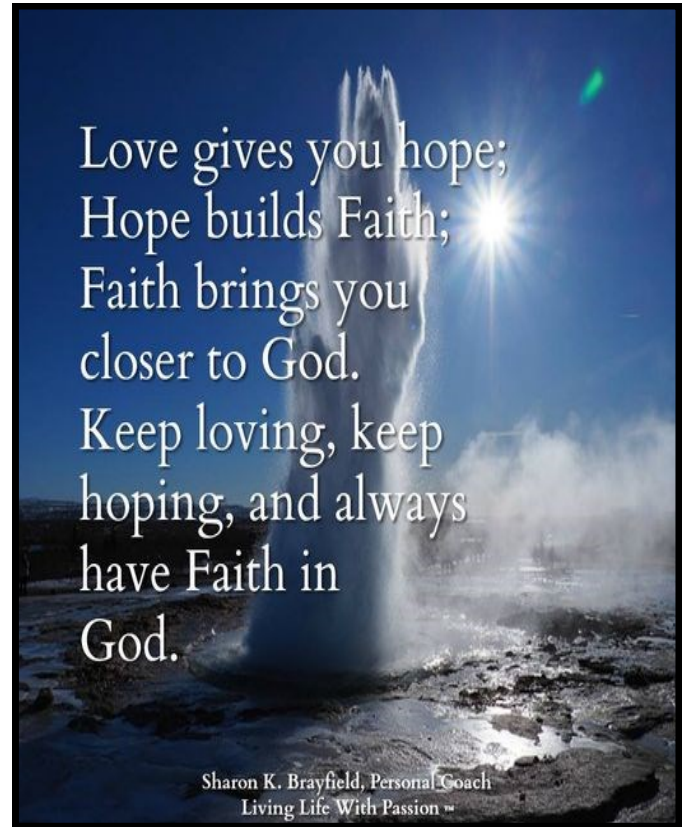
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# BRIDGES

## APRIL, 2024



Love gives you hope;  
Hope builds Faith;  
Faith brings you  
closer to God.  
Keep loving, keep  
hoping, and always  
have Faith in  
God.

Sharon K. Brayfield, Personal Coach  
Living Life With Passion™

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### The importance of slowing your Anger

I am working on a seminar on gaining freedom from the destructiveness of anger. I thought I would put a tidbit or two into the newsletter. The Bible gives us strategies to mitigate the damage anger and offense causes.

- ◆ You know this, my beloved brothers and sisters. Now everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger; for a man's anger does not bring about the righteousness of God. James 1:19-20
- ◆ A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. Proverbs 15:1
- ◆ A hot-tempered person stirs up strife, But the slow to anger calms a dispute. Proverbs 15:18

Hot tempered people are known for reacting out of their anger or passion. They often do not think. They react. In their passion driven reaction, they often cause more damage than they fix. They want to express their emotion in the moment and in doing so they offend and hurt others. In their desire to express their anger they often have no thought of helping bring a solution. They need to express their feelings, and their anger catalyzes the anger of others around them.

Learning to slow your anger is a discipline that the Bible calls us to practice. It helps mitigate the passion and encourages people to come together in compromise. Slowing your angry response allows you to hear others and makes them feel valued. It prevents misunderstandings. The Proverbs above encourage us to deliberately slow our response when we are in a situation where we can feel the anger and offense rising within us. Do not react to offenses given. Pray and invite God into the discussion. Share with the other person(s) involved in your situation thoughtfully and deliberately. Keep the focus on resolving the offense and moving forward together. The unity created by forgiving and refusing to carry offense binds us together as the body of Christ and prevents the devil from dividing us and destroying our community.

Be blessed. Pastor Boyd



Many people want payback and to see others suffer.

*Forgiveness* is the key to freedom. You can choose to be enslaved and burdened or you can choose to be free. It's a choice.

*Forgiveness* is a state of being. So once you do it, it alters who you are and the way you can be in the world."  
Jyanla Vanzant





No council Meeting in March therefore no report

**THANK YOU**  
**Volunteers !**  
 We couldn't do it without you.

The heart of our congregation is the volunteers that make our church what it is! Quality people serving the Lord in their own way & skills.

As April is the month we thank volunteers I just wanted to say **Thank You** to you all for all you do, Your service to Immanuel is greatly appreciated and a blessing to us all!

**1 Peter 4:10**

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

Graeme Dawes  
 ILCOR



Here is the financial report for March:

Total Offerings: \$22,468.75  
 Average Attendance: 89  
 Average Offering Per Sunday: \$5,617.19  
 Average Needed Per Sunday: \$5,048

Please remember we accept e-transfers to [treasurer@ilcor.ca](mailto:treasurer@ilcor.ca) or [donations@ilcor.ca](mailto:donations@ilcor.ca) for your convenience. We also can set up weekly, bi-weekly or monthly automatic withdrawals. If interested, please contact Angela at [treasurer@ilcor.ca](mailto:treasurer@ilcor.ca) for more information.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela St Pierre



DATE	07-Apr-24	14-Apr-24	21-Apr-24	28-Apr-24
Speaker	Boyd	Russ	Boyd	Boyd
Leader	Len	John	Russ	Donna
Reader	Chris	Donna	Tracey	Rylee
Greeter	Beth/Coreena	Duane/Nina	Tracey/Dee	Frank/Jean
Music	Al	Caroline/Jacqueline	Al	Sarah
Prayer Team	Chris & Coreena	John & Karen	Kathy & Kelly	Russ & Jane
Ushers	Frank & Jean	Tony	Frank & Jean	Tony
Communion	Dietrich		Strand	
Sound	Adam	Neil	Henry	Darren
Mediashout	Angela	Cheryl	Lillian	Connie
Counters	Theresa/Florence	Colleen/Beth	Gloria/Len	Nina/Sandi
Coffee	Jean	Florence	Jason	Colleen

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



# Announcements and Upcoming Events



The Gospel Tool

The Gospel Tool Bible Study Group  
date for April are:  
**April 7 and 21** after Service



We are beautifying the grounds outside.

We still need more Clean Fill for just west of the church. to complete the job.



Join the guy's for Men's breakfast on **April 13, at 9 am**. These guys are great cooks, so enjoy the meal, a speaker and company.



Paint Night

When: April 25<sup>th</sup>  
Where: Immanuel Gym  
Time: 7-9 pm  
Cost: \$10.00

Please text Laurie Parkinson if you have any questions at 780-962-1196

Neighbourlink is one of the charities that Immanuel supports

## FURNITURE PROGRAM

We accept basic furniture donations that are in good repair, to provide clients with the necessities when starting over.

### NEEDS

GENTLY USED / PET & SMOKE FREE / FREE OF RIPS / APARTMENT SIZED

- dressers
- kitchen tables/chairs
- coffee/end tables
- bookshelves
- mattresses/box springs

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NeighbourLink Parkland



**Join us April 28**  
**Potluck Sunday.**

Bring you favorite dish and enjoy the fellowship as we get to know each other.

Remember Potluck can also mean soup if you so choose.



# What's Happening

## Prayer at Immanuel

There are a number of options for both participating in praying and receiving prayer at Immanuel. It is important to remember that when we gather to pray God has promised to be there with us and when we are united or agreeing together in prayer we are promised that God hears us and responds as well as being the answer to Jesus prayer recorded in John 17.

Tuesday mornings at 10, a group led by Russ Graff, meets to pray for Immanuel Church and its members and concerns specifically. Anyone is welcome to join them at any time.

Then, as noted in the Elders report you are welcome to join their prayer time every Wednesday evening at 7 pm. We also have opportunity to receive Prayer Ministry. After church we currently have 4 teams that rotate to be available to pray with you and invite Jesus into whatever the concern or issue may be. Our teams have attended Spoken Word Ministries course: Effective Prayer Ministry and are equipped as well as being committed to confidentiality. If the concern is greater than a short after church prayer is able to address a Prayer Ministry appointment may be required and can be arranged by speaking to any of the Graffs, Hopkins, or Neimans (Elder team).

"Carry each other's burdens for in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" [to Love] Gal 6:2

## Igniting Revival in the Power of the Holy Spirit

April 10-13, 2024 at Providence Renewal Centre in Edmonton.

Revival: an instance of something becoming popular, active, or important again  
"Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven"

Would you like to see a revival of our society and/or culture that follows and lives for Jesus?

Come and learn about the biblical pattern for outpourings of the Holy Spirit that lead to revival.

Be part of the concert of prayer as we together ask for the Holy Spirit to start with us.

Spend time, to discern how Jesus Christ is calling you, or your team, to cooperate with Him to participate in preparing for, or igniting or sustaining such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

For more details, you can check out this link or talk with Jane Graff.

[Igniting Revival in the Power of the Holy Spirit | Dunamis \(duncanad.org\)](https://duncanad.org)

It is our desire to have all of the Edmonton Church of Jesus Christ represented, so please share this with friends and family who may be interested.

## Igniting Revival in the Power of the Holy Spirit

April 10-13, 2024  
Providence Renewal Centre  
Edmonton, AB

Come join us at this event which aims to equip individuals and small teams to cooperate with Jesus to see outpourings of the Holy Spirit, which could lead to revival and the Next Great Awakening.

[duncanad.org/events](https://duncanad.org/events)  
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[anne@mosaichouse.ca](mailto:anne@mosaichouse.ca)



Point your camera at the QR code

When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, so when you are safe and happy, remember that someone is praying for you....

-Unknown

Sharon K. Brayfield, Leadership Coach  
[FB.com/LivingLifeWithPassion](https://www.facebook.com/LivingLifeWithPassion)



# What's Been Happening...



**March 24** We had two baptisms: Kayce Kosheiff was baptised as well as his father Scott. Welcome to Immanuel Family.



The Sunday School children got a close up look on how a baptism is performed



**March 3** We had three Baptisms at Immanuel. Micah and Milly Lenyk and Artemis Lamb were welcomed into the fold at Immanuel.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A feeling of unity and love was felt at the large turn out for our Annual Congregational Meeting on Saturday **March 16.**

Our Council Members are: Graeme Dawes, Jason Villadsen, Laurie Parkinson, Angela St. Pierre, Len Lewin, Tracey Bartholomew, Luke Ross, David Nelson, Julie Villadsen.

### our ELDERS

Our Church Elders are:

Russ Graff: 780 963 1553  
John Nieman: 780 399 4664



*Congratulations*



Celebrating twenty years of Spoken Word at a sold out banquet in Saskatoon . Congratulations Pastor Boyd and Jacqueline. You deserve all the best for your hard work. Carry on. God is Blessing you.



# What's Happening?

## Potluck *March 24*



Palm Sunday and Potluck.

Fabulous food and great company.

A huge turn out.



## BETH'S BOOK STORE

DEALING  
with the  
**CrazyMakers**  
in YOUR  
LIFE

SETTING BOUNDARIES  
on Unhealthy Relationships

Dr. David Hawkins  
THE RELATIONSHIP DOCTOR

We have chosen "Dealing with the Crazy makers in Your Life" as our book of the month. We have a number of copies in Beth's Book Store.

Check it out and other books and gifts in the foyer.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

## MEN'S BREAKFAST



Getting Breakfast ready for the guys on **March 9**. Always an enjoyable time.

Graeme gave an overview of his life in Australia.

It's rewarding to get to know one another better.



**Easter Sunday:** These young ladies gave a beautiful rendition of an Easter song.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1. Pastor's Day Off	2.9:30-11am <b>Ladies Bible Study</b> 10:00 am <b>Prayer Group</b> 7:00 pm <b>Ladies Bible Study</b>	3.  <b>7:00pm Prayer meeting</b>	4.	5. 10:00-11:30 <b>Pastor's Bible Study</b>	6. 
7. 9:30 Sunday Service 9:45 Sunday School  <b>Gospel Tool</b>	8. Pastor's Day off	9. 9:30-11 am <b>Ladies Bible Study</b>  10:00 am <b>Prayer Group</b> 7:00 pm <b>Ladies Bible Study</b>	10.  7:00pm <b>Prayer meeting</b>	11.	12. 10:00-11:30 <b>Pastor's Bible Study</b>	13. 9:00am 
14. 9:30 Sunday Service 9:45 <b>Sunday School</b> 	15. Pastor's Day Off	16. 9:30- 11 am <b>Ladies Bible Study</b> 10:00am <b>Prayer Group</b>  7:00 <b>Ladies Bible Study</b>	17.  7:00 pm <b>Prayer Meeting</b>	18.	19. 10:00-11:30 am <b>Pastor's Bible Study</b>	20. 
21. 9:30 Sunday Service 9:45 Sunday School  <b>Gospel Tool</b>	22. Pastor's Day Off	23. 9:30-11 am <b>Ladies Bible Study</b> 10:00 am <b>Prayer Group</b> 7:00 pm <b>Ladies Bible Study</b>	24.  7:00 pm <b>Prayer Meeting</b>	25.  7-9:00 pm <b>Paint Night</b>	26. 10:00- 11:30 <b>Pastor's Bible Study</b>	27. 10:00 am Worship Practice 
28. 9:30 Sunday Service 9:45 Sunday School  <b>Potluck</b>	29. Pastor's Day off	30. 9:30-11 am <b>Ladies Bible Study</b> 10:00 am <b>Prayer Group</b> 7:00 pm <b>Ladies Bible Study</b>				





## The Olson's in Pakistan

Thank you for your interest and your prayers, we really enjoy praying for you all especially those who sent specific prayer requests. Please continue sharing with us too, so we can lift you up in prayer.

Love, the Olson's

Hello Friends and Family,

Daniel's school started again in February, and Julie restarted her language classes also. Our language study is progressing well – we're able to do most things that we need to do, and can get our point across even if it doesn't sound pretty. Daniel has been enjoying this semester at university more, as the level is a bit higher and the teachers speak mostly in Urdu instead of English.

This month we've been enjoying some other opportunities as well. Daniel has started teaching an English and life skills class once a week to Christian youth in the slum in our city, close to his university. They are a fun group and it has been a blessing for Daniel to be able to do some teaching even while studying. Daniel was also invited to do some specialized English courses for elementary teachers here who have to teach in English, even though it is not their first language. It has been a fun challenge for him to develop an English for Teachers course, and got us thinking about possible future opportunities for starting a teaching/training related business. Julie has started her Master's in International Health online.



This is a way for her to keep up her Canadian nursing license during this season, while also gaining a credential and skills related to nursing in contexts like this one. Julie has also been enjoying playing volleyball with a group of ladies here – which gives her a chance to get out of the house and make some more local friends.

We've both been feeling the call to rest in Christ, to abide in Him, and lay the labour at his feet. There are so many things to think about when we run about doing things in our own strength, but really only one thing when we look to Him. "Trust and obey, for there's no other way, to be happy in Jesus, than to trust and obey." We need more of that! Our own efforts are so small and fruitless – only He provides the fruit that can last.

Love,

Daniel, Julie, Maia, and Xander

Be blessed!



Xander and Maia are 16 months old and are walking everywhere. Being outside is their favourite thing, along with our cat, our new puppy, and their indoor slide. Maia can even climb the ladder to the slide all by herself! They also enjoy pounding on the piano while "singing" and "dancing". They know where their nose, head, toes, and belly button are. They love making animal sounds. Xander also likes saying "boom" and "boo" and "hi" and enjoys playing peek-a-boo. He is a very curious and observant boy. Maia also likes to say "this is..." when pointing at things, "pupupup" (her way to say puppy when referring to our dog), and "BUTTnnn" in reference to belly buttons. She is very quick to learn new things and pretty fearless.

Be happy when  
God answers your  
prayer. But be  
more thankful  
when God makes  
you an answer to  
someone else's  
prayers.

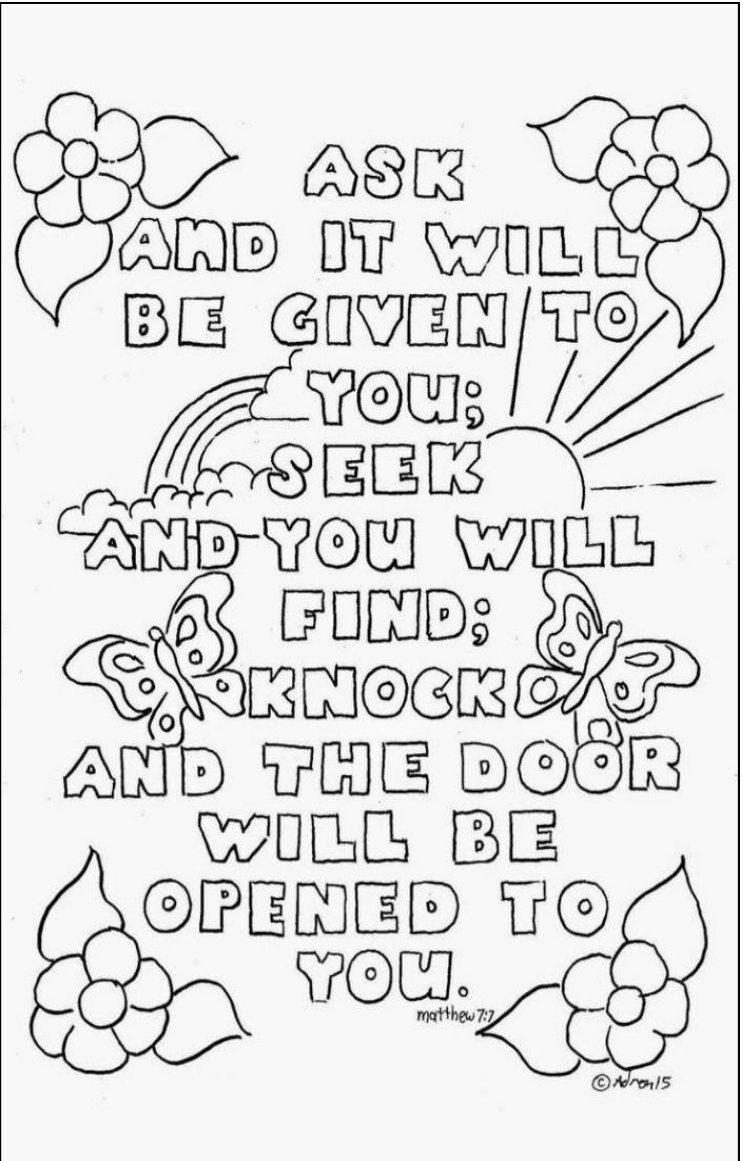
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March lessons for Sunday school were the stories of Jacob and Esau. As we are continuing in the Old Testament, this month we will concentrate on Joseph, Jacob favorite son! In these lessons we will teach the children that God has a plan for them (“I know the plans I have for you...plans to give you a future and hope” Jer. 29:11) and that God’s plan is trustworthy and good (“trust in the Lord you God with all you heart...”). The lessons also teach the children that God is always working to bring them back to him. This ties in very well with Jesus and the Easter Story.

We pray that the children understand how much God loves them and how special they are to the congregation. We also pray that the Holy Spirit will always guide our teachers to teach only God’s truth and that the children will hear this truth.

God bless.

# THE KIDZ PAGE



## From The Mouths Of Babes!

My seven year old son accidentally got his hand smashed in the door of the car. To comfort him his dad started telling him of all the things that had hurt him when he was a little boy himself. Well, dad ended up saying the worst pain he’d ever felt as a boy was being burned. My son replied, “Boy, daddy don’t you know you’re going to heaven because you would really not like hell.”





## Planting your Garden

Plant three rows of peas:

Peace of mind

Peace of heart

Peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash:

Squash gossip

Squash indifference

Squash grumbling

Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful

Lettuce be kind

Lettuce be obedient

Lettuce really love one another

No garden should be without turnips:

Turnip for meetings

Turnip for service

Turnip to help one another

Water freely with patience and Cultivate with love.

There is abundance in your garden.... Because you reap what you  
SOW.

To conclude our garden, We must have thyme:

Thyme for God

Thyme for study

Thyme for prayer

Pretty nice garden!

*Something to Think About*  
Sharon O's place for encouragement & thought

**There are 3 stages in life:**

**Wanting Stuff:**

Initial Desire- Individuals or households often start with a desire for certain items, driven by trends, advertising, or personal interests.

**Accumulating Stuff:**

Clutter Build-Up- Accumulated items may lead to clutter, occupying physical space and potentially causing disorganization and stress.

**Elimination of Stuff:**

Psychological Impact- Letting go of possessions can cause mixed emotions, from freeing to sentimental, influencing the decision-making process.

**What stage are you in?**

God's plan  
and His ways of  
working out His plan  
are frequently beyond  
our ability to fathom  
and understand. We  
must learn to trust  
when we don't  
understand.

-Jerry Bridges

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