



IMMANUEL

LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF ROSENTHAL

Newsletter

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with us!



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Sunday School: 9:45

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Faith isn't a feeling.
It's a choice to trust
God, even when the
road ahead seems
uncertain.

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

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From New Zealand

¹² "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are My friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.

John 15:12-16

Jacqueline and I have come halfway around the world to find ourselves right in the middle of what God is doing among a beautiful group of young missionaries. As we share the essential teachings of Jesus, the Spirit of Christ brings conviction to young lives in need. Walls come down. Hearts are exposed. Jesus touches and heals. We are seeing young people set free of guilt, shame, self hatred, bondages to past sins and the baggage of past broken relationships. It is very exciting. I wish you could all be here with us to participate. I want to thank you all for praying for us and for supporting us as we carry the tools of the gospel of Jesus to where they are needed. This is one of the guiding principles we live by – to proclaim and to equip. God be with each of the Immanuel family. Remember to pray for us. Pray for Immanuel. Pray for the kingdom to come among us as it is in heaven. Let everything we do be guided by the love Jesus commanded us to have for one another, even to the point of self sacrifice. This is the call of Jesus. Having prayed, we take the opportunities to share the gospel as God leads. People will be in heaven because of the way God uses all of us. God promises us, like he did the early disciples, that we will see good results from our ministry and that those results will have lasting impact. Be blessed!

Pastor Boyd

SPOKEN WORD MINISTRIES ASSOCIATION

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PRESENTS

Finding Freedom Through *Forgiveness*

Break free from the power of anger, bitterness and guilt.

March 18, 2023

Super 8 by Wyndham
240 St Matthews Ave, Spruce Grove

For more information email adm.swma@gmail.com or call 780-963-4048

Carrying the Glory of God

Women's Retreat

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church
52401 RR13, Parkland County, AB

Worship Crafts Ministry time

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



Leah Beutler and her husband Dallas helped plant The Rock Church 27 years ago in Saskatoon, SK., and they love pastoring together there, Leah will tell her story of how God gently and faithfully carried her through every dark night of physical and emotional pain. She learns that it has all been for the purpose of consecrating and rewiring her to carry the glory of God in community.

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There is no fee for this event.

A free will offering will be taken.

The Bulletin Board

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join the guys for **Men's Breakfast on March 11, at 9 am.** Great food.
Learn of the many miracles that have happened in the lives of others..



March 12 is the start of Daylight Saving time. We would surly miss you if you slept in.

SPOKEN WORD MINISTRIES ASSOCIATION

Finding Freedom through Forgiveness
March 18 Super 8 Motel
240 St Mathews Ave, Spruce Grove
Women's Retreat
April 29, Immanuel Lutheran Church



March 18, time and movie to be announced

Announcements and Upcoming Events

AGM Annual General Meeting



Join us for potluck after service **March 19** followed by our Annual General Meeting.



Small Group

BOUNDARIES: When to Say Yes, How to Say No to Take Control of Your Life
Small Group

Starting March 16-May 11
Thursday 6:00pm - 8:00pm
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The book cover for 'Boundaries: When to Say Yes, How to Say No to Take Control of Your Life' by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend. It features a red pencil writing on a white surface.

- ◆ Boundaries Small Group **March 16 -May 11**
- ◆ Immanuel Lutheran Church of Rosenthal basement
- ◆ Thursdays 6-8pm
- ◆ Men's small group table led by Russ Graff
- ◆ Women's small group table led by Jane Graff & amp; Melissa Henstridge
- ◆ Ages 15+ (please contact to discuss your teen/young adult)
- ◆ Free to attend- participants guide is \$15
- ◆ For more information: text/call for questions or to register at 780-916-8990 (M.Henstridge)

DATE	05-March 23	12-March 23	19-March 23	26-March 23
Speaker	Russ	Howard	Boyd	Daniel Olson
Leader	Donna	Len	John	Russ
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	Mario	Henry	Milt	Neil
Mediashout	Connie	Angela	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.



February Council Meeting Highlights:

- ◆ 2022 Financials have been completed, and a budget for 2023 has been prepared to be presented to the Annual General Meeting on March 19.
- ◆ The list of Ministries Immanuel donates their benevolence to will stay the same for 2023.
- ◆ The Foyer Update will be started in March. So, expect painting and some changes in the Foyer.
- ◆ Please remember to ensure Caroline Fisher is included and informed about all events occurring. As our Social Media guru – she can't advertise it if she doesn't know about it!
- ◆ Pastor Boyd and the Elders have recommended the following to become members of Immanuel, and council has accepted their recommendation. They have taken the membership course, and after Pastor Boyd returns, they will be formally accepted into membership at a Sunday Service:
 - o Milt Marchiel and Lillan Helton
 - o Zach Snell
 - o Madison St. Pierre
 - o Chris Murison
 - o Bonnie Horricks
 - o Dave and Kathy Nelson
- ◆ Dan Strand and Julie Villadsen will be leaving council this term, and Dave Nelson will be recommended to be voted onto Council. There will be no nominations from the floor.
- ◆ Council is continuing to work on the sound panels and the sound system.

Submitted by Julie Villadsen

Here's
What's
Happening!

VOLUNTEERS
making a
difference
in the lives
of others



Four volunteers from Immanuel made sandwiches in our kitchen for 'Food for the Soul' on Feb. 3.

February 4, the sandwiches were taken to Lighthouse Church for distribution, along with a large supply of groceries to be given to the less fortunate.

We have some very dedicated volunteers at our church.



February 12 Sunday Potluck after service . Great food and fellowship.



February 19, we welcomed Xander and Maia Olson into the Lords family.





Over 100 hungry people came out on a cold evening to have pancakes , ham and sausage. Our ever busy Food committee did the cooking and serving. The sausage was donated by the Nelson family.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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Did you hear that you were a part of sending more than 10.5 million shoebox gifts worldwide last year—415,072 of those gifts from Canada? **Thank you for your partnership in reaching so many girls and boys with great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ.** You also helped reach a milestone as we delivered the **200 millionth Operation Christmas Child shoebox** since 1993. Praise God!

For a child in Ukraine, The Gambia, the Philippines, or one of 100 other countries, the number that matters most is one. The one shoebox you packed for them is a powerful expression of God's love in their life. Thank you!

Many children will also have the opportunity to take part in the 12-lesson follow up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey, where they learn more about following Jesus Christ in their daily lives as they share Him with family and friends.

Today, we hope you will be encouraged by some of the countless ways God is working through your prayers and gifts

Thank you for your generous heart for children. Please **keep praying** for them and our church partners worldwide.



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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	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1. 6:00 pm Boundaries 7:00 pm Prayer meeting	2. 10-12 in office	3. 10: am Pastor's Bible Study	4. Worship practice
5.. 9:30 Sunday Service Sunday School 	6. 10:00 Mom's Group Pastor's Day off	7. 10-12 office 10:00 Prayer Group 7 pm Ladies Bible Study	8. 6:00 pm Boundaries 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting	9. 10-12 in office	10. 10am Pastor's Bible Study	11. 9 am Men's Breakfast
12. 9:30 Sunday Service /Sunday School Daylight Saving	13. 10:00 am Mom's Group Pastor's Day Off	14. 10-12 in office 10:00 Prayer Group 7 pm Ladies Bible study	15. 6:00pm Boundaries 7:00 pm Prayer meeting	16. 10-12 in office 6-8 pm Boundaries	17. 10am Pastor's Bible Study	18. 9:30 Finding Freedom Through Forgiveness Movie
19. 9:30 Sunday Service/ Sunday School 	20. 10:00 am Mom's Group Pastor's Day Off	21.10-12 in office 10:00 Prayer Group 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study	22. 7:00 pm prayer Meeting	23. 10-12 in office 6-8 pm Boundaries	24. 10:00 am Pastor's Bible Study	25
26. 9:30 Sunday Service/Sunday School 	27.. 10:00 am Mom's Group Pastor's Day Off	28. 10-12 in office 10:00 Prayer Group 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study	29. 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting	30. 6-8 pm Boundaries	31. 10:00 am Pastor's Bible Study	



THE KIDZ PAGE

Paper Handprint Bunny Craft

Materials: Scissors, Construction paper. Pink maker, black marker.

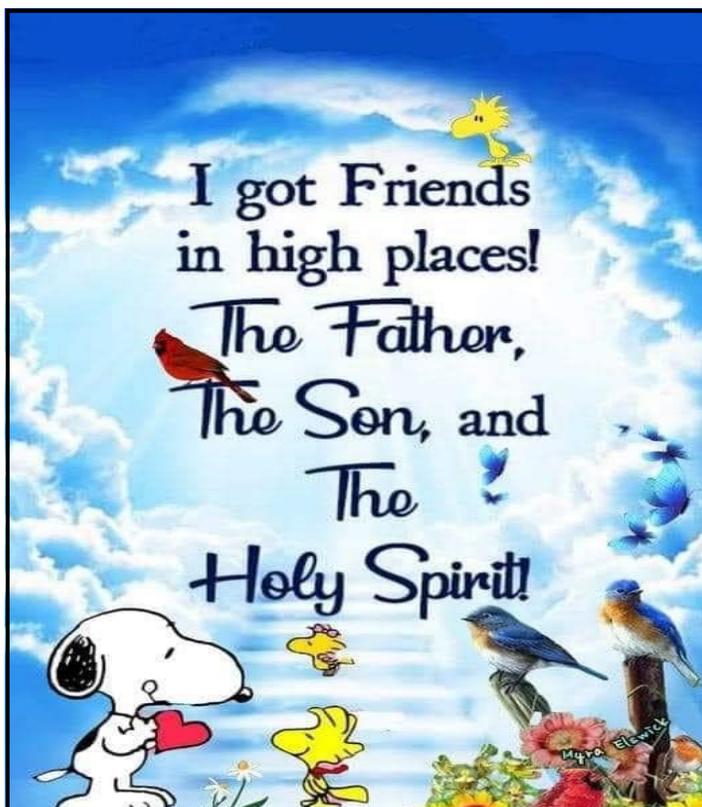
Hard to believe that Sunday school is starting to wind down for this school year. Heading into March we have only 4 months left, I know that for the children that seems like forever but for the teacher this time will go fast!

In February we learnt about Jesus' 12 disciples; who they were and how they were called.

We hope that the children learnt that God can use anybody who willing to follow him.

We have entered the Lent season so will be talking about what this church season means to Christians, we will teach about the Washing of the feet/Maundy Thursday. This will be a perfect lead into the Easter Story.

God bless.



Children
are
A
gift
FROM THE
Lord;
THEY are
A
reward
from Him.
PSALMS 127:3

When our grand-daughter was about 2, her Grandfather had taught her to say a short prayer before meals. She knew we couldn't eat until this was done. One day during service the pastor was in an exceptionally long prayer. My granddaughter decided that it was long enough, so she put her hands together and in a loud voice said. "Dear Lord, thank you for this food. AMEN". The prayer ended.

NEIGHBOURLINK
PARKLAND
Compassion in Action



We are blessed by our community partnerships to be able to do the work. One of those valuable partners is **St Andrews Thrift Shop**. The Thrift Shop has been essential in our ability to meet the needs by providing start up kits to those establishing a new home and clothing those in need at no cost. The Thrift Shop is a non profit, volunteer supported thrift store that supports the community. St Andrews has also generously donated financially to Neighbourlink Parkland programs so the we can continue to serve those who need it most.

How does a start up kit impact someone?

Providing all house belongings to someone helps to build independence when making a new start. The care taken by St Andrews volunteers in assembling the start up kits is felt by those that receive the essential items. Recently a women and her children received a start up kit, and furniture from our program, after a month long stay in a domestic violence shelter. I had the pleasure of meeting the wonderful Thrift Store volunteer that assisted in preparing the items. The volunteer shared how she knew this woman's pain, and in assembling the start up kit, she shared hope for better days. It is working together that we make a difference in our community and in the lives of our neighbours.

Currently, the Thrift Shop is in need of household donations. Specifically small appliances and everyday items are in great need. Please consider donating those in need items at:

St. Andrews Thrift Store

219 Church Rd, Spruce Grove

780 962 9703

www.sprucegroveunited.com/thrift-shop

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

Never look down
on someone

unless
you're
helping
him
up



Now, more than ever
families are finding it
hard to make ends meet.

Let's bless them with
the bread provided here
on the second and fourth
Sunday of the month.



Your job is not to judge.
Your job is not to figure
out if someone deserves
something. Your job is
to lift the fallen,
to restore the broken,
and to heal the hurting.
Your job is to give
away Kindness.