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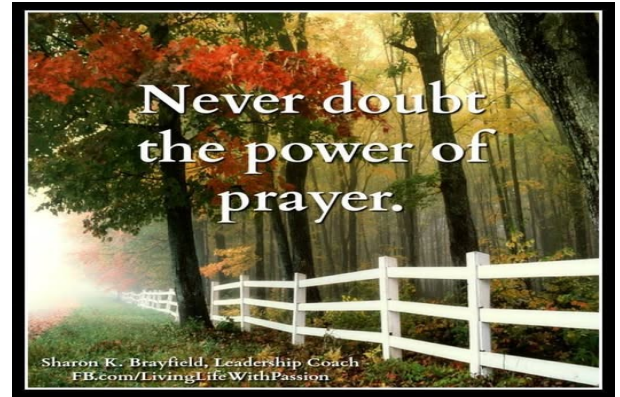
JANUARY. 2026

Nothing feels better
than knowing God
loves you, that He's
always there for
you, and that He
will always take
care of you.

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

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Behold!

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. ³You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest,...

⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Isaiah 10:2-3;6-7

God be with you and yours this season as we enter a new year. We had our whole family here in Stony Plain for Christmas, except our oldest and his wife who remain in Denmark this year. Things at the Church here are going well. We had good a Christmas eve service and enjoyed connecting with those who came out. It was a winter wonderland that evening, with many inches of fresh snow. We continue to point to Jesus as our Lord and Savior and we pray that He touches many hearts to turn people to the gospel.

On the itinerant side of the ministry, Spoken Word continues to grow and reach out with the gospel. Our Saskatchewan team is going great guns, and I will be in Saskatoon in the new year to do a seminar and a men's conference aimed at equipping people to serve Christ. Our Alberta opportunities and team are growing as well. Hopkins Ministries International in the States is also getting some traction. I will be doing a teaching series in Arizona in early February. That should be fun.

Internationally, I just got back from North Kenya. I have been teaching the Freedom Through Forgiveness and Dealing with Temptation material in the Turkana region for the past three years and we are getting some good traction. It will be interesting to see where God takes that. Had over 1000 participants in the training this year. There are now two Kenyan bishops and a missionary to Pakistan running their own seminars based on the Forgiveness seminar teachings, and so I consult with them. Very exciting to see that. All in all, things are good. Jacqueline continues to be my greatest partner in all of this. For that I am ever thankful.

God be with you. Thank you for your prayers and support. We are blessed.

Pastor Boyd and Jacqueline

Mark Your Calendars UPCOMING EVENTS

MEN'S BREAKFAST



Join the guys on **January 10 at 9:00am** for breakfast. They are excellent cooks.

Potluck

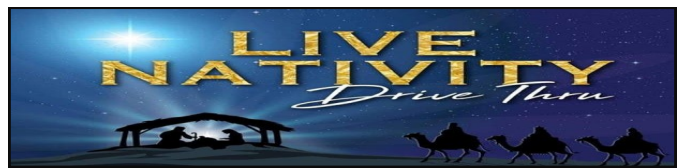
Join us on **January 25** for potluck after service.

Food Ministry



Join this dedicated group as we make plans for this year on **January 15** at 6:00pm in the board room.

Here's What's Happening!

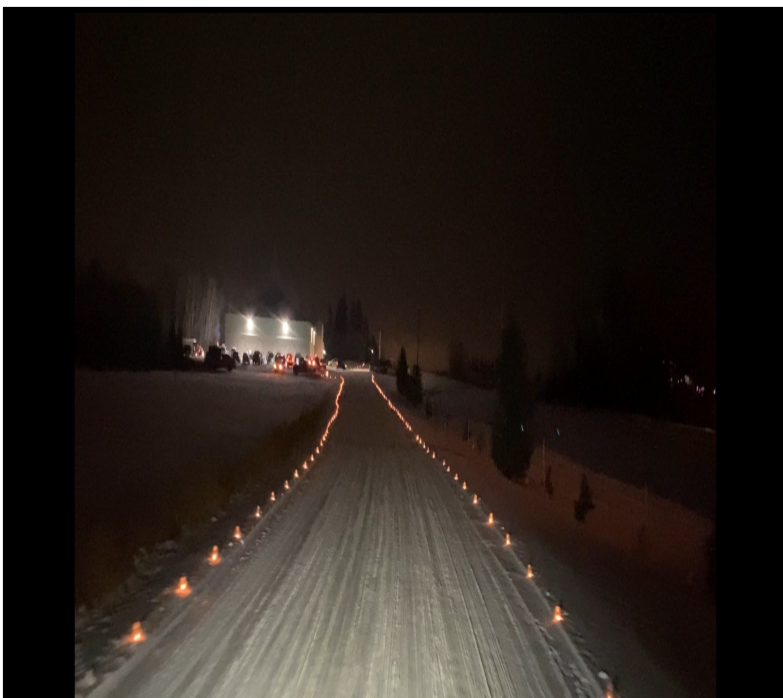


THANKS
for your
DONATIONS



Great Job!

Cash and food donations were collected during the **Nativity Drive thru**. Cash of \$180.00 and bags and boxes of food were collected, enough to fill the back seat and back of a car. The food will be distributed to the less fortunate at Kingdom Advance Church in Stony Plain. (formerly Lighthouse Church) on the first and third Saturday of the month from 10:00– 1:00pm.



Candles lighting the way to the nativity Drive Thru



Thank you to **Jon's Funny Farm** for providing all the animals for the Nativity Drive Thru.

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What's Been Happening...

LIVE
NATIVITY
Drive Thru

Thank
you!
Volunteers!

Despite icy roads the Nativity Drive Thru was well attended. The foyer was filled with people young and old enjoying the hot chocolate after their walk thru.



Angel Gabriel said, "You are truly Blessed."



See here, you are all taxed.



On the way to Bethlehem



Angel's we have heard on high



Shepards watching their flocks by night.



"Where is he that is born King of the Jews?
For we have seen his star in the east and we have
come to worship him."



For unto you is born in the City of David, a Savior
which is Christ the Lord. Mary and Joseph.
Unto us a child is born.

Here's What's Happening!



The sanctuary and foyer are beautifully decorated to celebrate Christ's birth.

Thank you ladies for making Immanuel such an welcoming place.



November 13



Another wonderful breakfast prepared by our men under Charles' leadership. We concluded with a discussion on the need for missions. David and Boyd answered questions about their Kenya Africa trip.

Submitted by
Howard Gitzel

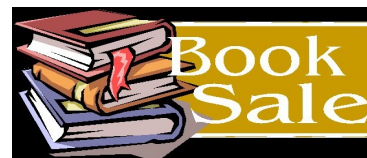


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Your Donation
& Helping Make A Difference*

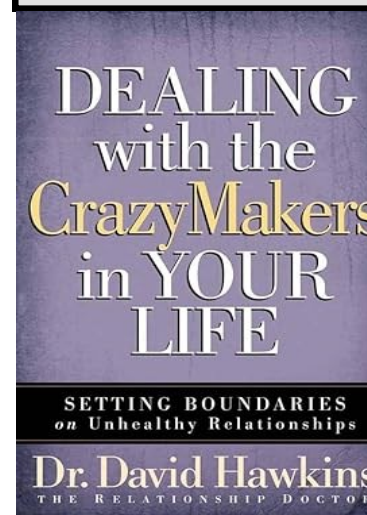


Neighbourlink Stockings of Care.

Two Young families with young children were helped with your generous donations, making their Christmas brighter.



**All books except
Bibles in Beth's Book
Store are now 50% off**



We have chosen this book by Dr. David Hawkins as the book of the month. This book deals with setting boundaries in unhealthy relationships.

You can pick up this book at Beth's Book Store in the foyer in our church.



We were doing ministry in a bush church today. Great time. This is a brand new building. This congregation met for nine years under a tree until recently. ☑ We got to do some worship as people gathered, and then share the message and do prayer ministry with people who were ready to lay down burdens on Jesus. Thank you again for praying. Your prayers are being answered. ☑

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"
Isaiah 6:8

Pray before everything

Pray before you decide.
Pray before you respond.
Pray before you offer advice.
Pray before you lovingly correct.
Pray before you do anything!

When you pray first, your response will often be different than it would have been without prayer.
Let God speak before you speak.
Let God guide your words and actions. Amen if you believe in the power of prayer.



Finding Freedom Through Forgiveness *Session 1*

Understanding what it means to forgive



YouTube Video

VOLUNTEER SHEDULE

DATE	04-Jan-26	11-Jan-26	18-Jan-26	25-Jan-26
Speaker	Shawn	Boyd	Boyd	John
Leader	John	Russ	Donna	Len
Reader	Chris	Tracey	Rylee	Dee
Greeter	Leslie	Steve/Laurie	Frank/Jean	Tracey/Dee
Sunday School	Melissa/Lisa	Melissa/Lisa	Melissa/Lisa	Melissa/Lisa
Music	Video	Julie/Crystal	Caroline/Jacqueline with Theresa	Mark/Team
Prayer Team	Jane/Karen	Kathy/Kelly	Dave/Kathy	Chris/Coreena
Ushers	Tony	Frank/Jean	Tony	Frank/Jean
Communion	Dietrich	-	Strand	-
Sound	Adam	Graeme	Henry	Neil
Mediashout	Connie	Lillian	Lorie	Jen
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.



No council meeting in December therefore no report



Financial Report for November

Average General Offering per Sunday:

\$5452.44

Average attendance per Sunday: 95

Wishing everyone a Blessed New Year

Submitted by Angela St. Pierre

To continue giving your offering or donations to
Immanuel

Our e-transfer address is: donations@ilcor.ca



*Christmas Eve
Candle Light Service*



A winter wonderland with the fresh falling snow outdoors, and singing praises of well known Christmas carols by candlelight.
A delightful evening bonding with others.



Pennies for Pastors.

Loose change is collected on the first Sunday of the month for Pastors in the Mission field.
In Dec. \$460.00 was collected.

THE KIDZ PAGE



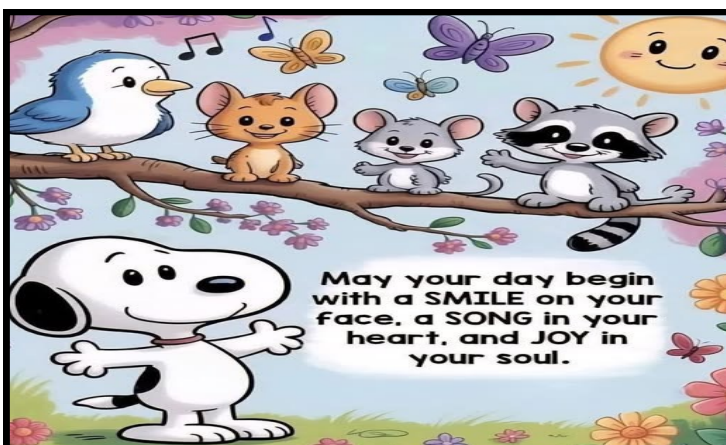
2025 has gone by fast as the years always seem to! We are looking forward to 2026 and praying for many blessings for our Sunday school. Decembers' Sunday school days were busy with practicing for the Christmas Concert. We would like to thank Michelle and Randal for taking the time to lead this concert. The children held this concert for the congregation on December 21, which was retelling of the Christmas story with Mary, Joseph, shepherds, angels and a Wiseman, the familiar beloved story acted by children. Thank you so much Randal for leading the children, for Michelle for organizing the play and for Henry for reading the script.

This month the Sunday school will be lead by Mellissa and Lisa, thank you taking for your time and wisdom to share with the children. The themes this month will be familiar bible verses explained in a new light for the children. The main truths will be reminding children that God will use them to empower His kingdom. He has blessed them with wisdom, a voice to share his love, ears to hear His voice.

We are in need of more teachers for the rest of the year. Please consider even teaching the children for one Sunday, you never know it might be a new and enjoyable experience for you! If you are interested please send an email off to the church

Please remember our children, teachers and their families in your prayers.

God bless.

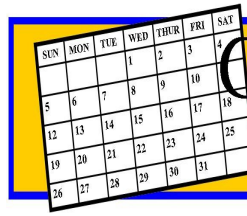


SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM





December 21, the Sunday School children presented the Christmas Story of the birth of our Savior, narrated by Henry Villadsen. Carols were sung accompanied by Randell on his guitar. A story that never gets old.





Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1.	2.	3.
4. 10:15 Sunday Service Sunday School 	5. Pastor's Day Off	6. 11:00 <u>Prayer Group</u>	7. 7:00pm <u>Prayer meeting</u>	8..	9. 10:00am <u>Pastor's Bible Study</u>	10. 9:00am <u>Men's Breakfast</u> 
11. 10:15 Sunday Service Sunday School 	12. Pastor's Day Off	13. 11:00am <u>Prayer Group</u> 7:00pm <u>Ladies Bible Study</u>	14. 9:30 <u>Ladies Bible Study</u> 7:00 <u>Prayer Meeting</u>	15.	16. 10:00am <u>Pastor's Bible Study</u>	17. 
18 10:15 Sunday Service Sunday School 	19. Pastor's Day Off	20. 11:00 am <u>Prayer Group</u> 7:00pm <u>Ladies Bible Study</u>	21. 9:30 am <u>Ladies Bible Study</u> 7:00pm <u>Prayer Meeting</u>	22.	23. 10:00am <u>Pastor Bible Study</u>	24. 
25. 10:15 Sunday Service Sunday School  	26. Pastor's Day off	27. 11:00am <u>Prayer Group</u> 7:00pm <u>Ladies Bible Study</u>	28. 9:30 am <u>Ladies Bible Study</u> 7:00pm <u>Prayer Meeting</u>	29.	30. 10:00am <u>Pastor Bible Study</u>	31.

ROCKSOLID

REFUGE

Rock Solid is one of the charities Immanuel supports

Restoring Adolescent Lives



Hayden's Partner for Change Photo

My name is **Hayden Barkey**. I first came to Rock solid in the summer of 2021. I had been kicked out of my house, and was living with some family friends in the city, had been using cocaine and was starting to use meth. I was depressed, lonely, and angry at the world.

God used RSR to save me from addiction and self destruction.

It changed my life and I wouldn't be here if it weren't for my time in the program.

That's not to say everything was perfect after I graduated. I still had my struggles and troubles, but I was able to graduate high school, and get tested for my red seal in carpentry and start my own small business.

Fresh out of school, working for myself, advancing in the trades, living in my own place, making good money. **"so why do I feel so empty?"**

I pulled over on my way home one day, exhausted by this nagging question and prayed. I had never lost my faith since and leaving RSR, but I certainly wasn't leaning on God. My first time earnestly praying in a long time.

In that moment, God spoke to me in a way that I had never experienced before. He spoke in a way I still can't fully explain. Not only did He make it clear that His plan for me was back at Rock Solid, but He took away from me the junk that I was still carrying around. His light shone so bright in my heart, and I know he wanted that light to shine through me into the darkness of students' lives at RSR.

That's why I'm back as a staff member at Rock Solid Refuge, so that His light can shine and He can be glorified.

I know that this program works, because it worked for me



Hayden and Parents at Graduation

Rock Solid Refuge changed me. It changed the entire direction of my life. It's no exaggeration to say that I believe God used RSR to save my life. Now, I get to be there for troubled teens like the staff were there for me. I get to shine His light in the dark places. And, who knows maybe one of these guys will return as a staff member some day, too, and this light will pass, undimmed, to even more lives.

Help shine Christ's light today and help even more teens find freedom. Thank you for your support.

www.rocksolidrefuge.com/donate-rocksolid



World Mission Prayer League is one of the charities that Immanuel supports.

Jackson Mission Minute December 2025



WMPL Canada Home Office Staff
Wanda Manson, Anita, Charles, and Lisa Belau

This Christmas.... befriend the Stranger!

Conversation Café is a wonderful program in our church, Calvary Lutheran. Immigrants and refugees are welcomed to share a cup of coffee and have small group English-language conversations. Participants love being able to practice speaking English. Charles and I have found new friends through Conversation Café who are foreigners here and are longing to be part of a larger “family-group of friends.” More than learning English, they want to fill their lives and not be so lonely. We also enjoy our continued friendships with other foreigners and look forward to seeing how our LORD directs all these relationships. This Christmas let’s befriend stranger(s) and invite them into our lives and more.

Sincerely, Charles & Anita Jackson
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Brownie Mix Cookies

Ingredients:

- 1—18 ounce box of Brownie mix
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup chocolate chips

Instructions:

1. Heat oven to 375-degrees. Grease cookie sheet with non-stick spray or line with parchment paper.
2. Add the brownie mix to a large bowl
3. Add eggs, oil, vanilla and flour and mix well. (It will be a very thick dough)
4. Add chocolate chips and mix
5. Roll the cookies in 1-1/2 balls and set them two inches apart on cookie sheet.
6. Bake for 10 minutes and allow to cool for at least 10 minutes before moving them from the pan.
7. Cool on cooling rack.



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