

# BRIDGES

## DECEMBER, 2024

# IMMANUEL

LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF ROSENTHAL

## Newsletter

 *let's*  
*Worship*  
*together* 

Confirmation: 9:15-10:15

Sunday Service: 10:15

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**Faith** doesn't always take you out of the situation or circumstance. More often, faith takes you boldly through the deepest valleys. Faith rarely takes away the pain, yet it graciously gives you the ability to handle it. Faith doesn't remove you from the storm or its path, but it is faith that calms you in the middle of the storm.

*Amen!*



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# SPOKEN WORD MINISTRIES ASSOCIATION

Pastor Boyd is in Kenya teaching others about Forgiveness. Will be returning Dec.8.

Please pray for him as he brings God's word about love and forgiveness to the people of this country.

May God Bless Pastor Boyd and Dave Nelson in this journey.



We have completed the first forgiveness seminar of 4 that we have planned for this trip. This one was done in Lodwar for pastors and other leaders. We also had others in attendance. This is the second time we have ministered here and the testimonies from what happened after last year were great to hear. Our goal is to embed the forgiveness teaching here strongly enough that those in attendance receive real equipping so they can teach and use what they have learned to help others gain their freedom in Christ.



## Time off

Confirmation: Off Dec. 1 – return Jan. 12

Pastor Bible Study: Off Dec. 20 - return Jan. 3

Ladies AM Bible Study: Off Dec. 03 -return Jan. 8

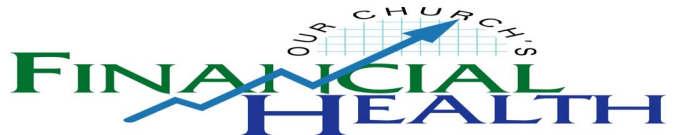
Ladies PM Bible Study: Off Dec. 10 – return Jan.7

Wed. Prayer Group: Off Dec. 25 -return Jan 8

May your days be filled with the wonder of the season, your homes be filled with his peace and your hearts know salvation is through Him alone.

### Merry Christmas from your Church Council:

**Julie, Jason, Angela, Laurie, Len, Duane, Dave and Tracey**



Treasurer Report for October:  
Total Offerings received \$22,416  
Total Average Per week \$5,604  
Average Attendance Per week 91

December brings year end tax planning! Now is the time to top your eligible donation deduction for 2024 and give to Immanuel! We are very Blessed for all your support. Have a very Merry Christmas!

Season Greetings,

Angela

Mark Your Calendars  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Join the guys at 9:00 am on **December 14** for Breakfast. They are great cooks and have a speaker to make your day.

**December 15, 2024**



Please join us **December 15 for Christmas Potluck**. The volunteers for the **Nativity Drive Through** will be joining us for lunch. Bring your favorite dish and connect with the people you worship with and meet our volunteers

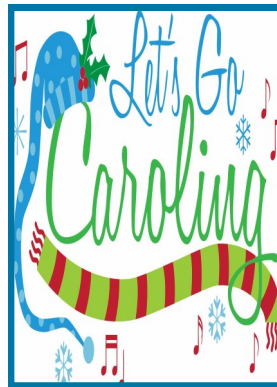


**Mom and Tot Connection Group** will run:

- December 6 and 20
- January 3, 17 and 31, 2025
- February 14 and 28
- March 14 and 28
- April 11 and 25
- In Immanuel Gym
- Time 10am-12:00 pm



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Join us as we go caroling to Whispering Waters on Dec. 7 at 2pm and to George Hennig on Dec. 9, at 1:30pm. If you are interested in either or both, show up at the facility 15 minutes prior.

We have the song books

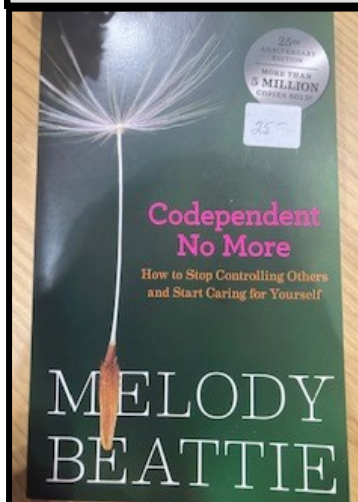


**December 15**



We need people for set-up, Actors, Greeters, Parking and traffic control. If you are willing to help in any way or have any questions please contact Laurie Parkinson at 780-962-1696

Lillian has the sign up sheet.



**Beth's Book Store**  
 To purchase products from Beth's book Store Please E-transfer your payment to Beth at [Beth.queren@telus.net](mailto:Beth.queren@telus.net)

We have chosen **"Codependent No More"** as the book of the month. *(If you've lost sight of your own life in the drama of tending to a loved one's self-destructive behavior, you may be codependent )*

Beth's Book Store is in the Church foyer. Check it out.

DATE	01-Dec-24	08-Dec-24	15-Dec-24	22-Dec-24	29-Dec-24
Speaker	John	Len	Boyd	Boyd	Boyd
Leader	Len	John	Russ	Donna	Len
Reader	Chris	Donna	Tracey	Donna	Tracey
Greeter	Lorne/Linda	Duane/Nina	Frank/Jean	Steve/Laurie	Tracey/Dee
Sunday School	Michelle/Andrea	Michelle/Andrea	Michelle/Andrea	Christmas Program	No SS
Music	Al	Caroline/Jacqueline	Al	Video or Hymn	
Prayer Team	Jane/Karen	Kathy/Kelly	Dave/Kathy	Chris/Coreena	Jane/Karen
Ushers	Frank & Tony	Tony	Frank & Tony	Tony	Frank & Tony
Communion	Dietrich		Strand		
Sound	Mario	Neil	Henry	Graeme	Adam
Mediashout	Cheryl	Julie	Connie	Lillian	Cheryl
Counters	Theresa/Florence	Colleen/Chris	Gloria/Len	Nina/Sandi	
Coffee	Jean	Florence	Jason	Colleen	Spooners

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

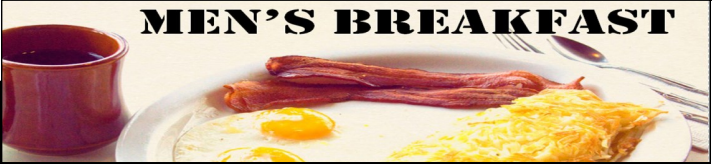


**Pennies for Pastors.** Loose change is collected on the first Sunday of the month for Pastors in the Mission field . In November \$350.00 was collected.

- Highlights from the November Council meeting:**
- ◆ CLBI used our facility for a retreat Nov 13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>
  - ◆ The Moms and Tots group has been positively started with about 9 moms and 20 kids
  - ◆ Pastor Boyd and the Elders are currently working towards attaining a third Elder.
  - ◆ Offerings have been up, and it is looking like we will meet our 2024 budget.
  - ◆ The Outreach committee is working on the Drive Thru Nativity, and will be looking for volunteers
  - ◆ Immanuel recently hosted the Tammy (Duke) Switzer funeral with about 330 attending.
  - ◆ Council is looking into Starlink for internet services, to increase the upload times for recorded services.
  - ◆ Job Descriptions for our property and facility manager and custodians have been reviewed
  - ◆ The Christmas Eve service will be on Dec 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00, with no Christmas Day service.
  - ◆ Council and Elders are looking forward to the new year, and will be looking for new council members.
  - ◆ Pastor Boyd and Council are looking into a proposal for a Filipino Church to rent our facility on Saturday evenings, and Sunday afternoons for their worship services. There will be many aspects to consider, and if it is positive, a contract to be presented.
  - ◆ Council will not meet in December, and will reconvene in January.



# What's Been Happening...



## MEN'S BREAKFAST



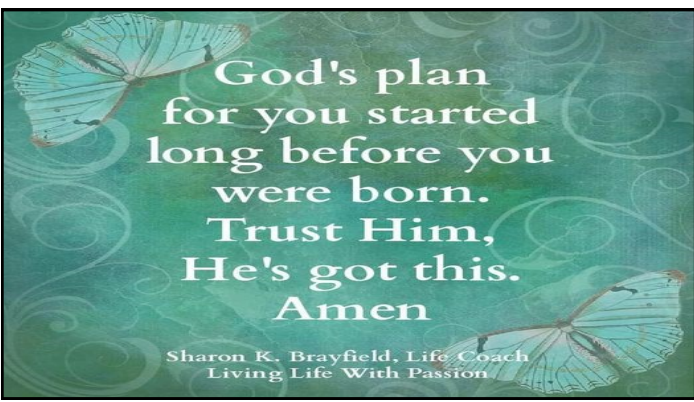
### November 9, Men's Breakfast

We had a great breakfast prepared by Graeme, Milt, and Delmar. Then Pastor Boyd delivered a presentation on "Spoken Word Ministry" which gave us valuable insight into the history and growth of the ministry.

Submitted by Howard Gitzel



These are just some of the people that joined together to form our choir.



**November 9,** Rose Hall was beautifully decorated for the Celebration of Life for Tammy. The kitchen committee did an awesome job putting together a superb meal. A **huge thank you** to all the volunteers.



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# What's Happening?



Thank you Beth for your dedication to the Christmas Child project. As you can see it was a huge success.

Thank you to all that contributed to this well disserving endeavor.



October 31 we held Trunk or Treat at Immanuel and passed out candy and treats as the children arrived.



We sat around the fire pit and offered Hot Chocolate to those that came. It was a fun time.



The sanctuary and foyer are brilliantly decorated for Christmas. Thanks Tony and ladies.



## Potluck November 24



Everyone enjoyed the potluck, with a large variety of foods to choose from.

The dessert table as always was filled with the most irresistible treats.














Thank you to everyone that helped with cleanup.

# DECEMBER

# 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. 10:15 Sunday Service/ Sunday School 	2.	10:00 am <b>Prayer Group</b>  7:00 pm <b>Ladies Bible Study</b>	4. 10:00-11:30 <b>Ladies Bible Study</b>	5.	6. 10:00-11:30 <b>Pastor Bible Study</b> 10-12:00 <b>Moms and Tots</b>	7.  2:00pm <b>Caroling at Whispering Waters</b>
8.  10:15 Sunday Service Sunday School 	9. Pastor's Day off  1:30 pm <b>Caroling at George Hennig</b> 	10. 10:00 am <b>Prayer Group</b>  7:00 pm <b>Ladies Bible study</b>	11.  10:00-11:30 <b>Ladies Bible Study</b>  7:00pm <b>Prayer meeting</b>	12.	13.  10:00-11:30 <b>Pastor Bible Study</b>	14.   9:00 am <b>Men's Breakfast</b>
15. 10:15 Sunday Service <b>Potluck</b> 5:00—7:00pm <b>Live Nativity</b>	16.  Pastor's Day Off	17. 10:00am <b>Prayer Group</b>	18. 10:00-11:30 <b>Ladies Bible Study</b>  7:00 pm <b>Prayer Meeting</b>	19.	20.	21.. 
22..  10:15 Sunday Service 	23. Pastor's Day Off	24. 10:00 am <b>Prayer Group</b>  6:00 pm 	25.. <b>No Service</b> 	26.	27.  10-12:00 <b>Mom &amp; Tots</b>	28.. 
29.  10:15 Sunday Service	30..  Pastor's Day off	31.. 10:00 am <b>Prayer Group</b>				



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## children's program



Sunday School will be presenting the Christmas Program on December 22, during Sunday Service.

### From The Mouths Of Babes!

November's Sunday school was focused on the stories of Joshua and Caleb. These stories told of God's faithfulness to His People (that would be us!) by showing, once again, that He can be trusted. Even when the odds seem to be overwhelming against us, like the walls of Jericho, God will come through in His time and in His way, our job is to trust and obey. Thank you to all the teachers. I see the children reaching out to members of the congregation as they feel more comfortable in our church. The number of children attending is slowly growing. One couple did call and tell us that their children would be back because they enjoyed our Sunday school, way to go Immanuel, this is what our faithful prayers do!

In the month of December Andrea and Michelle will be teaching about Advent then preparing and practicing for the Christmas Concert to be held on Sunday December 22. Looking forward to that program.

May your Christmas reflect the joy of God's precious gift to us.



When my son was two and a half I sent him to clean his room but each time , he got distracted by all the toys and nothing got put away. I went in and said to him, "Stephen, what did mommy tell you to do?" "Clean my room." "And did you clean your room?" "No," he replied quietly.

I disciplined him and then helped him pray and confess his error to God and ask Jesus to help him get his room cleaned. He seemed to respond really well to all of this and I thought, "Wow, this really works."

But Stephon just got down and sat in the middle of the mess , doing nothing. In frustration I asked, "Stephen, what are you doing?"

He replied, just as frustrated, " I'm waiting for Jesus to come and help me clean my room."





## Chocolate Confetti Bars

### Ingredients

- 1 package milk chocolate chips 11.5oz/250g package
- 1 package butterscotch chips 11oz/270g package
- 1 tbsp salted butter
- 2 tbsp smooth peanut butter
- 1 bag mini coloured marshmallows 10oz/250g bag

### Directions

1. Melt chocolate chips, butter scotch chips. Butter and peanut butter in a doble boiler. Let cool about 10-15 minutes.
2. Stir in marshmallows. Pour mixture into a 9x9 inch pan. Refrigerate until solidified. Cut into squares. Enjoy

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

Have a purse at home you no longer use?



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Fill it with snacks, sanitary & hygiene products. Next time you see a homeless woman, give it to her.

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a Life around.

-Leo Buscaglia

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May God bless you with...  
the riches of His grace,  
with the treasures of His love,  
with the comfort of His mercies,  
with the strength of His presence,  
and the touch of His care.

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WISH YOU A  
Merry  
Christmas  
& A HAPPY NEW YEAR