

## Rector's New Year's Pastoral Letter 2024



**Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.**

**- Isaiah 43:18-19 NIV**

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is to wish all of you at Immanuel Church a very blessed and a joy filled New year 2024. As your Rector, I wanted to greet each one of you and thank you for your love, friendship, encouragement and support as I begin the ministry that God has entrusted to me as your priest. I take this calling very seriously and seek your prayers as I serve you and lead Immanuel Church into a flourishing community with Jesus as our center. My prayer for each of us is that we learn to be still and know God's Presence, Peace, and Purpose for us as a church.

2024 will be a year of New beginning's pregnant with opportunities, blessings and possibilities. The prophet Jeremiah declares to the People, God's Word of Hope:

**"I have plans for you. Plans for good and not for evil ..."**



This is God's promise to His people, and I want to highlight this promise for us this year. As we look to this New Year, I want to work with the Vestry and the whole church to look unto Jesus the Lord of the Church as we seek first the Kingdom of God and invite God's Holy Spirit to guide and lead us into unity and growth for the glory of God our Heavenly Father.

I have invited the **Reverend Canon George Iype Kovoov** my college principal and the longest serving Chaplain to HM the late Queen Elizabeth II to spend a couple of weeks with us helping us to focus on: **what it means to be the Church**. He has graciously accepted my invitation to come to Regina from Kentucky where he is currently serving on the bishop's staff and is the diocesan Canon Missioner for the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington in the USA. I have informed Bishop Helen of my invitation to Canon Kovoov. She has met him and knows him. We hope that God will use him to be a blessing to us.

Canon Kovoov will be preaching on the first two Sundays at Immanuel Church. Please do invite your friends, families, and colleagues to the Church. He will be with us from the January 3-15<sup>th</sup> 2024. This is going to be a treat and a great blessing to all of us. He then flies to London in the UK for a couple of weeks leave with his family before returning to the USA. I have enclosed his Profile for your information.

May the God of all Comfort and Peace bless and lead us into God's purposes for us this 2024.  
Be assured of my prayers, and love and service to you as your Pastor.

Shalom!

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