

August Spotlight - Bryan Sigurdson

Our spotlight is shining on Bryan Sigurdson for the month of August. Bryan was instrumental in the formation of Immanuel, and continues to be one of the key players in many important activities in our church. He was part of the group that initiated our monthly Spotlight features.

Before Immanuel, he was a parishioner at St. James for 20 years, serving on vestry over the years, and was also a warden for 9 years. He was actively involved in the planning and final amalgamation into Immanuel. He has been on the Nominating Committee at Immanuel 3 times, finding candidates to fill positions on Vestry, Warden etc. He currently serves on the Mission and Outreach Committee which coordinates and oversees so many of the projects that are carried out by the church: Christmas and Easter Hampers, School Backpacks, Food Bank, First Baptist lunch program, VBS School days off, Transcona Housing, and so on.

Bryan co-chaired the Stewardship Group with Richard Simpson. They ran a very successful campaign which showed how stewardship is not just about money, but how sharing of time, treasure, talent, testimony and tending to creation are all ways to support our Mission. Other areas of Bryan's involvement at Immanuel include co-chairing the Pancake Supper and serving as Greeter for Sunday services.



At the Diocesan level, Bryan chaired the Finance Committee for more than 10 years, and served on Diocesan Council and Executive Committee. He is still an active member of the Board of Trustees for the Diocese.

Bryan and his wife Cyndi have 3 children and 3 small grandsons. He grew up in Winnipeg, moving to Regina in 1983, with a few years spent in Calgary before finally settling here in 1992.

He is an actuary by profession, having worked for five life insurance companies in Western Canada, serving as the Chief Actuary for four of them. Bryan ended his career as Chief Risk Officer of The Co-operators Group. Although he retired 10 years ago, he still holds his professional qualifications but has given up his private investigator's licence. He currently goes to the office every day for a few hours where he is working as an officer of Edge Engineering and Geoscience Ltd. This is a firm that provides consulting and project management services to the energy and mining industries of Western Canada.

Bryan's interests outside of work and church involve arts and sports. He was involved in community theatre in Calgary, and has appeared in two television episodes of "I Lived with a Killer", currently available on YouTube and through Hoopla. He has also appeared as a guest programmer for CJTR's RetroAttic featuring music of the 70's. His other great love is soccer. No longer a player because of aging knees, he played from a young age, competing at various levels in Winnipeg and here in Regina. An avid supporter of the Liverpool Football Club, he attended two of the recent World Cup matches – in Vancouver and Seattle.

Besides regular visits to Mexico and Arizona, he has travelled to Fiji, the Cook Islands, New Zealand, and Dubai. Work took him to Portugal, and he has been to England three times.

Two interesting facts about Bryan:

- He competed in a bobsled run down the Olympic track in Calgary, and his team came 2nd.
- His ancestors are Vikings and his name is Icelandic in origin.

Thank you, Bryan for sharing your interesting life with us!