

Immanuel Roundup

Keeping people in the loop about everything that's happening

February at Immanuel Here's What's Coming Up

February 3: Our second Tweens Night event at 6:30 pm. This one will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. The plan is to bake cookies for the Saturday Lunch program and then have fun with board games and snacks, of course.

February 10 and 21 – 24: VBS School Days Off. The children are off for a professional development day on February 10th. They are also off for Family Day week. Our Children's Ministry volunteers will once again put on programs for these days.

February 21: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. This will be our first pancake supper as Immanuel! The event will be hosted by some of the men from the congregation.



February 22: Ash Wednesday

February 26: Immanuel's Annual General Meeting following the 10:00 am service. A light lunch will be served.

December and January

December 11: Family Service and Children's Christmas Program. The children made their own



drums and were all very excited to sing and play "The Little Drummer Boy". There was a lovely family service that the children



participated in, including the 'Hanging of the Greens' where the children decorated the tree with the symbols of Christmas.

December 4: A parishioner only craft sale was held before and after Sunday service.

December 5, 13, 17: People had great fun caroling at Benson Manner, the Renaissance Retirement Residence, and then in our own neighbourhood.

January 8: Sunday School Classes resumed.

January 13: Immanuel Church teamed up with Our Savior's Lutheran once again - this time for a monthly tweens

program. Children in grades 5 through 8 joined us at 6:30 for a movie night. Participants made sandwiches for the *First Baptist Saturday Bag Lunch program*, and then watched a movie with snacks galore! There was enthusiasm and heartfelt questions of "When can we do this again?"



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January 14: Eight Immanuel parishioners took all the lunch bags prepared by the tweens down to First Baptist Church and hosted the Saturday Lunch program. 58 people were served, and all the lunches were eaten or taken by the attendees to family and friends who were unable to come in person. We are set to help with this important food security work again on Saturday, May 6th.

January 15: Immanuel Birthday Celebration

Who's birthday? Everyone's!

Immanuel celebrated all parishioners' birthdays for



2023 in one fell swoop. There were 13 delicious cakes - one for each month and one gluten-free. This get-together was a wonderful opportunity for more than 85 people to see who shared a common birthday month and get to learn a bit more about each other.



January 16: VBS School Days Off – The hall was filled with children and laughter again. In this picture the kids enjoy playing on the mountain of snow in the parking lot. They used spray bottles with coloured water to make art in the snow.



January 29: Congregational meeting. Two important questions were posed as well as collecting information about our mission and ministry priorities to help with our parish profile.

Christmas Hampers 2022

Christmas cheer came to 18 families including 41 children and 33 adults this past Christmas due to the efforts of Immanuel parishioners. Donations of money, food, toiletries, knitting, gifts for children, and helpers to organize, pack and deliver made this important outreach possible!

Spirit Lights

This year we added a new way to offer thanks or remember a loved one, while lighting up our Church for the season. Lights around the sanctuary were lit as names were read. All donations related to Spirit Lights went to our Refugee Family.

Search Committee

Our search committee started meeting in January, with a goal to have our Parish Profile ready for review by the Bishop in mid-February.

Pastoral Care

Emergency	Rev. Diane Guilford	204-823-3383
Hospital Visitation	Deacon Margaret Friesen	306-535-3115
The Caring Tree	Christine Burton Beverly Spencer	306-540-7903 306-530-5158

Those who have left us...

We pray that Helen Bereti, John Burton, Laura Gray, Marie Rusk, Charles Paragg, Helen Rupchan, Linda Hagen, Kathy Chlopan, Dennis Lawson, and Charles Bruce-Tagoe may rest in the peace of Christ.

Last Word

Please call the office if you need a ride to church, have questions, concerns, or are in need of someone to talk to. We're always happy to hear from you. **306-586-4420**

Office hours: **Mon-Fri 9:30-11:30 am and 1-3 pm.**

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