

# Immanuel Roundup

July, 2022

*Keeping people in the loop about everything that's happening*

## June – a Busy Month at Immanuel!

On June 5th, we welcomed 4 people to our Christian family. Service was led by Father Michael and Rev. Winna. Those baptized were Kaleesi Pekar, Alleana Walker, Scarlett Walker, and Calvin Masanika.



- **June 12 – Sunday School Windup and lunch.** Hot dogs and chips were served along with a frozen treat, after the service and the children participated in games and activities.



- **June 18 - Celebration and Farewell of the former St. Philip Anglican parish** at the Living Spirit Centre at 3018 Doan Drive.
- **June 18 – Teens from Wild Outside** joined us to plant the first section of our **Native Plant Garden.**



- **June 19 –** We held our quarterly Indigenous service and followed it with our third Indigenous

Learning event – the **Kairos Blanket Exercise**. This was an excellent opportunity to learn more about the Indigenous history in an interactive, participatory format.

- **June 23 to 25 – Garage Sale- A HUGE THANK YOU** to Tammy Gaertner shown below here taking a well-deserved break! Tammy directed this very successful event.



Thanks also to our many volunteers who toiled all week in the heat to get set up, manage the sale, and clean up afterwards. We could not have done it without you!!

- **June 27 – Ministerial Team Celebration** A celebration and appreciation of the ministry provided by Fr. Michael Bruce, Rev. Alexander Campbell, Rev. Canon Susan Page, and Rev. Winna Martin was held at **5:30 p.m.** in the Immanuel Church Hall at 142 Massey Road. Appetizers, dainties, and beverages were served and there was a short program that was enjoyed by all.

**We'll miss you Fr. Michael, Rev. Alex, and Rev. Winna!**

Note that Rev. Canon Susan Page will remain at Immanuel as our Deacon.

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## Important Changes at Immanuel

**Intentional Interim** - Attached is a letter from Bishop Helen Kennedy regarding the intentional interim who was scheduled to arrive in mid-July. This is a disappointment, but we have faith that everything will work out. We will keep you updated as the plans unfold. Please don't hesitate to call the church office at 306-586-4420 if you have any questions.

**Office Manager** - We are sad to report that our Office Manager, Mojgan Shirazi has submitted her resignation. She is moving to Saskatoon to be closer to family. Jessica Walker and Mojgan have been sharing the office duties for the past month and will continue until July 29<sup>th</sup>, which will be Mojgan's last day in the office. Please feel free to stop by on the 29<sup>th</sup> and wish Mojgan well on this next stop in her journey of life.

Jessica will continue on as the temporary Office Manager full time until the position is filled in the fall.

## Update on Refugees

The Al-Khatib family, including a husband, wife, and 2-year-old daughter, are currently in Lebanon,



and are seeking refugee status in Canada. The husband is from Syria but cannot return there in fear of religious persecution. The Lebanese government has made it difficult for Syrian people to

find work, and the family is looking forward to better opportunities in Canada.

In order to sponsor this family, we need to raise at least \$25,000.00. A little more than \$15,000.00 has already been raised, so we are more than halfway there

## Children's Garden

The Children's Garden program began on May 24<sup>th</sup> and runs on Tuesday mornings for preschoolers and on Wednesdays at 4 pm for elementary school children throughout the summer.



## Pastoral Care

Please use the following to identify who to call for Pastoral Care:

Emergency	<b>Canon Susan Page</b>	306-537-3946
Hospital Visitation	<b>Deacon Margaret Friesen</b>	306-535-3115
The Caring Tree	<b>Christine Burton</b> <b>Beverly Spencer</b>	306-540-7903 306-530-5158

**Thanks to Warden Rod Ashley** who spearheaded cleanup of our yard. It's looking great with that diseased tree removed!



## Those who have left us...

We pray that *Rev. Duncan McClean, Elsie Furneaux*, may rest in the peace of Christ.

## Last Word

We're always happy to hear from you. Please call us at **306-586-4420** during office hours: **Mon-Fri 9-11:30 am** and **1-3 pm** if you need a ride to church, have any questions, concerns, or are just in need of someone to talk to. *God bless*

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