

Immanuel Roundup

Keeping people in the loop about everything that's happening

February, 2022

Immanuel's First Christmas Season



December was a busy month at Immanuel, with special Blue Christmas services on two separate evenings, a Christmas Pageant complete with a visit from Santa, an Indigenous Service, and four services on Christmas Eve!

Many Poinsettias were donated by parishioners in memory of others, and the Altar Guild did an outstanding job making our church more beautiful for the season.



Looking back at January

- Due to increasing number of Covid cases in-person worship was suspended as of January 9th and will continue until at least the end of the first week in February

- On January 18 we held our first Indigenous Learning and Awareness event. This included an informative presentation by Senator Sol Sanderson. The event was held via ZOOM and there were approximately 40 participants.

- The Consecration and Seating of The **Venerable Helen Kennedy** as the 13th Bishop of Qu'Appelle took place on January 22, 2022 at St. Paul's Cathedral. The service was live-streamed via Facebook and is available at this link:



<https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsAnglicanCathedralRegina/videos>

- Kids Quest for Winter 2022 started up on Monday, January 24th and continues through to April 4th via Zoom.

Immanuel Office – Welcome Back, Mojgan!

Mojgan is back in the office, taking it slowly to begin with. She is normally in the office from 9:30 to 11:30 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Thanks to Jessica Walker for continuing to assist us on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Office hours have changed again for a few weeks. The office will be staffed in the mornings only, from 9:30 to 11:30 Monday to Friday. We do have volunteers collecting and answering messages left on voice mail every weekday afternoon.

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Here's what's planned for February

The Immanuel Annual General Meeting (**AGM**) will take place on Sunday, February 27. Details on the time and format for the meeting will be communicated to all parishioners in the coming weeks. The deadline for nominations for the various elected positions is February 3, 2022.

Watch for information about our next Indigenous Learning and Awareness event. A date has not yet been set.

Christmas Hampers Campaign

Due to generous donations in the form of cheques and cash, food, toiletries, knitting, the special gifts for 37 children, and offers of help to pack and deliver, more than seventeen hampers were delivered to families across Regina. Thank you for expressing God's love and bounty so tangibly and for all of your efforts to give so many people some additional support during the Christmas season. The Christmas Hamper Committee did another outstanding job with leadership from Committee Chair, Margi Hollingshead.



Refugee Sponsorship Update

Good News! We have been advised the Babawi family, our refugee family in Turkey have been granted permission to immigrate to Australia after submitting paperwork seven years ago!

Thanks to everyone who worked and donated to the efforts to bring the Babawis to Regina. The Refugee Sponsorship Committee will be working with Ralph Paragg to pursue sponsorship of another refugee family. We believe it is God's plan for Immanuel to continue to help refugee families in need. All monetary donations made to support the Babawi family will be utilized to assist in the sponsorship of our new family and will remain earmarked for this purpose.

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Welcome to Our Newest Member

Sunday, December 26th was a very important day for Immanuel, and especially for one special little boy. Holden Gerald Parr was baptised and welcomed into the household of God at Immanuel's 11:00 am service.



Forward Day-by-Day

The prayer booklets for February to April have arrived and are available from the Church Office during opening hours.

Pastoral Care

In the case of a Pastoral Care emergency, please call Rev. Winna Martin at 306-536-4308 or Canon Susan Page at 306-537-3946

Those who have left us...

We pray that Marlene Russel may rest in the peace of Christ. +

Last Word

Please call the office if you have any questions, concerns, or are in need of someone to talk to. 306-586-4420. God bless.

