



## The Rector's Advent Newsletter 2024

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My dear Brothers and Sisters at Immanuel Anglican church,

Advent greetings to each one of you! May God's Grace, Love and Mercy be your portion during this season of Advent.

Advent is the beginning of the Christian calendar and, in a sense, is a time for "**New Beginnings**" for us as a church! It has been a full year since I moved to Regina as your Rector. It has been a blessing to me, and I have experienced much love and grace from all of you and from God who called me. It has been a year of learnings, adjustments and I am grateful for the many blessings we have all experienced during the past year.

The season of Advent is like an annual audit! It is a time to take Stock, a time to remember, a time to ponder about the Promises of God. A time to give thanks and to count our blessings and name them one by one. God is Good! The goodness, truth, and beauty of God's Love in the Christ-event has come to us in the person of Jesus who is "full of grace and truth."

During this Advent season, if all of us commit ourselves to cultivate an attitude of gratitude, maybe we at Immanuel could "Be the Good News People that we are called to be. We can then Be the Church and Be the Change!" A beacon of hope and an oasis of love which our world so desperately needs.

May the hope of Advent sustain us as here at Immanuel as we eagerly trust and wait on God's Promises and the imminent return of King Jesus.

Shalom!

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