

KEY MESSAGES FROM DECEMBER 14, 2022, VESTRY MEETING

1. Immanuel's Christmas Service times:

- 3:30 pm December 24: Family Eucharist
- 8:00 pm December 24: Traditional Holy Eucharist with guest organist and cello music
- 10:00 am December 25: Eucharist service with carols
- Come 15-20 minutes early to any of the three services and enjoy the carol sing-along.
- All three services are live streamed.

2. Highlights of the Clergy Report include:

- On December 11 the **Sunday School led worship**. It was a huge success. There were 122 people at worship that Sunday.
- We have returned to the practice of having the **offering plate** passed to people in the pews.
- There will now be **three communion stations** - one in the centre, one by the choir, and one by the font.
- We will have **Morning Prayer** when there is a fifth Sunday in a month, plus 4-5 times on other Sundays throughout the year.
- We will begin putting **worship leaders and Communion Assistants** on a schedule for Sundays.
- Members are invited to **sign up for worship roles**. Please contact Rev Diane by email at dguilford12@hotmail.com or phone at 306-586-4436 if you are interested or have questions.

Members can also refer to the "Worship Roles and Responsibilities" document online at <http://www.immanuelanglicanregina.ca/?page=226> Copies are also available on the long table in the narthex (outside the sanctuary).

3. Highlights from the Transition Team Report include:

- The **Transition Team** met on November 29 for a 2022 Wrap-up and "Thanks".
- The **following strengths** for Immanuel were identified and celebrated: **Mercy, Generosity, Service, and Faith**. These were all rated very high compared to the other eight gifts identified. There was a concern that no one had identified **Evangelism** as a strength. This is an important aspect of our church life. Further research will be done on some subtle strategies that Immanuel members could be encouraged to use in sharing their faith.
- The Team discussed "**Examining Ministry and Outreach Projects – Growing our Branches**" that will be the topic after church at a **Special Congregational Meeting** scheduled for **January 29, 2023, after worship**. The focus of the meeting will be about "Going Forward". Watch for more details to come.

4. Immanuel's **Annual General Meeting** will be **February 26, 2023**, after the worship service. More details to come.

5. **Immanuel's 2023 and Beyond Capital Plan**

- There was discussion on updating the **Capital Plan** that was taken to the parishioners at the February 2022 AGM. The plan will be expanded to a three-year capital plan.

6. **Financial Report**

- The November parishioner contributions were \$22,860, the highest in the year.
- There was a surplus income of \$7,708 in November.
- December is typically the highest month for donations from parishioners.
- Reference was made to appreciating the possibility of allocating funds to be set aside for priorities and what is important to Immanuel in the future, e.g., Youth Ministry – CLAY.
- It is good for a potential incumbent to look at our parish and see there are funds and opportunity dollars there and available for those kinds of activities.

7. **Committee Reports**

- **Administration and Office:** We are looking for more people to be **trained in using the AED**. Please contact Jessica in the office by email at officemanager@immanuelanglicanregina.ca or by phone at 306-586-4420 if you are interested. Training will then be set up.
- The Wardens and Deputy Warden are looking after the **facility rentals**, with support from Jessica in the office.
- **Fellowship and Special Events:** The Committee sees their role as the planners of events, not the doers, e.g., not to lead or coordinate the event.
- **Communications and Technology:** This committee has been split into two committees. Where there are items that overlap, a joint meeting will be held. Both committees are in need of new members. Please call Jenny Williams at jm.williams0321@gmail.com or Diane Gingras at dgingras@sasktel.net if you would like more information or join one of these committees.
- **Special Care Home Ministry:** Thanks to the many Immanuel volunteers who are involved in the care home ministry (helping with worship services in the care homes).

The **next Vestry meeting** is Wednesday, January 18 at 6:30. In-person or Zoom will be at the call of the Chair.

Questions or comments can be directed to info@immanuelanglicanregina.ca