

Immanuel Roundup

Keeping people in the loop about everything that's happening

March – The Season of Lent



During Lent, we have the following events planned:

Weekly on Wednesday evenings – Ecumenical Worship: Soup and buns will be available at 6:15, and worship at 7:00. We are teaming up with Bread of Life and Our Savior's Lutheran as well as Eastside United this year, and the service will be at Immanuel on March 1, at the Living Spirit Centre on March 8, 15, and 22, and at Our Savior's on March 29.

Weekly on Tuesdays at 7:30 OR Wednesdays at 1:30 – An exploration of the Lord's Prayer with Christine Burton leading.



Weekly on Thursdays at 1:30 – a YouTube series on the Story of Jesus according to Matthew. It will be projected for us, followed by refreshments and discussion in the lounge.

Weekly on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. – Regular Bible study with Canon Rev. Blair Dixon leading.

As well, we have two children's events planned in March:

March 17: VBS School Days Off

March 24: Tweens night

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Looking back at February

February 3: Tweens Night



This event was hosted at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. The kids baked chocolate chip cookies for the First Baptist Lunch program, and then had fun playing board games.

February 10, 21-24: VBS School Days Off

The kids had lots of fun again. Shown here are the kids in a game of 'The Floor is Lava!' and making cookies – always a hit!



February 26: Immanuel's 3rd Annual General Meeting. **Meet your new vestry:**

Wardens: Diane Gingras and Richard Simpson
 Synod Delegates: Rod Ashley, Diane Gingras, Pat Hall, Kurtis Krug, and Richard Simpson
 Elected Vestry Members: John Bowman, Carol Bruce-Tagoe, Bette-Lou Paragg, Morina Rennie, and Joanne Shurvin-Martin

February 21: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

The men of our parish hosted the first pancake supper at Immanuel! Around 90 people attended and had a great time together.



Our Priorities

From the Transition Team: Our legacy parishes had many ministries, and Immanuel can't continue to do *all* of them. The Transition Team developed a list of the 55 mission, outreach, fundraising, fellowship, and educational activities from the legacy parishes, and invited members to prioritize each of the categories.

Sixty responses were tabulated following the parish meeting on January 29. The top few programs or activities in each category – *not in any order* – are:



Fellowship:

Coffee Hosting
after Church;
Parish Picnic,
Pancake Supper,

Birthday Celebration, and Men's Gatherings. **Fund Raising:** Turkey Supper, Garage Sale, Facility Rentals, and Peach Sale.

Mission and Outreach: Downtown Lunches, Christmas Hampers, Food Bank, Co-sponsor Refugees, and Refugee Support. **Children and Youth:** School Supply Backpacks, Kid's Quest, Kid's Day Camps, Children's Garden, and Tweens program. **Christian Education:** Bible Study, Adult Christian Education, and Sunday School. Note that programs and activities not

appearing on this list of priorities may still go forward if there are people willing to put their energies into it.

Search Committee

Our search committee, made up of the Synod delegates, wardens, and two elected members, (Rod Ashley, Diane Gingras, Pat Hall, Kurtis Krug, Richard Simpson, Laura French, and Jenny Williams) have been working diligently on putting together a Parish Profile. It is expected to be ready for review by the Bishop in early March.

Black History Month

On February 26th, there was a special service honoring Black History Month



Staff Changes

Jessica Walker, who has been filling in as our Office Manager on a temporary basis, has tendered her resignation effective March 3rd. We wish her well as she moves on in her career and starts a new chapter in her book of life. The position of office manager has been advertised, and we hope to have someone in place this spring.

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 Sandra Ohs and Margaret Grey 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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