

JULY SPOTLIGHT  
GWEN RUPCHAN

Our July Spotlight features Gwen Rupchan. Gwen can be seen almost every Sunday helping to organize the children as they come to the front of the church at the beginning of our worship services. Gwen is the co-ordinator for the Sunday School for children from age 3 to 12. She arranges the schedule for the teachers, provides the curriculum and oversees the program. She also plans the children's involvement in special events like the Christmas Pageant, Valentine's Day and so on.

While the Sunday School fills much of her time, Gwen also helps out with the Peach sale and often bakes when needed for events.

Born in Lipton, Saskatchewan, Gwen was a former member of St. James. She and her husband, Gerry, will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in September. They have two children, and five grandchildren.

While raising her children, Gwen worked part time as a retail associate, and later worked for Credit Union Central in administration. She worked in the co-operative system for 20 years, retiring at age 55 to help look after her grandchildren. She studied interior decorating and became a contractor at Home Depot for window coverings. From 2015 to 2022 she owned her own business in window coverings.

Gwen is a gardener; she enjoys sewing (pillows, baby blankets and such like), she likes to travel, and she especially enjoys spending time with her family.

We are so grateful to Gwen for managing the children's program at Immanuel – we love to see the happy faces of all the kids as they process from church to Sunday School each week. Thank you Gwen!

