

May Spotlight Terry and Dawn Gates

The thing that makes Immanuel such a welcoming place to worship is in large part due to the wonderful people who make up our congregation. We are delighted this month to feature two more people who help quietly in the background to keep everything running smoothly and safely for us all.

Dawn and Terry Gates were parishioners at St. Lukes before it joined the 4 other churches to become Immanuel. Terry sat on the facilities committee in helping that transition take place. He grew up in Mildred, Sk. They farmed in Nipawin, where they also owned a farm supply business. While in Nipawin, Dawn taught part time at the Community College, occasionally at the high school and frequently at the kitchen table as a math tutor. There were a few piano students as well. She also helped with bookkeeping at their business and later took on the role of “farmwife”. Dawn and Terry moved to Regina eight years ago. They have 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.



Dawn’s involvement in church activities among other things involves organizing and helping out in the kitchen for events. As well, she occasionally plays the organ for worship and is part of the Worship Committee. Dawn also helps out with the children’s garden and often bakes for the VBS School Days Off program.

Terry joins a group who keep the building and grounds safe and looking good. They trim trees, mow the lawn, built the garden beds and do general yard upkeep. He helped set up the eco-friendly irrigation system that uses rain barrels to catch rain from the roof to water the garden beds. Terry helps change messages on the church sign. As well, he also set up an improved phone system for the office. He sings with the choir and occasionally reads the lesson in church.

Outside of Immanuel, Terry is involved with promoting Grow Hope (through the Diocese of Qu’Appelle) working to aid world health and hunger; and he tells us that he has an interest in old cars. Dawn continues with her art and will participate in Immanuel’s Art Show and Tea to be held on Saturday, May 10.

We are so grateful to Dawn and Terry for all they do and are pleased to be able to shine our spotlight on them this month.