

THE WORD OF THE LORD

According to Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Additional Readings:

John 15:26-27 and John 16:4-15

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The Gift of the Holy Spirit

Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024



UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS

Silent Auction for Youth

Join us for our silent auction in the church lobby! Bid on items to support future youth trips. Your participation makes a difference!

Riverstone Jr Pickleball Update

Jr. Pickleball is in its infancy here at Immanuel. We held a 2 day mini-camp in February and now are offering a seven week program on Tuesdays for students lead by Coach Tracy Rowland and volunteers. 13 students are registered between Grade 4-10!

VBS Volunteer Meeting

Interested in helping out with Vacation Bible School this year? Come out Tuesday May 21st, at 6:30pm to find out more and meet the team!

Save the dates(s) for VBS: July 2-5. Kids ages 4-12 are welcome to participate. We will also be having a Kids Sports Camp from July 15-18! Please save that date as well.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Spring Rally

We are hosting a rally at the church for the LWML Alberta South Zone on Saturday, May 25! Come for worship, Bible study, good food, and inspiring sessions. The purpose is to equip, motivate, and encourage women to deepen their understanding of God's Word, share His Son, and serve His people. Contact: Edna Mackenzie.

Nomination Committee

Church council is seeking 2 members to form a nominating committee. This committee plays a crucial role in the election process. Responsibilities include: presenting a slate of candidates for all elected positions within the church. For more details, please email Klaus Witzke (chairman@immanuelutheran.ca).

The following six (6) positions will be up for election at our next Congregational Meeting:

- Council Chair
- Council Secretary
- Two (2) Directors
- Two (2) Elders

Members, please plan to join us June 2nd!

Wedding Shower

On June 9 at 11:15am. All are welcome to take time to bless the new couples of our church (and beyond). We'll share in lunch, games, devotional, and prayer.

We encourage the congregation to give money in a "Wishing Well" with the proceeds being shared with the couples. Sign up today on the bulletin board to RSVP! Couples getting married this year are: Heinz Fischer and Brigitte Ridgway, Justin Astalos and Julia Anton, Joshua Iwan and Meagan Kurtz.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

MAY 19

10:00am Worship Service
10:15am Sunday School/Nursery
11:00am Coffee Fellowship

MONDAY

All Day Office Closed

TUESDAY

6:30pm VBS Planning Meeting

THURSDAY

1:30pm Bridge
6:00pm Confirmation
7:30pm Youth Group

SATURDAY

9:00am LWML South Zone Rally

SUNDAY

MAY 26

10:00am Worship Service/Communion
10:15am Sunday School/Nursery
11:00am Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

OFFICE HOURS

Open Monday through Friday, 8:30am-2:30pm

LITTLE LAMBS

Classes Monday through Thursday, 9am-3:15pm

PICKLEBALL TIMES

Download TeamReach App (Group Code: KITCH3N)

Prayer Requests

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| • Emil Dorok | • Edeltraut | • Richard & | • Achik Duot |
| • Betty Nicol | Schwarz | Linnea's | • Lori Friesen's sisters |
| • Pastor Phil and | • Adele Oglesby | daughter-in- | • Sherrie and Judith |
| Irene | • Christel Spitzer | law Kenda | • Norm and Yvonne |
| Jorgensen | • Don Vincent | • Linda Egli's | Clarke's grandson |
| • Peter Wigand | • Lloyd Pedersen | family | Henry |
| • Carole | • Sigrid Heinrich | • Joy Leigh Rude | • Paul Loveridge |
| McDermott | • Jim Porteous | • Kathy Kogler | • Brad Brown's brother |
| • Lucille Duke | • Tove Ipsen | • Alison Napper | Robert |
| | | • Gerhardt | • Isabel Holberton |
| | | Hartman | (Mainzer) |

CONGREGATIONAL — Meeting —

Sunday, June 2 in the Fellowship Hall
after the morning worship service



Welcome

TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, December 17th Peace Lutheran Church in Taber held their last worship service before closing their doors.

We thank God for His faithfulness to the people of Peace during the congregation's many years of ministry. We also ask the Lord to comfort them during this time of loss, change, and transition.

Please warmly welcome these people who have chosen to transfer their membership to Immanuel!

Christy Garner, Linda Coney, and Addison Garner



Darlene and Don Rempel



Mark and Gillian Hirsch



Wendy Noble



Rose Gerlock



Jim Beller



Christian Estate

PLANNING SEMINAR

Monday, June 3rd at 6:30 p.m.
Hosted by Immanuel Lutheran Church

PRESENTER: ALLEN SCHELLENBERG, MBA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND GIFT COORDINATOR
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Topics will include:

- A Christian perspective to Estate Planning
- Power of Attorney - which type do you need?
- Health Care Directive - letting family know your wishes
- Making a "Christian Will" (a witness to your faith)
- Asset transfer upon death (Letter of Direction)
- Executor issues - cost, common problems, helpful aids
- Funeral considerations (let your wishes be known)
- Does your estate plan reveal what you're passionate about?
- Estate and Probate tax - what's taxed and what isn't?
- Canada Revenue Agency - your un-named beneficiary!
- Planned Giving - gifting thru use of tax reduction strategies
- Congregational Gift Acceptance and Use Policy
- Common "errors" seen in wills
- How can Lutheran Foundation Canada assist you?

Although pre-registration is not required, please add your name to the bulletin sign-up sheet, so we may determine the number of people attending.

Financial

RECORDING & SECRETARY

After over 25 years serving as our church's "Tax Receipt Guy" (his words, not ours!), Walter Egli has asked that we begin looking for a replacement. He wishes to step aside; and would like a "hand off" period so that a new person can have a solid foundation with which to continue this important work.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Processing the pre-authorized donations. This work must be done 3 business days before the end of each month.
- Entering donations (cash/checks/e-transfers) for each donor. "Shepherd's Staff" is an application to which we subscribe. It is an app designed specifically for churches. This should be done monthly. This information originates with the tellers or the Church Administrator.
- Ordering donation envelopes on an annual basis
- Issuing tax receipts on an annual basis.

TIME COMMITMENT

Depending on your typing skills, 3-5 hours monthly, if unusual circumstances occur it can take longer. Additional time at year end for tax receipts and envelopes.

REQUIREMENTS

Strict confidentiality, reliability, and consistency.

The individual in this position does not handle money; they only record donations.

For more details; please email **Walter Egli** (frs@immanuellutheran.ca)

If you wish to apply, please let **Klaus Witzke** (chairman@immanuellutheran.ca); our Council Chair; know as soon as possible.

VOLUNTEER

Appreciation

LUNCH

SUNDAY, MAY 26
STARTS 11:15AM

