

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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HEY PASTOR ROBI!

So I Hear You Are Going To Be Our Intentional Interim Pastor. What's that?

Yes. Beginning June 1st I will be serving alongside of you as your Intentional Interim Pastor. I want to begin by thanking you for your invitation to come alongside of you for an 18 month journey together. I am humbled and very happy to be here! And I pray that the Lord of the Church who, through you has called me into this time of service, will bless and prosper our work together for the sake of His kingdom.

As your Intentional Interim Pastor you have called me to perform the regular duties of a settled pastor, including the ministry of Word and Sacrament, preaching, teaching, visiting, etc. In addition, I will be working alongside of you to provide healing, reflection, and a renewed sense of vision and commitment to the work that the Lord has called Immanuel Lethbridge forward in Christ to be about. There is much more to be said about this but I want to keep this brief and as the days unfold I will continue to unfold the work that lays ahead of us in this brief 18 month period.

To begin with however, I want to learn from each of you more about Immanuel Lethbridge, yourself and your families. So I have asked our leadership to help me reach out to as many folks as possible in this first part of ministry. Very kindly, Katherine has taken that request to heart and has lined up a number of cottage style meetings hosted by various members. I want to thank the members who so readily agreed to host these cottage meetings. So visiting you is the first focus of Intentional Interim Ministry. I can hardly wait for that to happen. I have been praying for you for quite some time now and now I will be able to meet you face to face! God is good! If you haven't been approached yet...no worries...we will make as much time as needed so I can get to meet as many folks as possible.

I am aware of how difficult and trying just going about everyday life is. I understand and sympathize with you when you say that adding one more thing to your calendar may be the last thing on your priority list. I know myself how difficult it is to go to another thing after

getting home from a busy, hectic day. But I also know there are times when I was glad that I did. I have been praying that our meeting together might be that kind of blessed occasion! So what do you say? Would you give it a try ☺ Do not feel badly if now is just not the right time for you to do that. Perhaps the Lord will supply some better and more fruitful time for that to happen.

Once again, thank you for extending to me this opportunity to journey alongside of you.

In Christ,
Pastor Robert Mohns



For those of you that were unable to attend the 'Thank You' Sunday on May 22nd, you missed some very delicious cake! All kidding aside, on behalf of the Parish Planning Council, we want to extend sincere

thanks to the congregation for all of the support and prayers that Immanuel has received over the past months. We are blessed to have so many people stepping up to continue the work that God intended for us to do- to minister and love His people. Please know, that we appreciate those people spending countless hours behind the scenes and those in the fore front. Immanuel could not and would not be the same without you all. We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Pastor Brown, for providing such selfless ministry to the members at Immanuel and for the time he has put into shepherding the flock, we thank God for you and your gifts. God bless you all, and we look forward to the next chapter in God's plan for us.

In His Service,
Kerri Masnyk, Chairman

MARK THE DATE - JUNE 19TH!

On June 19th, 2016 we will be officially celebrating the Consecration of Pastor Robert Mohns at the 10 a.m. service. Please do your best to make him feel welcome

as he is excited to begin his ministry at Immanuel. Following the service, we will be hosting a gourmet hot dog lunch to celebrate Father's Day.

Also on June 19th, we will hold our Spring Voters Meeting in the fellowship hall following the service. The main purpose will be to make a motion to **postpone the elections until December**. This is under the recommendation from district, and supported by the PPC, so that Pastor Mohns has time to familiarize himself with the congregation and the leadership. A brief summary from the boards as well as the audit will also be discussed. Please make a point to attend.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Beginning on **June 19th**, we will move to our summer schedule with one service being held at **10 a.m.** Holy Communion will be celebrated on the first and third Sunday as usual.

Our Spring Voter's meeting will be held after the 10:00 a.m. service on June 19th.

Fathers Day - In order to honour the fathers in our congregation, **Gourmet Hot Dogs** will be served following the one service at 10:00 a.m. If you can offer to assist, please contact Shirley.



FATHER'S DAY CHOIR



Father's Day Choir: For those who would like to join in a choir number for June 19th, please go to your internet to rehearse. The source is www.calebhugo.com/how-to-sing-in-harmony/this-is-my-fathers-world/. Select a part to learn and practice on your own. We will meet as a group on

Sunday, June 12 (time to be announced).

I would appreciate knowing who is going to participate; please email me at shirleymasnyk@gmail.com. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

June 12th will be our last Sunday School for this season. We will have a fun day with our regular opening and singing. The weather permitting we will then go for fun and games across the street to the school grounds. In case of inclement weather, we will be upstairs enjoying a veggie tale movie and popcorn together. Hope to see as many Children there to wrap up the season as possible. We have enjoyed your participation in Sunday school and look forward to seeing you again in the fall.

I would like to thank the dedicated Sunday School Staff for their time and commitment of sharing the love and

salvation we have through Jesus Christ through the many Bible stories they share with the children each Sunday. We give thanks to God for you; Stacey Lutz, Bonnie Anton, Joanne Des Roche, Nicole Koenig, Mary Ann Fuller, Julia Anton, Sarah Lindemann, Rachel Anton, Susan Murray, Bailey Whipple, Tamara Nelson, Debbie Lemke, Kelsey Whipple, and Taylor-Brynn Symonds. To all the Sunday School Staff and children and their families may the Lord bless your summer and keep you safe! We look forward to seeing you all again in September.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We appreciate your prayers for *Barnyard Roundup*, our Vacation Bible



School being held on July 11 -15th. Ask God to bring children to our program so they can know and grow in Jesus, our Savior! Ask God to provide leaders and helpers for this important mission. **Be part of Barnyard Roundup VBS July 11 – 15th! AT least 4 more helper volunteers are needed as well as kitchen help for snacks.** God's children of all ages will learn that Jesus gathers us together at *Barnyard Roundup* VBS. AND, every child will hear the Good News that Jesus, their Savior, is with us and abundantly provides for all our needs. He also protects and saves us—now in this world and forever too! At *Barnyard Roundup* VBS, as VBS staff you can live out the theme "Jesus Gathers Us Together" as you share the message and the fun with kids! If you can help, **Please sign up on the bulletin board or speak to Katherine Canfield ASAP 587-220-1672.** VBS Registration is now open and registration forms are available on the table in the foyer.

LITTLE LAMBS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

Little Lambs Christian Preschool has had a great year, and would like to extend a huge thank you to the staff, Teacher Carmen Little, Assistant Melissa Gillam, and the support staff from Palliser and Lethbridge School District 51, Alyshia, Lisa and Pauline. Preschool will wrap up on June 16th with a graduation ceremony and a family pizza party!

There are still a few spaces available for next year, if you would like to register or need more information, please contact the preschool at 403-892-6627. Have a great summer!

ANNUAL LADIES SALAD SUPPER

Our Annual Ladies Salad Supper is on Tuesday June 7th at 6 p.m. It has been tradition that men and youth have helped with the serving and clean up at this annual event. Please consider helping out



this evening and place your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Your help is appreciated. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and are available after the worship services or at the church office during the week. Bring a salad and a friend.

MOM'S TIME

"From Me to We" ---Mom's Time group meets monthly on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. June 9th and June 23th 9:30- 11:30 a.m. We are continuing our series from the Lutheran Hour Ministries entitled "from Me to We". We invite you to join us and learn with us. This program has six topic discussions entitled: Commitment, Communication, Consistency, Consequences, Conflict and Crisis, and lastly Connections. Our hope and prayers for the mom's group is that it will yield many relationships in which the love of Jesus Christ can be shared. The program is free and everyone is welcome. If you need more information or wish to attend, drop in or call Katherine Canfield Parish Coordinator 587-220-1672. Our Group would really appreciate some child care providers for these lessons, if you could assist even once in the next two to three months please speak with Katherine.

FOOD TRAIN COORDINATOR

Thanking the Lord for our New Volunteer Food Train Coordinator Carol Eldridge!

More Food Train Volunteers are much needed to provide a meal every other month or so. Please call or speak to Carol if you could help 403-327-1129.

Purpose of the Food Train: To support people through challenging and transitional times (e.g. illness, surgery, birth of a child, a death etc.) To encourage, connect and build community and relations within the church family; as well as support and lift our brothers and sister up during difficult time in their lives through our actions of caring. The encouragement is for both the meal receiver and the meal provider. The Food Train is so much more than providing meals. It is an opportunity to have the light and love of Christ shine through us to others. If you know of someone who could use the support of the food train please share their name with the Pastor or Parish Coordinator for referral to the Food Train.

LITTLE LAMBS CHRISTIAN PRE-SCHOOL BOTTLE DRIVE



Little Lambs Christian Pre-School Bottle Drive - Please support Little Lambs by donating your bottles/cans/milk containers. The money will be used to purchase new toys. Bottles can be dropped off at the church or you can make a cash donation in the Blue Envelopes marked Pre-School Bottle Drive

Donation until June 12th.

QUILTING GROUP

Wednesday, June 29th will be our last session before summer holidays. We will start up again on the first Wednesday in September. Thanks again to everyone who has contributed funds, equipment and materials to our group. The need in our community for our quilts, Afghans and other items is great. We appreciate your continued support.



BOUQUETS AND THANK YOU

March 31, Creation Ministry Event - Thank you to the members of the Board of Nurture-- Karen Barby, Adrien Corbiere, Margita Witzke who assist with the sales tables and support of running of event. The Ladies from the Fellowship Committee-- Amy Rollag, Chris Sekura, Mavis Davidson, Doreen Friesen, who help with snacks and refreshment. Larry Modney for the sound. Susan and Dave Riehl and Barclay Lutz who along with others helped to set out more chairs as the Lord answered prayer and triple the amount of people expected to come out to this event. 160+ people heard and learned we can trust God's word from the very first word in Genesis. Pastor Richert for opening in Prayer.

April 26, Concordia Concert Choir - Thank You to all those who assisted by taking a posters and helping promote this event. Linda Egli for recruitment of billet hosts, All the Billet hosts who lovingly and with great hospitality welcome these young people into their homes; Angie and Robb Bloos, Rob and Lori Friesen, Yvonne and Norm Clark, Betty Nicol, Heather and Garth Schmidt, Bob and Marj Hedrich, Dieter and Margita Witzke, Hedi Schrempf, Lottie Stein, Carol McDermott, John and Hilda Weing, Shannon Wiggers, Meta and Vern Siemons, Horst and Delores Mueller, Kerri Masnyk, Maggie Herman, Amy and Ken Rollag. The Fellowship Committee Ladies who helped provide a beautiful and scrumptious meal for the choir members: Amy Rollag, Chris Sekura, Mavis Davidson, Doreen Friesen, Shirley Masnyk. We had 137 people from the church and community attend this event to hear praise worship lift to our Lord and Savior through music, songs and words.

I thank God for each and every one of you for sharing your gifts and talents who assisted with these events. I beg your pardon if I have unintentionally missed someone please forgive me. Working together as a church community we can share Christ with the larger community. Thank you.

Sincerely, Katherine Canfield Parish Coordinator

THANK YOU

I wanted to send my deepest gratitude for the fundraiser that was held in November for our family. I don't know how I would have come home without that fundraiser. The equipment that I needed was so expensive, the money from the fundraiser helped get me home. Our whole family is so appreciative your generosity.

I also want to extend my gratitude for everyone's help with meals. It helps so much that when Ed comes home from work there is a meal prepared for us. You'll never know how much we appreciate this. Thank you so much from Tammy Baedke and family.

**Immanuel Lutheran Church
Financial Statement
APRIL 30, 2016**

Year to Date	Budgeted	Income	Disbursements
May, 2016	140,946.25	135,747.60	115,800.68
Month of May	28,189.25	25,848.00	20,499.14

