

# Serve

Love your  
neighbour in 2024



**IMMANUEL**  
**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*For Everyone, for you*

# *Jesus says, "Go and bear fruit – fruit that lasts!" (John 15:16)*

Everyone at Immanuel Church is called to serve.

Jesus says, "Go and bear fruit" (John 15:16). This "fruit" is good works, done cheerfully and out of love, for the good of our neighbours. Jesus says elsewhere, "Love your neighbour as you love yourself." (Mark 12:31).

A good tree can do nothing else than bear good fruit. Likewise, those who have been given new hearts by Jesus can do nothing else but love and serve their neighbour. As we like to say: "Grace changes people!"

This booklet lists some of the ways for you to bear fruit and serve as part of Immanuel Church in 2024. We really desire that everyone finds a place to serve. Please prayerfully consider your part. I pray that this year you may serve in a new or increased capacity!

Go and bear good fruit as you serve your neighbour.

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# How do I know where to serve?

**Everything starts with prayer.** Spend some time resting in the presence of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Ask Him to show you where to serve this year.

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**Gifts and passions.** What are your God given gifts? Are you good with people, or do you prefer to work behind-the-scenes? Do you have a loud, clear voice? Are you musical? Are you good with technology? Do you have the gift of hospitality? As you consider where to serve, choose something that excites you & fits your gifts.

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**Make time to serve.** Serving others takes time. Modern life is busy, with lots of different activities here and there, so consider carefully how much time you can set aside to serve. Yet, with that said, first things come first. The things that we truly worship are the things where we spend our time. What are you making time for in life?

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**Many opportunities — for everyone, for you.** We believe that everyone can serve and is called to serve. There are many avenues for you to serve your neighbour in love! This booklet focusses on ways connected with church life, including worship & the wider work of the church. But remember: you already serve your neighbours in your household (i.e. your family), at your place of work, and in the community (such as those in your street or suburb). And you can always serve your neighbours by praying for them by name!

*“God doesn't need your good works.  
But your neighbour does!”  
— Martin Luther*



# Worship gathering

**Welcoming Team.** The Welcoming Team seek to make all attenders and newcomers feel comfortable and welcomed — before, during, and after the gathering. They have a particular eye for the “outsider.” There are three roles each week: (1) Greeter, (2) Usher, (3) Connector.

- Once every 4–6 weeks
- Contact Church Office
- Training once per year

**Worship Leader.** A Worship Leader guides the congregation through the order of worship. Our liturgy is varied, balancing deep and ancient traditions with language and customs that speak to us today. Ideally you will like being out front, and have a calm yet confident persona. We are seeking to grow our team of worship leaders beyond just pastors and those on the staff team.

- Once every 8 weeks
- Lead Pastor
- Training provided

**Bible Reading.** We believe that God is a living God, alive and active today. God speaks powerfully to us through his Word, the Bible. To help give a balanced voice, we really appreciate young people and families reading.

- Once every 6–8 weeks
- Church Office
- Info sheet with tips provided

**Prayer Team.** We like to say that everything begins with prayer. Those leading us in public prayer help us to praise and thank God, confess our sins, and bring before God's throne of grace the needs of the church, community, and world.

- Once every 6–8 weeks
- Missional Formation Pastor
- Training on-demand





**Communion Team.** Jesus promises to be with us in a real way as we celebrate Holy Communion. Like a family meal, the sharing of "bread & wine" is a fellowship experience, uniting us with Christ and each other. The Communion Team is responsible for: (1) Set up, (2) Distribution, (3) Personal Prayer, (4) Clean up.

 Once every 6–8 weeks

 Church Office

 Training on-demand

**Tech Team — Sound Desk & Data Projector.** With great sound, clear and timely projection of slides and lyrics, we are enabled to focus on God in our gatherings. The Tech Team helps us to see and hear everything, as well as taking care of video streaming. This is an important behind-the-scenes role, requiring knowledge of computers, as well as attentiveness and care.

 Once every 4 weeks

 Tech Team Coordinator

 Training once per year

**Worship Team — Musicians & Vocalists.** Christ desires that his people 'sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing to God with thanks in their hearts.' (Colossians 3:16). Those with musical gifts are called to use their talents to lead God's people in worship. If you feel musically gifted, please contact the Worship Team Coordinator to set up an audition and/or attend the next jam session.

 Once every 4 weeks


 Worship Team Coordinator

 Jam sessions once or twice per year

**Morning Tea & Coffee Team.** Morning tea after our worship gatherings provides an opportunity for those in our community to feel welcome and at home. God has given us to each other for mutual conversation and care, which happens easily over food & drink. This behind-the-scenes role involves setting up, serving, and cleaning up after morning tea.

 Once every 2–3 months

 Church Office

 Info sheet with tips provided, plus you're always rostered with others

# Connect Team

**Connect Team.** In 2024, we will continue having a special "Connect Sunday" on every first Sunday of the month. This is a great opportunity to connect with God, each other, and the wider community, including those who do not have a church background or may not know Jesus. We're putting together a diverse Connect Team to drive this. Ideally you'll be welcoming, be creative, and good with event planning and hospitality.



*Once a month*



*Lead Pastor*



*Regular Team building*

Here's our rough plan for Connect Sundays in 2024:

- Sun 4 Feb **Back to school Worship**  
(with Blessing of Backpacks, followed by BBQ)
- Sun 3 Mar **Lent Worship** (followed by BBQ)
- Sun 24 Mar **Palm Sunday all-in all-age Worship**  
(Special Easter activities, followed by BBQ)
- Sun 7 Apr **"Love your neighbour" ALWS Day**  
(followed by BBQ)
- Sun 5 May **Ripple Effect** (followed by BBQ)
- Sun 2 Jun **All-in all-age Worship**  
(followed by whole church lunch)
- Sun 7 Jul **Worship** (followed by BBQ)
- Sun 4 Aug **Listening Circle** (followed by BBQ)
- Sun 1 Sep **All-in all-age Worship**  
(with special Father's Day deluxe BBQ)
- Sun 6 Oct **Worship** (followed by whole church lunch)
- Sun 3 Nov **All-in all-age Worship**  
(followed by BBQ)
- Sun 1 Dec **Christmas all-in all-age Worship**  
(Special Christmas activities, followed by BBQ)





# Youth & Families




- Youth & Families — G.I.G Leader or Helper.** Get into God (G.I.G) is for students in grades 4-6. Each Friday they share afternoon tea, hear a Bible story, and play an awesome game. We need your help to disciple our young people!




*Urgent* An urgent need is for 2-4 people or 1-2 couples to help serve afternoon tea.

- Youth & Families — Friday Night R&R Leader or Helper.** R&R is our youth ministry for high school students. They meet 5-7pm for junior grades 7-8, & 5-8:30pm for senior grades 9-12. Commit to one or both times. Young people desperately need adults of all ages to speak the good news of Jesus into their lives.

- Youth & Families — Kave Kids Leader or Helper.** Kave Kids is for those in primary school (or younger) and runs during the Bible talk at most 9:30am worship gatherings. Jesus wants us to welcome children and teach them well. You don't have to be a teacher, just love kids!

- Religious Instruction Teacher.** There's a number of exciting opportunities to teach kids at local schools about Jesus during a 30-40 minute lesson, weekly during term time. It's a great way to reach unchurched families in our area and be on mission.

-  Weekly, during term time
-  Youth & Families Coordinator
-  Training provided, Safe Church checks required

-  Fortnightly during term time
-  Youth & Families Coordinator
-  Training provided, Safe Church checks required

-  Once a month
-  Youth & Families Coordinator
-  Training and material provided, Safe Church checks required

-  Weekly, during term time
-  Contact Church Office
-  Training & teaching materials provided, Safe Church checks required

# Administration, property & special events

- Property Team.** When God gave Adam the garden, He called him to rule over everything as a good steward. Immanuel has been given many gifts, including our building site, and we require people to maintain our property and help us be good stewards of God's gifts! Includes gardening, cleaning, repair work, etc.
  -  As needed,  
*working bee once per month.*
  -  Property Team Coordinator
  
- Offering Counter.** Assist in the counting and banking of the free-will offering collected at our worship gatherings. We always roster two people to count to help keep us accountable.
  -  Once every 4–6 weeks
  -  Church Office
  -  Training provided
  
- Office Helpers.** Assist with general duties in the Church Office, including: answering the phone, printing, collating resources, organising rosters, etc.
  -  Once a month
  -  Church Office
  -  Training provided
  
- Website & Social Media Coordinator.** Share stories of God's work and helpful resources via our website and social media (e.g. YouTube and Facebook). Requires general computer skills and knowledge of graphic design principles, or a willingness to learn.
  -  Once a month
  -  Church Office
  -  Training provided
  
- Worship Visual Artist.** Assist with making our worship spaces beautiful. Ideally you'll have a creative flare and enjoy interior decorating. This role involves regularly changing the altar area and foyer, as well as helping with special events such as Easter, Pentecost, and Christmas.
  -  Three or four times / year
  -  Church Office
  -  Training provided

# Pastoral care

**Immanuel Gardens Visiting.** Immanuel Church is co-located with Immanuel Gardens, an aged care and retirement centre. We require people to regularly visit those in independent living units, and volunteers in the higher care facilities.



*Flexible, once per month*



*Church Office*



*Training provided, Safe Church checks required*

**Hospital Visiting.** God desires that we care for the sick. In fact, Christ claims that we'll come face to face with him as we visit the sick (Matt 25:34–40). Hospital visitors bring their presence, a Word of comfort from God, and a prayer.



*Flexible, once per month*



*Church Office*



*Training provided, Safe Church checks required*

**Mountain Creek Breakfast Team.** Each Wednesday morning, a small team provides breakfast to eager students at Mountain Creek School. This involves setup and pack down, serving cereal/toast, etc. You'll also need a smile!



*Weekly, during school term*



*Church Office*

# Fellowship & teaching

**Church Camp Team.** Our annual Whole Church Camp (13–15 Sept 2024) is a great time of fellowship to connect deeper with God and each other. 'How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity.' (Psalm 133:1). You'll be good with event planning, organising, communication, and having fun!



*Once a year*



*Church Office*

**Life Group Leaders.** In 2024, we hope to start a number of new Life Groups. A Life Group is a bunch of people doing life together as followers of Jesus Christ. Each group is different, but most involve meeting together regularly (e.g. fortnightly), at a fixed location (e.g. a home), sharing a meal, reading and discussing God's word in the Bible, prayer and worship. You'll be a mature follower of Jesus, with the gift of hospitality.



*Three times per year*



*Lead Pastor*



*Training on-demand*



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