

# Serve

Love your  
neighbour in 2025



**IMMANUEL**  
**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*For Everyone, for you*



*Jesus says, "They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock." (Luke 6:48)*

Everyone at Immanuel Church is called to serve their neighbour.

Jesus says, "As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock." (Luke 6:47–48).

Jesus tells us the good news that he loved us while we were still enemies, he died on the cross and rose again to give us peace and forgiveness — he is our foundation. This good news doesn't just enter into our ears, but also changes our hearts. With new hearts we *desire* to put Jesus' words into practice — forgiving, showing mercy, loving, serving. As we like to say here at Immanuel, "Grace changes people!" The Holy Spirit builds on the foundation of Christ's gift of peace, calling you to serve your neighbour.

Jesus likens our lives of service to a house built on his foundation. This "house" has a number of "rooms," that is particular areas of vocation or places where we love. One room is your family — you love and serve them every day. Another room is your day-to-day work, where you also serve others. Another is your local community, including your physical neighbours and local government area. And yet another room is the Church — you are called to build God's kingdom by serving his Church.

This booklet lists some of the ways for you to build on the foundation of Christ in 2025. We really desire that everyone finds a way to serve. Please prayerfully consider how you contribute to Immanuel.

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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? What excites you? 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 gives you energy and fits your gifts.

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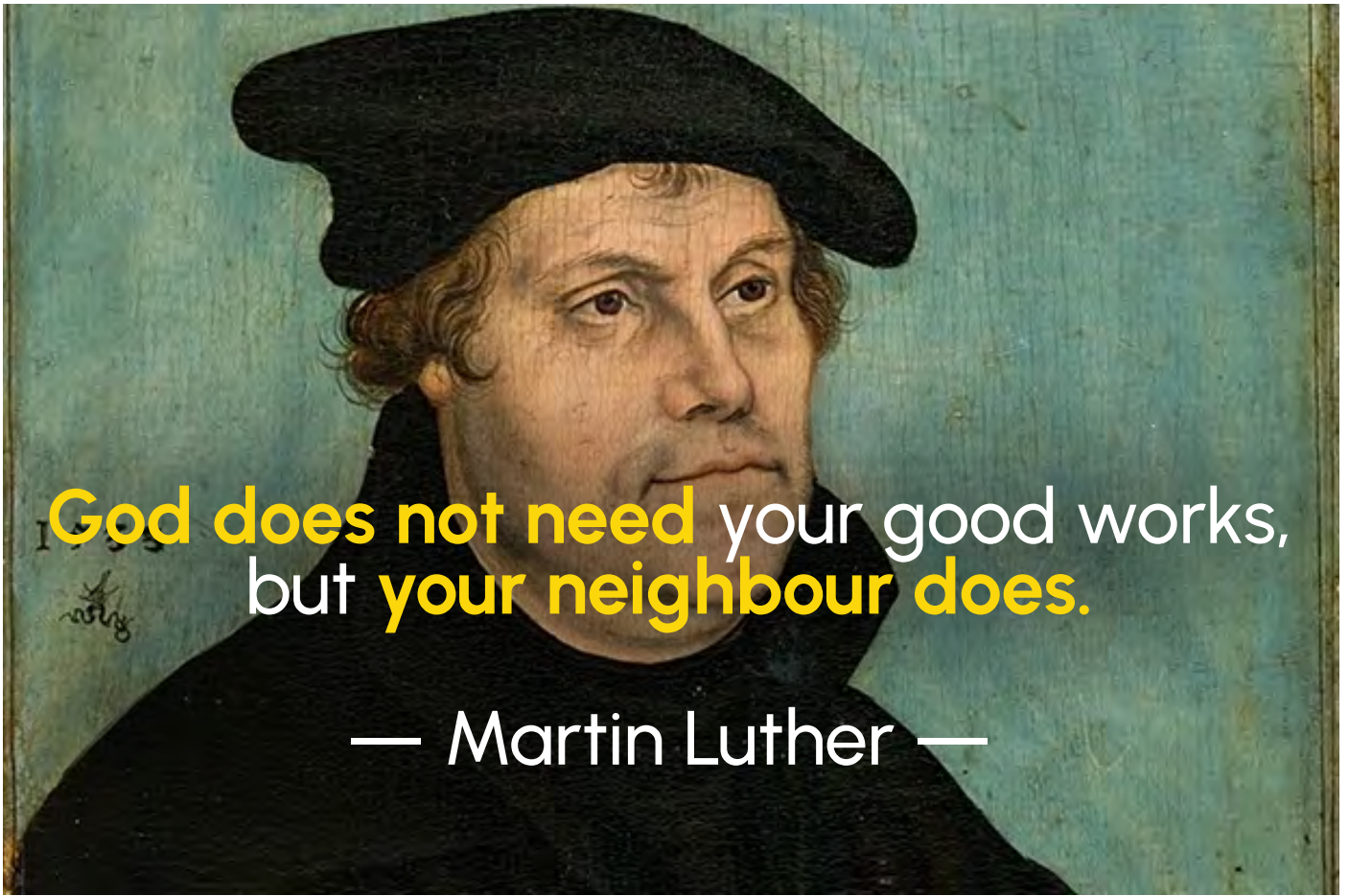
**Make time to serve.** Serving others takes time. Modern life is busy, with lots of different activities here and there, so consider carefully how much time you can set aside to serve. Yet, with that said, first things come first. The things that we truly worship are the things where we spend our time. What are you making time for in your 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 family, at your place of work, and in the community. And you can always serve your neighbours by praying for them by name!



# 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.

 Once every 8 weeks

 Lead Pastor

 Training provided



*In 2025 we are urgently seeking to train and equip worship leaders, especially for our 9:30am service, while Pastor Doug is on R&R Leave in April–June.*

**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

# Serving in schools

## ☐ Religious Instruction Teachers.

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.



*In 2025 we are urgently seeking to train and equip more RI teachers for Mountain Creek State Primary School.*



*Weekly, during term time*



*Contact Church Office*



*Training & teaching materials 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!



*The Breaky Team needs one strong person to regularly volunteer to set up tables.*



*Weekly, during school term*



*Church Office.  
Blue Card required*

## ☐ College — Grade 9 "Rite Journey" Mentor.

The "Rite Journey" is part of the grade 9 curriculum at Immanuel College. This program involves a series of rites (activities) designed to help each person walk from childhood to adulthood, with the aim of growing teenagers who are responsible, resilient, resourceful, reflective, and respectful. You will be asked to show genuine care and interest in the young people, give advice and wisdom on various topics (such as relationships, forgiveness, death, faith), share your own journey, and perhaps talk about or teach a practical skill.



*Once or twice a term*



*Lead Pastor, and College staff*



*Safe Church checks required*






**Some of the Rite Journey mentors at the "Homecoming" event (November 2024)**






# Youth & Families

- Youth & Families — G.I.G 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!

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

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

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

 *We urgently need more volunteers, even if you just pickup pizza each Friday night.*

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

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



Friday Night R&R invites many young people with non-church backgrounds to hear the good news of Jesus

# Administration, property & special events

- Property Team.** God called Adam to rule over everything as a good steward. Immanuel has been given many gifts, including our building site. 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 term.
  -  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.** 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

## Uganda mission team

- Uganda Mission Team.** Immanuel is supporting a short-term mission trip to Uganda. The team will spend 3 weeks serving people through Watoto and local Lutheran congregations.
  -  3 weeks in Nov–Dec 2025, monthly meetings
  -  Contact Church Office

# 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,  
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# Fellowship & teaching

**Life Group Leaders.** 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, 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*

**Church Camp Team.** Our annual Whole Church Camp (19–21 Sept 2025) is a great time of fellowship to connect deeply 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*





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