



Annual Report

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

For the Annual General Meeting
October 26, 2022

Our Vision: God-Dependent, Jesus-Rooted, Spirit-Led

Our Mission: To fully love God and all people for God's Kingdom, pleasure and glory.

Our Values: Scripture, Prayer, Generosity, Diversity, Community, Creativity, Outreach, Justice, Love

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REPORTS OF THE BOARD

Letter from the Moderator

Submitted by Jan Nerenberg

The sun is once again shining as I write this report, and summer is a welcome sight after the last year. Once again, this year brought a battle against the COVID virus, however, at this point of writing, we have resumed in-person meeting and made masking optional. As well, there have been other changes at EBC in the past year.

We began this year with two new board members, Jonathan Lecnik and Murray Sloboda. Marian Voth, our treasurer also became a voting member. We had to say goodbye to Cam Milner, as he finished his term. Once again, we so appreciated Cam's leadership and wisdom as he was our vice-moderator and assisted me with much of the workload. Bill Roesler was voted into the role of vice-moderator after Cam left and we have also appreciated his knowledge of the order of meetings and administrative experience. Dorothy Van't Hof and Cameo Rempel assisted us with taking of the minutes and we could not have the work without them. Along with me, Bill, Lucy and Floyd will be leaving the board as their terms are also completed. Each of them brought something special to the board with insight, thoughtful questions to challenge us in a wonderful way. I cannot give enough thanks to the board, as we have navigated this year. Many extra meetings, discussions and prayer have been held over the past months, and as of July, we will look forward to meeting in person once again.

We have had a busy year, with preparing for the 2022 CBWC Assembly and the Identity statement that was to be voted on. Our board subcommittee was amazing in the effort that was put into the resources and speakers that we had. At Assembly, many people thanked us for those resources and discussions. Once again, we thank each of the committee members for their work, time, and effort to assist us in this process.

The Human Resources, Finance, Facilities and the Nominations committees also function as sub committees of the board, and I have appreciated the efforts of each of them. The finance committee has just finished their preliminary budget and helped to direct the plans for the next fiscal year. Our treasurer, Marian, members Lynda King and Wayne Elmgren, along with former pastor Brendon, and this year Rob joining us, work diligently to inform and guide the board. The HR committee headed up by Chris Gillings, and including Fiona Popoff, Stephanie Peachey, Jon Danyliw, and Amy Bourassa, has also been there to assist the staff in any way they could and along with the board, show appreciation to the staff throughout the year. The nomination committee of Alwayne Anekie, Floyd Collins, Krista Noble (chair) and Lyndon Smith has now been formed for the next year as we look to replace board members that are finished their terms. And what would we do without those who help give leadership to our facility: Murray Sloboda, Lori Moffat, Ron Basky. This year has brought many hours of looking at what is needed to keep the building going, as well as organizing the repair of the "bump" to our structure this spring. Thank you to all of you for volunteering your time to help our church.

We have just said our goodbyes to Beverly Toth, as she retires from our Director of Children's Ministries. Beverly has served our community well in this capacity for seven years. I was told recently that when we were looking for a children's director and only could offer part-time, that the board at that time was concerned that we would not draw any experienced personnel. Then Beverly applied and we were rebuked at our lack of faith. We will miss her devotion to our community, as well as her joy and laughter. We know that whatever her calling is going forward, that God will continue to use her talents.

Our staff: Brendon (until June 2022), Christie, Kari, Jan, Joshua, Rachel, and Rob: We are grateful for your continued service, adaptation on an often-daily basis with all of the changes that COVID brought, as well as the shifting of your job descriptions, has been met with grace and resiliency. I thank you for all that you do.

And...we would not have a community called Emmanuel Baptist if it were not for all of you. Recently, Amy Bourassa put together a list of volunteers that help keep EBC going, and it was extensive and quite humbling to see. Your giving, volunteering, and continued prayers, have made this community what it is. A diverse, loving group of people who want to serve our Saviour. We have wrestled with difficult conversations, held a vote to see where we are as a body in Christ and will continue to move in the direction that the Holy Spirit will guide us through.

With this AGM, I will say farewell to the board and step down as moderator. Though not always easy, I have appreciated the time spent and the privilege of serving the church in this capacity. It has stretched me and helped me grow in faith and trust in our Lord, as I have seen the Him give us wisdom and direction, over and over. My repeated prayer for us as we support our EBC community spiritually, financially, physically, and emotionally, is that we continue to care for and love each other the way that God persists in loving each of us.

Staff and Personnel Report

Submitted by **Brendon Gibson**

The church staff as of June 30, 2022*

Brendon Gibson - Lead Pastor, Sunday Morning Congregations; Facility Administrator (fulltime)

Brendon is responsible for leading and teaching the Sunday morning congregations, providing pastoral care, giving direction to outreach, overseeing the administration of the facility.

Rob Priestley - Pastor of The Connection and Creative Arts & Worship & (fulltime)

Rob is the role of lead pastor of The Connection. He is also responsible for helping the entire Emmanuel community to engage in weekly worship through the creative arts and the Church Calendar, helping us to cultivate a lifestyle of worship throughout the week.

Kari Elliott – Director of Care Ministry and Community Engagement, Creative Arts and Worship Associate (fulltime)

As Director of Care Ministry and Community Engagement, Kari co-ordinates support groups and other special care initiatives as well as developing opportunities to help us engage the communities around us. Kari also collaborates with, and assists, Rob in all areas of worship and creative arts.

Beverly Toth – Director of Family Ministries (.5)

Beverly gives leadership to Family Ministries. Beverly retired on June 30.

Rachel Bueckert – Director of Youth Ministry and Webmaster (.8) - Rachel gives leadership to our youth ministry, provides support in Children's Ministry, and maintains the website.

Jan Smith - Administrative Assistant & BookKeeper (fulltime)

Jan, our fabulous admin assistant, devotes .5 of her time to reception, publications, and scheduling and .5 to bookkeeping.

Christie Bodnarchuk - Church Custodian (.6)

Christie is responsible for cleaning and custodial support.

***The following staff served for a portion of the year**

Jordan Reimer – Summer Intern (July-August, 2021, 35hrs/week) – Jordan assisted with our Summer Camp alternative and provided administrative support for Rob in Creative Arts and Worship.

Joshua Haskins – Summer Intern (June 2022) – Joshua began his term on June 9/22 with a focus on Children's Ministry. He'll also provide support in multiple other areas of ministry at Emmanuel over the summer months.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Family Ministries Department



Submitted by Rob Priestley

Family Ministries is a large portfolio that encompasses the journey from birth to university age. It is subdivided into Children Ministries, and Youth Ministries. The staff team that makes up Family Ministries is:

Beverly Toth – Children Ministries
Rachel Bueckert – Youth Ministries
Jordan Reimer – Summer Intern
rob Priestley – department supervisor

In addition, Beverly, Rachel, Kari, and rob work together with the summer intern to create and run the Emmanuel Summer Kids Camps.

With the challenges of the Covid pandemic the Family Ministries department primary goal in 2021 was to find ways of connecting with children, youth, young adults, and families through online resources, apps, emails, texts and phone calls.

Our Children's Ministry Director, Beverly Toth, retired In June of 2022. We appreciate all the work and community building Beverly did, as well as her love for children and families. We will miss having Beverly on Staff.

One of the biggest challenges in the coming year will be to reimagine our department goals in the light of what 'in person' gatherings and programs will look like post pandemic. In addition, volunteer recruitment will also be a challenge.

We want to thank all the volunteers in Family Ministries who give their time, energy, resources and expertise. We couldn't do it without you.

Goals that flow out of the Family Ministries Department:

With the challenges of COVID 19, our main goal continues to be finding ways to connect with children, families, youth, and, young adults in meaningful ways. The guiding principles behind these goals are:

- to find ways to introduce and integrate Emmanuel's vision statement into the fabric of Family Ministries and work to help children, youth, young adults and families understand the intent of the vision statement
- work to define 'Family' as a broad term in which all people of all age demographics belong and have 'a place at the table'
- continue to work on volunteer recruitment and updating all of the volunteers in the *In His Care* safety requirements
- continue to work with the teaching pastors to create services in which all age demographics of Emmanuel can worship, fellowship and learn together
- be more intentional in using Family Ministries special events as a way to invite neighbours
- regularly pray for Families at Emmanuel
- work to help people successfully transition from children's ministry to youth ministry and from youth ministry to young adults' group
- work to help the youth and young adults find meaningful community within the broad Emmanuel community
- emphasize yearly rhythms which are rooted in the church calendar, with particular attention given to Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter Celebration, Ascension & Pentecost
- provide & produce resources to aid the Emmanuel Community in engaging in these yearly rhythms
- work to develop responses, tools, and memory triggers to help Families process and integrate the weekly teaching

Below you will find more specific reports from each of the Family Ministries staff team outlining what has been happening this past year...



This past year was another unique one! With the complexities of the pandemic, we have all faced challenges that we have had to navigate with creative thinking and a tenacity that is both necessary and taxing.



The children's programming saw several adaptations throughout the year. Our summer kids camp was not in person. Instead, through home deliveries, children received "Top Secret" materials to be used in conjunction with online teaching and instruction.



Throughout the year, we were able to offer a preschool/Kindergarten class, and a Grades 1-6 class for both morning and evening services. With lower attendance than usual, this met our needs well.

The preschool class worked through the SPARK curriculum which consisted of a short Bible story and coloring page each week. The grade school children engaged with 'DIG IN – The Bible in One Year' curriculum which highlighted some of the major OT and NT stories using media and application questions. After a period of time, we moved to watching Superbook Bible stories and discussing primary events within the movies and evidence of God's ways found through them.

I also made a 'mini-movie' every week (Sept.-June) that was accessed through a link provided in a weekly email to parents and caregivers. The elements contained were a time of teaching from me, songs with actions, a Bible verse, and a 'talk about it' video segment that gave opportunity to think about how to apply lessons learned to our lives.

Thank you to those individuals who saw a need for consistency in children's programming and served as leaders and helpers. Though the volunteer base diminished somewhat, those who remained were very committed. I thank God for you, and for the personal encouragement your participation was to me.

My continuing prayer for the children who call Emmanuel home is that they will draw close to Jesus Church, our Lord and Saviour, and that their roots would grow down into Him! May their lives reflect God's great love for all people. Then their faith will grow strong in the truth they are being taught and they will overflow with thankfulness. (see Colossians 2:6,7)

Special Events

Submitted by Beverly Toth



During the second year of the pandemic, we were unable to host some planned indoor events such as Pumpkin Bash (October), Christmas Creation (December), movie/games night (January), or a family dance party (March).

We are hoping this next season of ministry will allow EBC to resume activities that offer opportunities to bring people together!



In 2021, due to Covid, we decided that we would once again be unable to run an in-person kid's camp. Instead we came up with an idea that merged 'camp in a box' with an online 'tv show' type approach. The name of the camp was *Being Ordinary*. The camp was designed to help children explore how simple, ordinary actions create pathways for extraordinary moments to unfold within ourselves, with others, and with our Creator.

We offered two age targeted camps. *Junior Kids Camp* (age three – entering grade 1) which was taught by Beverly and *Senior Kids Camp* (grade 2 – grade 6) which was taught by Rachel

There were four themes that were aired weekly on Tuesday and Thursday mornings during the summer. It was a lot of work, but it went well.

Thanks to Beverly, Rachel, Kari, and Jordan for all their work.

Youth Ministry (Grade 7-12)

Submitted by Rachel Bueckert

Overview of Youth Ministry

This year our Youth Ministry program continued to take place on Tuesday nights from 7-9PM. Our average attendance was around 17-20, and it was exciting to welcome new youth and see some others return. This year we were able to meet in person all year and re-incorporate some things that we had missed out on during covid. Generally our Tuesday nights consisted of a big group game, a teaching time, and then small groups. Once a month we had a weekend event, and there were serve nights throughout the year as well. I was also able to take two groups to Youth Quake this year for both the Jr high and Sr High weekends. It was great to see stronger connections form between the youth and watch their faith grow through new experiences!

Progress or Growth

Coming out of the heavier restrictions of covid, this year felt like a breath of fresh air! We had a number of returning volunteers, and our leadership team really grew in ability, confidence, and intentionality. A number of leaders connected with youth outside of regular programming to attend their sporting events, plays, go for coffee, and pray with them. Some of the youth grew in their own leadership abilities as well and took on roles at youth like helping with sign-in and taking charge of the music.

In addition, this year we introduced a Bible Reading Challenge for the youth which some of them really embraced. Between last summer and this summer I was able to lead baptism classes for 3 students. Overall, our group has become much more connected and I can see students taking steps to grow in their faith and relationship with Jesus.

Future Plans or Visions

Come fall I plan to split the Jr and Sr high youth into two separate nights. I believe our group is now big enough, and I think the change will help with engagement and growth. I'm also planning to implement a Student Leadership Program to allow some students to take on more responsibility and grow in their own leadership abilities. This would include a component where I meet with them once a month or so for leadership training and Bible study.

Some other ideas I'd like to consider: offering a retreat for the youth (either our own or go to YQ again), a missions trip (whether local or afar), putting together a more regular worship team, and a possible fundraising event.

Adult Ministry Department

Adult Discipleship Ministries

Submitted by Brendon Gibson

Small Groups at Emmanuel

Due to the pandemic, several of our groups did not meet for studies, but kept in touch with each other through phone calls and emails. Two groups met online. One group discussed the weekly sermons and the other engaged in book discussions. Thank you to all those who facilitated and participated in small groups this year!

Other Adult Discipleship Opportunities

VantagePoint 3: Attempts to recruit participants for an online Journey group were not successful so there were no groups engaged in the VP3 processes in the past year.

The Stations of the Cross/Prayer Labyrinth: The Stations of the Cross is a devotional experience of the last hours of the life Jesus featuring artwork created by current or past members of Emmanuel. This year's Stations featured three new pieces of art. The Stations were set up in the Fellowship Hall, while the Prayer Labyrinth occupied the gym during Holy Week.

Marriage Ministry

Submitted by Brendon Gibson

Marriage Mentoring

We continue to work at developing a Marriage Mentoring Ministry which equip couples to walk alongside other couples to encourage, nurture, and strengthen marriages in our community. Mentor couples are trained using a dvd course developed by Neil and Sharol Josephson of Family Life Canada.

Given the pandemic restrictions mentor and mentee couples were limited in their ability to meet in person, though some connections were maintained. We are still looking for more couples with healthy marriages (not perfect ones), who have been married ten years or more, to be trained to mentor others.

Men's Ministry

Submitted by Brendon Gibson

From September to April, five to seven men gathered weekly online on Sunday evenings for spiritual conversation and mutual encouragement. In the fall, we discussed a series of podcasts by Curt Thompson on Being Known. In the winter, we alternated between a video series on the life of the apostle, Peter, and a Bible Study of 1 Peter, featuring Kyle Idleman.

Library

Submitted by Dawn Johnson

The library was closed for most of the year due to lingering COVID-19 concerns. It was reopened for about a week in May, then closed again due to an accident with a new driver who backed a truck into the church wall where the largest library shelves are located. Thankfully no one was hurt. The books were not damaged. The wall with the shelves was quite damaged with cracks leading all the way up through the ceiling. Sigh.

Thank you to Christie Bodnarchuk for packing up and labeling all the books for storage. I guess time and the insurance company will tell what the next steps in the library repair will be.

It is my hope that the library shelves will be repaired or rebuilt. The shelves were made, very well, by hand, by a skilled person from Emmanuel years ago.

While waiting for its reopening I cared for the plants by repotting the overgrown ones. I had also gathered a few new books to add when the library re-opened.

Thank you for letting me serve the Lord in this way as He has made me an avid reader, lover of books, a supporter of good Christian authors and the library in general. I hope the library will not be deterred too much by this incident and can be up and running when the Lord allows. I will be in prayer for all those involved in the repairing process.

Prayer Ministry at Emmanuel

Submitted by Brendon Gibson

Prayer is a critical aspect of the life and health of any church. At Emmanuel, we are continually looking for ways to engage in prayer as a community. Over the past year, we sought to deepen our life of prayer in the following ways:

Zoom Prayer Gatherings – Given the pandemic-related limitations around in person gatherings, online prayer gatherings were held weekly, September – May, Tuesdays - Thursday, 7:15-7:45 am; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:15-12:45 pm. 5-7 persons participated regularly in morning prayer; 3-6 persons participated in noon prayer. Thanks to all who devoted time to prayer, either online or in other ways.

Friday Morning Prayer: In-person prayer gatherings resumed in September, 7:00 – 8:00 pm. 2-4 persons participated regularly.

We are committed to cultivating a life of prayer through which we pay attention to the Holy Spirit, pursue Christ's kingdom, and submit to His lordship. Thanks also to all who participate in these various prayer initiatives. These prayer times are all open to everyone and we encourage you to participate.

Membership Class

Submitted by Brendon Gibson

Four Membership Classes were scheduled over the past year (**September 19, November 14, February 05, April 03**); three were held, with total attendance of eight persons. Classes are usually held on Sunday afternoons, 3:30-5:00pm.

Baptism Class

Submitted by Brendon Gibson

Four Baptism Classes were scheduled over the past year (**October 3; November 21, February 20, April 10**). However, only one of those classes was held, with one person attending via Zoom. Classes are held on Sunday afternoons, 4:00-5:00pm.

Fellowship Opportunities

Submitted by Brendon Gibson

Due to the pandemic, no fellowship opportunities were held over the past year.

Conferences

Due to the pandemic, no conferences were held over the past year.

Women's Ministry

Prayer Sisters:

Submitted by Jan Smith

From February 2021 – January 2022, 32 women participated in the Prayer Sisters ministry. This ministry matches a woman up anonymously with another to pray and encourage them throughout the year. Once again, due to the pandemic, the reveal had to take place via Canada Post as opposed to an in-person gathering. We are pleased to note that this new season (which will run from February 2022 – January 2023) has 27 participants. We are hopeful that we will be able to gather together at the end of this year for a celebration of God's good gifts that are given through friendship, community and prayer. The Prayer Sisters committee consists of Sheri Hathaway, Dawn Johnson & Jan Smith. We are grateful to Robin Sloboda for including this ministry in her Adult Discipleship portfolio.

Ladies Zoom Time:

Submitted by Xulin Guo & Barbara Barr

The Women's Zoom Fellowship time was started by the late Pastor Robin Sloboda in 2020 to provide informal fellowship for women during the pandemic. Currently, 7 people meet every Thursday from 1-2:30pm. For the Summer of 2022, we will be meeting every two weeks outside at someone's home.

The format is informal as we share our lives and how God's Word speaks to and encourages us. We also worship and pray together. This year we used some of our time to study and discuss the materials that were provided for the Community Conversation.

The goals for our time together are to get to know each other better and to help grow our confidence in sharing our spiritual journeys.

Women's Bible Study – Heart Matters

Submitted by Laura Monchuk



Heart Matters is a women's Bible study offering opportunities to study and apply God's Word while developing supportive relationships among women of all ages. It is led by a committee that includes June Cathcart, Mary Friesen, Dawn Johnson, Krista Noble, & Laura Monchuk.

In 2021, the group met via Zoom Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11 a.m. for fellowship, prayer, video teaching, small-group breakout discussions and Bible exploration. In the fall session, 18 women were registered for a Max Lucado's *Anxious for Nothing* study. This five-session video series explored God's promises in Philippians that can help us find calm and contentment in Christ. At the end of the year, the women studied *The Comparison Trap*, a four-session RightNow Media series with Sandra and Andy Stanley, that explored the common pitfall of comparison through a Biblical lens.

The Heart Matters Committee chose to begin 2022 with another online study through RightNow Media. Kyle Idleman's series on the book of 1 Peter, walked the group through this short letter and unpacked the importance of our witness in the world. This Zoom study ran Jan. 18-March 8, with 15 women attending regularly.

On April 5, Heart Matters resumed in person for the first time in two years. While some decided not to meet in person, others who had not been joining online began attending again, for a weekly attendance of 12 to 15. The group discussed *God's Unbreakable Promises*, a RightNow Media series from Jennie Allen that covered the covenants God made with his people.

Heart Matters breaks for the summer months, with the exception of two informal, in-person fellowship opportunities offered in July and August. The Heart Matters Committee will meet in mid-summer to begin planning the fall 2022 season.

God has faithfully led the Heart Matters ministry through these seasons of change, calling each woman into closer relationship to Himself and in greater fellowship with one another. May the Lord continue to be glorified by this ministry.

The focus of the senior adult ministries is to touch lives of adults 65+ within the community at Emmanuel Baptist Church and the wider community, by providing opportunities for spiritual growth, worship, care, and fellowship.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, most of the regular programming for senior adults were suspended. The one exception was Forever In Motion, a peer led exercise group for older adults (see report below). Thanks to Lois Bliss and Don Sawatzky for their leadership over the past year, and to Jan Smith, for providing staff support to them.

Care Callers

Since the onset of the pandemic, Care Callers from our church family have been checking in by phone with the senior adults in our church family on a regular basis (some weekly, others bi-weekly or monthly). We are grateful for Sheilagh Basky's leadership of this team and for all the Care Callers who help to maintain connection and some degree of care to our seniors (Ernie & Helen Atkinson, Ron Basky, Joanne Bold, Lisa and Deane Brumwell, Ike and Mary Friesen, Sheri Hathaway, Lynda King, Marilyn Kolosky, Elaine Janz, Jane McPhee, Lorrie Mofatt, David Toth, Wilma Thompson, Roseanne Thorpe, Dorothy Van't Hof).

Senior's Ministry Committee

After the elders determined last fall that we were not going to hire someone to fill the vacancy in Senior's Ministry, one of the elders, Alwayne Anekie, offered to give leadership to a team that seeks to provide additional connection and care to our senior adults. That committee has been sharing in care-calling, as well as visiting some of our seniors. Thanks to Alwayne, Sheilagh, Arlene Jorgenson, Lois Bliss, David Toth, and Bill Roesler, for their commitment to this ministry.

Forever InMotion:**Submitted by Don Sawatzky & Lois Bliss**

This is a peer group for older adults with leaders who are trained by the Sask. Health Authority.

Our leadership team is led by Lois Bliss and Don Sawatzky who have just completed their fourth year of classes at EBC. This year, they were joined by Cathy Kary and Sylvia Raginski on a weekly basis and Jan Smith who participated on occasion.

Our year began on Wednesday, Oct 13/21 with regular classes to meet every Wednesday and Friday from 9-10am. The threat of Covid-19 continued to impact our classes with a number of protocols such as masking, sanitizing equipment and social distancing. Our classes ended on Friday, May 6/22 with a proposed start-up on Wednesday, Oct 12/22.

Our membership list was made up of 14 participants of which a few came periodically.

Our group encountered an unfortunate mishap in late October when our instructor Cathy Kary fell on the gym floor sustaining serious injury which took many months of recovery.

One of our regular participants, Kim Fong, passed away in January. He was quite an active member who will be missed by all.

At years end, our team held an informal get-together in order to assess the past year and to plan for next year. We certainly hope conditions can go back to normal so we can add our coffee and chat time at the conclusion of each class. Other ideas pertained to advertising our FIM program, drumming, use of Nordic Poles, outside activities and bringing back the use of noodles and balls.

All of us who are involved with our FIM program here at Emmanuel Baptist Church continue to appreciate the foresight and hard work that Pastor Robin Sloboda displayed in creating and promoting our Forever InMotion program.

The “Community Conversation” was organized with the intent to help prepare our community to provide a response to the proposed Identity Statement and related Motions presented by our denomination, the Canadian Baptists of Western Canada (CBWC). The organizing committee was made up of the following members: Amy Bourassa, Alan Barr, Bill Elliott, Brendon Gibson, Kyla Gillings, Scott Jeschke, Cam Milner, Rob Priestley, Vivian Haskins, Britany Nerenberg and myself, Kent Anderson, who acted as the group’s moderator.

Over an 8-month period, the committee sponsored a variety of conversations by sponsoring a Church-wide Bible Study, significant on-line resources on the various topics, in-person gatherings, on-line presentations as well as utilizing the capabilities of providing live video meetings with on-line feedback and questions of our various presenters. The topics included presentations by both Pastors Brendon and Rob, video links to our denominational leadership, as well as on-line video and live presentations by various other “topic experts”. Topics explored issues around the proposed “identity statement”, included “bringing a deeper understanding of the experience of 2SLGBTQ+ Christians, “biblical views of sexuality, marriage and the Church”, “Church Autonomy” and “Soul Liberty”. Significantly, our resources were made available and utilized by a much larger audience than just our own Church, with literally 1000’s of hits on our various presentations over the 8 month period. We received much appreciation and recognition from individuals and Churches across our denomination and even to a much broader audience for the effort, resources, and balance that we were able to make available. Although Covid had an impact on this process, it did open other doors and avenues to quite successfully accomplish the goals of our committee. I can say confidently that few other Churches put in the time, effort, and expense to fully seek and understand the various issues, as well as potential impacts the new “identity statement” was going to have. With the formal passing of this first motion at the Assembly, it has left our Church in a very “informed position” if perhaps one not shared by the current majority of our denominational membership.

In closing, I wish to thank the Church for its willingness and commitment to fully have “the conversation”, the time, resources and commitments that were made by so many to ensure it was a job “well done”. Again, thank you also to the committee members for their significant commitment of time and energy over the 8 months of prayers, presentations, discussions and deliberations!

Care Ministry Department

Care & Community Engagement

Submitted by Kari Elliott



CARE MINISTRY aims to provide intentional, practical care, education, and encouragement to all who are seeking healing, support, and wholeness. Community Engagement seeks to find ways to extend the love of Jesus through personal interactions, meeting practical needs, and partnering and serving our neighbours in hopeful and healing ways. Here's a brief overview of some of the things we were able to do in Care & Community Engagement at EBC last year:

Community Support Groups - COVID has been quite hard on support groups as people have different comfort levels with re-engaging in-person programming. We did not offer any support groups this past year, but instead focused on researching new and reworked group curricula and resources, and seeking out new support group leaders to put us in a good position to return well to this important ministry in the coming year.

Care Fund -The Care Fund is used to assist those experiencing financial challenges in our church and beyond. The Board of Elders approves all financial assistance requests over \$500. This year the Care Fund also provided funding for 38 Christmas Hampers and 8 School Supply Subsidies for those in need, as well as helping people with emergency bill payments, access to counselling support, and much more. As we did last year, our applications for Christmas Hampers were available online rather than having people come in to fill out paperwork. School supply subsidies were given based on private requests by staff, elders, and congregants.

Food Security - Emmanuel frequently receives requests for emergency food support; to address these needs we keep a pantry of staple goods on hand to supply basic groceries in between Food Bank access dates and to provide an entry point to conversations about food security in the city. Our pantry is entirely supplied through donations from individuals in the church who bring designated items to contribute to the bags each month. This year the Food Pantry was able to give out over 120 bags of food. The Food Pantry program was supplemented in different seasons with bread baked by volunteers as well as vegetables from the church garden boxes. In addition, we were able to consistently give any extra items to local agencies like the Saskatoon Food Bank & Learning Centre and the Riversdale Community Fridge every couple of months to ensure that groceries coming close to expiry could be put to use in good time.

Beginning in September we also worked at providing a weekly delivery of sandwiches to **Okihtcitawak Patrol Group** (based out of Prairie Harm Reduction). Again through donations of ingredients and the generosity of a bread baking volunteer and a muffin baking volunteer we were able to send approximately 54 dozen sandwiches and 15 dozen muffins/cookies with OPG as they interact with people in the core neighbourhoods. We were also able to drop off other items such as diapers, hygiene products, and warm winter gear throughout the year.

Food for Comfort - Food for Comfort provides nutritious meals for people in our community who are experiencing a season of extra stress around a variety of circumstances. The FFC Ministry last year consisted of 15 individual volunteers delivering hot meals, but we also encouraged donations of freezer meals that could be used in a short-term capacity, specifically in cases of sudden or unexpected need until regular volunteers could be organized.

Advent Gift Guide - This year we still felt a little bit cautious about collecting items for our partners in our usual Christmas Gift Bag program, so we opted to continue for a second year with our online Advent Gift Guide. The response to this year's gift guide was more subdued than the previous year, but as a

church we were still able to raise \$943 for the five agencies represented in the guide - The Bridge, Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre, Hope Restored Canada, The Lighthouse, and Saskatoon Interval House. Once the season was completed all the money collected was forwarded to each agency to purchase what they needed for the season.

Our support for **Wildwood School** continued this year through a regular monthly delivery of non-perishable snacks for students in need of supplementary nutrition. We were also able to provide some extra school supplies, water bottles, and warm clothing for their students as well as a few encouraging notes and treats for the staff.

We continue to try raising awareness of various opportunities to serve in the city through our social media and through a volunteer opportunities poster on the information wall, as well as using the bulletin board at the back door to communicate the details of our regular programming and other community highlights for our church to pray for and participate in. Seasonally, we also work at providing resources to connect spiritual practice to current events and issues around events like Earth Day, National Indigenous History Month, National Day for Truth & Reconciliation, and International Women's Day.

I am grateful and encouraged by the variety of ways this church commits to supporting the wider Saskatoon community and I'm thankful for your generosity and faithfulness in the area of care that allows us to provide meaningful support and hope for those in need of care. If you would like to get more involved in our Care Ministry or Community Engagement initiatives at Emmanuel please talk with me anytime and we will work to find meaningful ways for everyone to serve.

Worship and Creative Arts Ministry Department

Worship & Creative Arts

Submitted by Rob Priestley

Worship is an active lifestyle. It is the work of enacting the Gospel in the everyday spaces of our living as we learn to love God with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength and to also love our neighbours.

A large part of Worship and Creative Arts department intersects with community gatherings. Whether it is the weekly Sunday gatherings, or the special services connected to the rhythm of the church calendar, the goal of the department is to create tools, resources, and space for people to explore the nature and heart of God as well as opportunities to hear from and respond to God.

The past year forced us to reimagine how we could provide tools, resources, opportunities, and practices for people to connect with God, and with one another, during the shut down and later the restrictions that came with the Covid 19 pandemic. In the end, the idea we came up with can be summarized as 'home deliveries.' Our approach was to use a variety of approaches to get things into the homes of people in the Emmanuel community including electronic communications, videos, recorded music by Emmanuel community members, the physical delivering of packages, and the introduction of live stream options.

We continued to deliver resources to people's homes for Lent, Holy Week, Ascension, Pentecost, summer kids camp, fall start-up, Advent, Christmas Eve, and Epiphany. In addition, we also built art pieces on the stage to use in our online and in person community gatherings to evoke our imaginations in discovering something deeper about God through each season.

We also had many volunteers help make these different 'home deliveries' a possibility. I would like to thank the many people who have contributed their time, expertise, and resources in working to integrate Emmanuel's vision for worship into a living reality.

Goals flowing out of the Worship & Creative Arts Department:

With the challenges of COVID, our goal is to find ways to use creative arts as a way to help facilitate connecting with one another, supporting one another, praying for one another, and finding ways to be a helpful presence in our city.

In this coming year, in as much as will be possible, here are some guiding goals for the Creative Art and Worship department:

- to find creative ways to lead the music when a full band is not available
- to work at creating more interactive opportunities connected with the community gatherings
- to create visuals and resources that help us contemplate and respond to the rhythms of the church calendar
- to use the creative arts and worship to help introduce and integrate Emmanuel's vision statement
- to develop musicians of all ages
- to intentionally work to bring together people of all ages
- to invite people to explore the interplay between aesthetics, beauty, sacred space and connection with God and provide opportunities for them share their gifts and discoveries with the Emmanuel community
- to provide encouragement, resources, support and training for those involved in the creative arts at Emmanuel
- to pay attention to my own spiritual journey, taking inventory of the places where my heart, mind and soul are well connected to God and where they need attention
- to regularly pray for the Emmanuel Community
- to provide & produce resources to aid the Emmanuel Community in engaging in these yearly rhythms
- to develop responses, tools and memory triggers to help people process and integrate the weekly teaching concepts into lifestyle actions
- to craft creative and interactive weekly gatherings that will provide opportunity for the Emmanuel Community to reflect on, respond to and receive from God



Submitted by Rob Priestley

the connection is part of the Emmanuel family and typically meets Sunday evenings. Its goal is to be a community of people who are working out what it means to follow after and emulate the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. In working to live out Emmanuel's vision and values, and with love and respect as its guiding principles, *the connection* strives to be a safe place for all people, no matter how they identify themselves, to come and ask questions about faith and life, and to have a meaningful place in community where they can be known and know others. Our guiding principle is that there is a seat at the table for everyone. We sit 'in the round' with the Table at the center. This physical set up serves to remind us that we are all part of the community and that ultimately the centering piece of our community is Jesus. Storytelling, interactive liturgies, community life, interfacing with community agencies, support networks, and laughter are all part of the fabric that weaves together the narrative of *the connection* community.

theConnection resumed its in person gatherings in the fall of 2021. It was good to be back together as a community.

We spent the much of the year engaged in the community conversations around the motions presented by our CBWC denomination.

Goals for *the connection*

With the continued challenges of COVID, our main goal is to find ways to connect with one another, support one another, pray for one another, and find ways to be a helpful presence in our city. The guiding principles behind this goal are:

- to work at living into the vision and values of Emmanuel
- to explore ways to bring deeper community life to *the connection* in a safe and open way through the weekly community gatherings, small groups, informal 'get togethers' such as driveway dropbys, retreats, online resources, and special speakers
- to push into addressing and working out current cultural and theological issues in a respectful, loving, and Jesus centered way
- to find ways to participate and partner with different community organizations, agencies, and movements that create opportunities for the community to 'put into motion' being the hands and feet of Jesus
- to creatively explore ways of making the weekly community gathering a more interactive and meaningful experience in teaching, learning, sharing, and worshipping
- to work at finding ways of having meaningful intergenerational interactions
- to make way for and celebrate diversity within *the connection*
- to find some ways to meaningfully connect with the morning community of Emmanuel

Sunday Morning Congregation

Sunday Morning Communities

Submitted by **Brendon Gibson**

Another year of pandemic has gone by and, week after week, we gathered for an encounter with the Triune God. We gather to worship and adore our great and awesome God, to feast on Jesus our Saviour and Lord through his word and the gifts of his body and blood, and to be renewed by the Holy Spirit in every aspect of our being. We gather to celebrate God's awesome greatness, to acknowledge our utter neediness, and to look to him for all that we need.

Given the persistence of the pandemic, we continued to maintain distanced seating and masking. In addition to in-person gatherings, we continued to provide live-stream and print options for those who were as yet comfortable with returning in person. I pray that the pandemic subsides further over the summer so that more will feel comfortable regathering in person.

I am grateful for those who led us in worship and prayer and for those who assisted with sound and tech and ushering. Thanks for serving faithfully, Sunday after Sunday.

Once again, we sought to provide some variety in the teaching over the past year. In July and August, 2021, we continued the series on Psalm 119. We spent the fall and early winter immersed in Paul's letter to the Philippians. Through Advent and Christmas, we celebrated the One who Was and who Is and Who Is to Come, with some help from the art of Scott Erickson. Lent saw us reflecting on Repentance and during the Easter season, we lingered over 1 Corinthians 15, Paul's great meditation on Resurrection. In June, post-Pentecost, we began a series on the letter of James, which ran through the summer. As I was on sabbatical, the teaching over the summer was shared by members of the church family and some staff.

I am grateful for the staff who shared in the teaching through the year, Rob, Rachel, Jordan Reimer, and Beverly; for Arlene Jorgenson, Alan Barr, Brandon Webber, who shared in the series on Psalm 119 during the summer of 2021; Xulin Guo, who shared during the series on Philippians; and Sharon Smith, who shared on James this past June.

As part of our Community Conversation, we also hosted presentations by Beth Malena, Wesley Hill, Cal Malena and Gordon Smith. Each of them offered their perspective on issues of sexuality and engaging with the 2SLGBTQ community. I was grateful for the gracious and respectful way in which they engaged those conversations, and for the way we engaged the entire conversation over the past year as a church. I continue to pray for God's wisdom and grace for us as we seek to discern the way forward for our church family, in light of the outcome of the votes on the CBWC's Identity Statement here at Emmanuel and at Assembly 2022.

Over the past year, it was a joy to celebrate baby dedications (Charity Lecnik, Anika Martin, Oreofoluwa Aloba) and a couple of youth baptisms (Rebekah Willis and Alina Stolze). It was also with deep sadness that we said goodbye to several members of our church family, including John Arendt, Fred Odnokon and Michael Sapchuk.

Some of our regular programming was suspended again for the past year; others were modified. I am grateful for the leaders and volunteers who adapted in one way or another so that we could still provide small groups, support groups, Online Prayer, ESL Coffee and Conversation, InMotion, Heart Matters, Women's Online Chat, as well as Bible Studies and outreach to the Chinese community. I am grateful for all who lead and serve in these and other areas of ministry in our community, from children and youth to adults and seniors, from care to outreach and service in our community. I am also grateful for

the resourcefulness of leaders who continue to engage online and in person, and for the many who helped to keep us connected through emails, phone calls, texts and cards.

I praise God for His grace and faithfulness to us in this ongoing journey, and for the faithfulness of each member of our church family. It's been another challenging year, and yet we know God is faithful and good in the face of every challenge. I pray that we will continue to grow deeper – in love with Jesus and each other, and in our experience of, and witness to, his kingdom. May we live daily in the reality of his kingdom, and continue to cultivate an interactive relationship with our Triune God, in whom we live and move and have our being.

Welcoming & Ushering Ministry

Submitted by Brendon Gibson

As with all of the ministries at Emmanuel, ushering continued to be impacted by the pandemic. For the second year in a row, Glenn Stumborg anchored Sunday morning ushering, with occasionally assistance from Lucy Fadeyi, David Toth, and Ron Basky. Thanks to Glenn and his team of ushers. Ron and Sheilagh Basky continued to assist with greeting.

Outreach Ministry Department

Outreach Ministry Report

Submitted by Brendon Gibson

Outreach is an important aspect of our life as a Christian community. We are committed to engaging the community beyond ourselves through actions and words that communicate the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ. As we experience God's love in our lives, we communicate his love in our conversations and we express it in our actions. As citizens of Christ's kingdom, we bear witness to Jesus and his kingship through word and deed. We proclaim the good news that Jesus is Lord, and that he is making all things new, and we demonstrate that reality in acts of mercy, compassion and service. We do this corporately, through various outreach initiatives, and we seek to equip and encourage members of our community to do so personally, in their particular spheres of influences.

Most of our ministry activities have some element of an outreach component to them. When we gather for worship, we want to be a place where all are welcomed, loved, and invited to explore and pursue God at their own pace, without coercion or pressure. All of our programs should be safe places where those who are not yet followers of Jesus can journey with us in community, ask questions without discrimination, and "check out" who Jesus is and why he matters. Our acts of mercy, service, and compassion should be offered with no strings attached.

As a church, we partner with individuals and ministries as they reach out to specific people in need or in other geographic locations. We participate in mission trips to serve and to learn to become global disciples. We share our church's resources with those in need; acknowledging that everything we have is a gift from God. We present the Gospel in creative ways, using creative arts, music and dramatic presentations. We want to welcome those who feel alone to know God and to be a part of this church family. Programs like Alpha & ESL Coffee and Conversation Circles are designed to develop meaningful relationships and to introduce people to Jesus.



Blood Drives – Through our ongoing Partners for Life partnership with Canadian Blood Services, we pledged to provide 40 units of blood for 2021. Over the course of the year, a total of 48 units of blood were donated, up from 40 the previous year. WhooHoo! Thanks to all who continue to give blood.

City-Wide Food Drive – For the third year in a row, the Food Bank hosted a virtual fundraiser online during the month of May, called Don't let your Neighbours Fall through the cracks. They were not able to specify how much was raised during that particular drive. According to their Annual Report, in 2021:

- 49,482 Emergency Food Hampers were provided to the community totaling 737,997 lbs
- 50,337 L of fresh milk provided through the Milk For Children Program
- 71,661 lbs of food provided to other agencies for their own programs/services

Praise God for the work of the Food Bank and other agencies that provide care and support for those on the margins.



Missions:

Ministry Partners and EBC Missionaries:

"Ministry Partners" refers to ministries or individuals that:

- The Elder Board (or Mission Committee of the Elder Board) and church have recognized as a part of the Local & Global ministry & mission strategy of the church.
- Ministry Partners will enter into a Ministry Agreement Covenant with EBC.

EBC Commitments

- EBC will give visibility from the platform during worship services at least once every 12 months in the context of a *Moment for Ministry*.
- EBC will encourage our people to give either directly to the sponsoring ministry or through Emmanuel Baptist Church through designated line items in the EBC Ministry Budget.
- EBC will encourage our people to prayerfully consider volunteering for the ministry or individual.
- EBC will encourage our church family to regularly pray for the individual and/or ministry and needs by listing them in the bulletin.
- The Ministry Partner may be highlighted in other appropriate ways (web-site, Mission Board, etc.)

"*EBC Missionaries*" are those who are now, or who have been, a part of the Emmanuel Baptist Family and are serving a Christian ministry locally, demographically (e.g. YFC staff) or overseas. Those who are EBC Missionaries:

- May or may not receive visibility from the platform during worship services, depending on individual needs and scheduling.
- May solicit support for an individual's ministry needs, not for the ministry they are serving.
- Will be listed in the bulletin for regular prayer.
- Will be highlighted in other appropriate ways (web-site, Mission Board, etc.)

Selection Criteria for Ministry Partners and EBC missionaries

- Must agree with EBC statement of faith.
- Partnership must help EBC fulfil our mission (*To fully love God and all people for God's kingdom, pleasure and glory.*)
- Recognized charitable organization status with CRA (or affiliation with such an organization in case of individuals).
- Must be a part of an ongoing ministry.
- The maximum number of partners will be governed at the discretion of the Board of Elders based on resources and spiritual leading.

EBC missionaries must:

- have Mission Committee approval of itinerary, project goals, etc.
- Presently is a part of the EBC community (for at least 6 – 12 months. Exceptions to this would be those who have previously been a part of the EBC community, but their ministry has taken them to a different location. It would be up to a pastor of the individual EBC community to determine whether or not the individual has actually been a part of the community).

Current EBC Missionaries:

Arlene Jorgenson (Leader Impact) – Leader Impact is a division of Power to Change. Leader Impact helps marketplace leaders explore the relevance of faith in God to their professional and personal lives, through business forums and small group discussions. Arlene has been involved with Leader Impact in the city for the past fifteen years. In 2018, the elders affirmed Arlene request to be recognized as an EBC Missionary.

Local Partnerships

As of June 2019, Emmanuel was committed to ministry partnerships with five local organizations. Each of these ministry partners may receive financial support through a Designated Fund and are supported by people from Emmanuel, who serve as staff, volunteers or Board Members. Annual reports for each of our partners are found in the Appendix:

1. The Bridge on 20th Street
2. Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre (formerly Real Choices Ministries)
3. Inter-Varsity International Student Ministry
4. The Quest at Christopher Lake
5. Hope Restored Canada

Global Partnerships

Currently, Emmanuel has one global partnership with the Association of Rwandan Baptist Churches (AEBR), the **Rwanda STEP Partnership** through Canadian Baptist Ministries. This has been ongoing since 2004.

STEP is an acronym for Serving, Training, Energizing Partnerships. A STEP partnership is a three-year renewable commitment to a partner denomination in a foreign country. Through CBM, CBWC churches have partnerships in Bolivia, El Salvador, India, Kenya, Lebanon, and Rwanda. A STEP partnership involves:

- Making a financial commitment of \$10,000 per year for the length of the term. Of this amount, 75% is allocated to ministry priorities established by CBM in dialogue with the global partner. The remaining 25% is designated by the church in consultation with CBM.
- Sending a minimum of one short-term mission team to visit your global partner during the length of the partnership
- Providing prayer support for the ministries of CBM and the global partner
- Being open to opportunities to serve and be served, train and be trained, by maintaining ongoing dialogue with CBM and our church partner around global issues and ways to respond to them

Refugee Ministry

We are currently waiting for word on the status of the three refugee sponsorships that we have initiated over the past three years in partnership with family members of the refugees who live in Saskatoon. One family is originally from Ethiopia (currently living in Israel), one from Rwanda (currently living in Zimbabwe) and one is a young adult from Somalia, currently living in South Africa. Neither of these sponsorships require any financial undertaking from Emmanuel. The entire process has been delayed because of the pandemic. However, we have been accumulating furniture and other household items to assist in their settlement whenever they arrive.

ESL Coffee & Conversation

Submitted by Alan Barr & Cam Milner

ESL Coffee and Conversation



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ESL (English as a Second Language) Coffee and Conversation has continued through its 13th year at Emmanuel, with online Intermediate-level classes each Sunday morning (8:30 to 10:00 am) led by Cameron Milner, Rob Arthur, and Alan Barr. The focus has been on pronunciation, conversation, and discussion, using Bible-based lessons written by Cam Milner and Alan Barr. Attendance has been very consistent, with 6 volunteers and 10-14 learners on most weeks. Topics have included the Getting to Know Jesus, the stories of Ruth and Esther, Lessons from Mark, selected Proverbs and Psalms, and the Christmas and Easter stories. The class has enjoyed segments on pronunciation, idioms, and riddles, and more recently, short presentations on Canadian history by Cam Milner and Canada's National Parks by June Lu. At the request of both students and volunteers (we like it so much!), the classes continued throughout July and August without a summer break.

The classes have gone very well online. The online format has promoted active learner participation and enabled students to continue even after relocating to ON and AB. We meet as a large group for the first 15-20 min, then form smaller breakout groups of 2-5 people for 60 min, then come together again as a large group to share what we've learned. The learners come each week eager to connect and motivated to learn. Xulin Guo's Thursday evening Chinese-language Bible study has provided strong complementary support to ESL.

The strength of our ESL classes continues to be the small and personal size of the discussion groups, with one instructor for every 2 to 4 learners, and a focus on conversation. The volunteers continue to serve weekly, which is a big commitment but one they enjoy. The opportunity to work consistently with the same learners has led to growing friendships. We thank each of the volunteers (Rob Arthur, Kathy Malanovich, Barb Barr, June Lu, Dorothea Wang) for their faithfulness and desire to connect with the learners.

Please continue to pray that our ESL classes will continue to grow in effectiveness and friendship, helping us all to develop stronger English-language skills and learn more about Jesus as we study the Bible together. Pray for wisdom about whether to continue providing the Intermediate option via Zoom or to begin meeting again in person – or both.

Bilingual Chinese Bible Study

Submitted by Xulin Guo, Candy Xia & Aurora Zhou

The Bilingual Chinese Bible Study started on Nov. 7, 2019, with a blessing from Pastor Brendon. The study has gone through several stages, as indicated in the table below.

Duration	Format	Material	Facilitator	Average Number (range)
Nov. 7, 2019 – Mar. 12, 2020	In Person	Christianity 101 <<New Life>>	Xulin & Lei	10.1 (4~18)
Mar. 19, 2020 – Aug. 27, 2020	ZOOM	<<Matthew>>	Xulin & Lei	16.6 (10~20)
Sept. 3, 2020 - June 10, 2021	ZOOM	<<Luke>>	Xulin & Lei	13.4 (10~16)
June 17, 2021 – Sept. 23, 2021	ZOOM	The Alpha Course	Candy & Xulin	13.9 (10~20)
Oct. 7, 2021 – May 5, 2022	ZOOM	<<John>>	Xulin, Candy & Aurora	15.1 (12~21)
May 12, 2022 - Present	ZOOM	The Creed	Xulin, Candy & Aurora	14.3 (14~15)

There are about 90 individuals in total who attended the Bible study, and among those, about 10-14 are regular attendees. We started with the in-person study with people physically located in Saskatoon. Since the COVID-19 in March 2020, we switched our study to zoom. The number increased because of the possibility of remote access. Currently, we have people from several cities in China and people in other places from Canada. In addition, the number is relatively lower in summer.

The study is mainly in Mandarin, but we memorize Bible verses in both Chinese and English. Our life is changing by the word of the Lord. Two sisters have accepted the Lord as their savior during the study. The fellowship is established slowly because of the online gathering. However, we had one potluck on June 11 at the house of Daniel & Candy and plan to do more in the summer, which will build up the relationship among people, at least for those in Saskatoon. In the Fall, we plan to start the book Acts.

FACILITY REPORTS

Facility Maintenance Report

Submitted by Murray Sloboda on behalf of
The Facility Maintenance Team

Things in 2021-2022

- We have an issue with the new windows and the manufacturer is working with us to replace them. However, the supplier sent some of the wrong size windows so we are waiting for about 40% of them to come in which should happen in the fall (so they can be fixed before it gets too cold).
- regular maintenance and checks being done
- Late May, someone hit the back wall and caused some structural damage (specifically in the fellowship hall). There was roughly \$75- \$80,000 worth of damage and most of that work has been completed. We're hoping by the time this report comes out that the windows and the brick will be replaced (which they tell me should happen in late September).

It has been a slow year with Covid still in the picture, so church use has been minimal which means less work.

Items Being Monitored

- Parking lot is getting to be a bit of an issue. We did some spot-paving this spring and we continue to watch it and repair where necessary. We may have to look at a complete paving job in the next year or so.
- So far the roof seems to be holding up. We will continue to monitor. Watching the roof in the gym and fellowship hall for smaller leaks.
- The kitchen is ready for some improvements as the way it is was from day 1. We may need to come up with a plan to fix it up going forward. This is a work in progress and we will see as church starts back up regarding attendance what may be required.
- We are watching the mechanical systems on the 2nd floor as they are starting to age out.

God has been good and given us the ability to get some much needed repairs done in our building. Thanks for your continued support in this area.

A sincere thank you to everyone who gave of their time to participate in the spring clean-up in May, and to all who generously donated to the capital fund throughout the year.

Also, thanks to all that helped out on the maintenance team (Lori Moffat, Ron Basky and Kurt Jeschke, just to mention a few) over the last year. It is much appreciated.

Facility Rentals

Wedding and Event Coordinating

Submitted by Jan Smith

The event coordinator position consists of opening up the church facility, being around if any problems occur, and helping with set-up/take-down for the events (as well as locking up the facility afterwards). Due to Covid-19 restrictions this past year, there were only a handful of events that Emmanuel was able to host. There were two weddings held last summer 2021 as well as Anniversary and Birthday celebrations later on in the year. We are hopeful that as things begin to open up, the wonderful EBC facility can be further utilized as a connecting point in our community.

Support Reports

Funerals/Baptisms/Child Dedications

Submitted by Jan Smith

Over the course of this past fiscal year EBC has had three deaths from within our Emmanuel family. Three funerals were also held at Emmanuel.

Two baptisms took place in July 2021. This special event was facilitated by Rachel & hosted at the Stolze's outdoor pool. These are always exciting moments of celebration for our community as people declare their faith in Jesus in a public way!

Child Dedications are an important commitment by new parents to profess their intent to bring their children up in the ways of Jesus. Brendon had the privilege of performing three such dedications this past year.



Appendix 1



Greetings to our friends at Emmanuel Baptist Church!

Summer at the Quest has been full of fun, energy, and memories! We had 6 weeks of camping ministry to kids and youth ranging from ages 5-14, had a week of family camp, and hosted diabetes camp—which was run by the Diabetes Association of Canada—where we led skills and helped to serve them in whatever way we could. God has worked in wonderful ways throughout the summer, especially as this was the first summer since Covid that we could functionally run as camp used to. Our staff was mostly new, but they grew and served well as the summer went on. In spite of the variety of difficulties faced during camp like sickness, continually fixing equipment, and the tiredness the cabin leaders faced from service all summer, God has worked in amazing ways and kids have come to know Jesus as their Lord. We are thankful for all the amazing help and prayer we have received over the summer, and excited to see what the future brings for the Quest.



THE FOUNDATION:

To meet the people where they are at, to accept them as they are, and for God's body to share His unconditional love.

CORE VALUES:

1. Connecting to God through Jesus Christ.
2. Providing a safe and non-judgemental environment.
3. Building relationships, seeing transformation.
4. Sharing unconditional love.
5. Being the hands and feet of the Gospel.
6. Presenting opportunities to bless and be blessed.

The Present:

We are so thankful to be able to witness all the amazing things the Lord is doing through the ministry of the Bridge, and we are continually thankful for your partnership. As of the writing of this report (June 2022) we are seeing how limiting the number of visitors we host at one sitting has continued to be a benefit. While doing this we are able to be more intentional in building relationships, this brings us to the place of fulfilling our mandate of meeting each person where they are at. We are so blessed to see the hunger for prayer and the commitments to Jesus from our visitors. Discipleship for previous and new believers, as well as those seeking, is being fulfilled through the 11 classes we offer weekly. Through these classes and the one-on-one ministry that happens at the tables, healing and deliverance is becoming more of the norm. Kids club is bursting at the seams with about 40 kids coming on a Monday night. Youth and Young Adults ministries are also seeing spiritual growth and greater hunger.

Practically we continue to feed about 300 meals a day, approximately 12 people receive showers daily, we operate our Free Store for 35 visitors to shop daily, as well as monthly haircuts and help our visitors get ID's, Health Cards and help with Housing.

THE FUTURE:

We continue to Praise the Lord for His ongoing vision and provision! Our excitement is building as we watch the renovations transform the new building to the west of us. We are asking that the building would be finished and we would be able to open in the fall. This is a big need for us due to all the classes we are offering it has caused some overcrowding and limits our attendees. With some of the classes moved to the new facility it will give us the opportunity to enlarge our kids & youth space. Everyday, it is exciting to see what the Lord will do! We continue to seek His will as to how our daily activities might look as we move forward in the vision He continues to release.

Again, we Thank You for your faithful partnership in the ministries of the Bridge. Our prayer is that the Lord will continue to bless each of you and your ministries, businesses and families.

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Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre

**Submitted by Dee Cook
Executive Director**

Dear friends and supporters at Emmanuel Baptist Church,

It was wonderful to be with you all recently. Being new to Canada and to this wonderful city of Saskatoon I enjoy getting to meet people and build new relationships. Thank you for making me feel so welcome.

The past 12 months has been a year of transition for us as a centre. We welcomed a new board chair, Eric Anderson, as well as me as the new Executive Director. These are two big leadership changes and the team have adapted well. We have recently had our AGM where we voted on an addition to our name and adopting this new name as our legal name. The legal process takes a while, so we are looking forward to that happening soon. Our new name will be 'Saskatoon Pregnancy Options and Support Centre' and will update you when this new name is officially in use.

During the last year we have grown as a team, adding an administrative assistant and extra new volunteers. The need is growing, and our centre is growing to meet the need. We have had a certain amount of political and media pressure with some misunderstanding in the public around what we do as pregnancy care centres and we work hard to make sure we are transparent and honoring to the people who come to us for help. Thank you for continuing to pray for us as we navigate this challenging season.

This year's annual fall Gala will be held at the World Trade Centre at Prairieland Park on September 23rd. Our theme will be 'Dare to Imagine' with a silent auction, entertainment, and a meal together. We have booked the large room and hope to host a large gathering like we have done pre-covid.

I have included a copy of our latest Newsletter which outlines many of the client stories as well as staff and volunteer articles. It also contains our client statistics for the last 12 months.

Thank you again for your continuing support. If your church would like any resources on how to support people with pregnancy related social issues, support after baby loss or post abortion support - please do let us know, we would be so happy to be of help.

With love in Christ

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We are into our 18th year of serving international students at the University of Saskatchewan. It is our privilege and responsibility to use our gifts for God's glory and for His Kingdom, and it gives us joy... although sometimes it is exhausting! We just have to listen to God and stay in step with Him so that we do what He asks and not everything that comes our way!

In Fall 2021, we ran a series of 7 study sessions, utilizing a full morning or a weekend in various settings to launch graduated students into the workplace. This focussed on the purpose of life and work, the work of God and our participation with Him in expanding His Kingdom. Having completed that series, we thought Christmas camp would be our next 'big thing'. Christmas Camp, however, did not materialize.

God, in a variety of wonderful ways brought to us a new wave of students so that this semester, again, was exciting and rich. We began Bible study with these students, had two study retreats near Saskatoon, and numerous social or sports activities. In our relating one-to-one with students, Gerry meets the men and Shirley sets up meetings with the women, usually on campus but also at coffee shops or parks. Our home is often a gathering place, as hospitality is one of our gifts. Among other plans, in June we'll go camping at Pike Lake, and have a barbecue at our home for those who participate with Gerry in soccer.

As we write, we are in a season of celebration. We celebrate the fruit that we see in older and new Christians, and we celebrate that some who were far from God are now walking in a direction that can lead them to God, relating to messengers, some studying the Bible, others recognizing the work of God around them. This week we celebrate with some of our students who are graduating. A couple of students who graduated during the past two years of COVID lockdown rented gowns in order to take pictures, although they never had the excitement of walking across the stage. We celebrate with those who have found fulfilling jobs in line with their studies.

We also grieve as we say good-bye over and over. Tomorrow, a PhD student who was only here for 6 months will return to Brazil. As a strong Christian, she has had a key role in our ministry. Besides completing important research, she has reached the goal she set in early January to remain strong in the Lord, and to be a witness. Friends will drop by this evening for one last time to hang out, and we will take the opportunity to send her with God's blessing. Others will complete their research at the U of S over the summer and also leave.

This is the nature of our ministry: welcome, walk with / witness / encourage, celebrate and say good-bye.

Some of the structures that hold us up and allow us to continue in ministry are prayer and finances. We need both, and are grateful for Emmanuel Baptist's part in holding us up. As you are able and as God asks you, please join the givers and the pray-ers.

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Hope Restored Canada

**Submitted by Joeline Magill
Executive Director**

Word has gotten out among those who want to escape sexual exploitation and trafficking that Hope Restored is there for them. Through our safe house and program, women are finding hope, transformation, healing, and personal growth. That's what Hope Restored is all about!

We want to say a big THANK YOU! We were grateful to receive your donations, prayers and support for those who have experienced sexual exploitation and trafficking to find freedom and hope.

For many years, the extent and reality of sexual exploitation and trafficking have been hidden or unknown in Canada, and more specifically in Saskatchewan. It is a very real problem happening right here in our city every day. Sexual exploitation and trafficking impacts victims and their families psychologically, emotionally, spiritually, and physically.

At Hope Restored Canada, we offer key programs and services such as safe housing, multi-faceted educational/trauma-informed healing programs, learning important life skills, cultural education and elder support, and outreach and educational opportunities to assist survivors (victims) in changing their life situation and triumphing over their trauma.

During this past year, we have been able to grow our staff team and support for our participants. As you can imagine, operating a safe house during a pandemic is a challenge. We are grateful for the support of our community, generous donors and granting bodies that have helped in keeping our doors open.

In 2021 we were able to:

- Offer emergency assistance to 12 Individuals
- Offer healing programming and safe housing to 11 residents & 2 children

Highlights for 2021:

- PAF research tri-provincial project looking at human trafficking, the intersectionality of colonization and gaps in services.
- Speaking engagements/Conferences held online to continue education
- Increasing our staff team to include 24/7 programming supports
- Celebrating with 3 participants as they graduated from program
- Participants surpassing personal goals of sobriety

We are grateful that your community takes the time to invest in improving someone's story! Participants have said "This is way better than I thought it would be." "They have helped to turn my dreams into goals and now I'm achieving them." "The staff here will love you until you can learn how to love yourself."

We invite you to continue in partnership with us as we offer hope, healing and support to our participants. Together we can create sustainable change.

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Mission: to help marketplace leaders explore the relevance of faith in God in their personal and professional lives.

Education: I have been attending Horizon Seminary taking classes towards a Master of Arts in Ministry Leadership. What started out as a 'covid project' has captured my full imagination as I dive into theology and leadership classes to develop the call God has on my life in this next season.

Mentoring: Over this season I've entered a mentoring relationship with 2 female professionals through Sisterhood and 2 female students through a relationship with Power2Change USask and UAlberta. I presented to the USask Power2Change International students club on the value of finding a leadership mentor for character and spiritual growth acceleration.

Small Groups: there are 8 small groups meeting regularly by zoom or in person in Saskatchewan. Zoom seems to solve some of the problems for engaging women participants so I will be starting an on-line group with female marketplace leaders called 'Relevance of Revelation' in the fall, using what I've learned from my Horizon seminary classes.

Chaplain: I found it very satisfying conducting chapels with the Huskie Women's Hockey Team after a hearty supper the day before a home game with an average of 12 women attending. COVID interfered in the new year. I am passionate about encouraging young leaders.

Global Exchanges: there were no global exchanges this past year due to the pandemic. A local team is laying the foundations in Guatemala City for October. I will be one of the leaders and speakers on the Canadian team.

Anyone interested in checking out a local LeaderImpact small group can contact me or go to www.leaderimpact.com to find a group or sign up for our weekly leadership blog.



Annual General Meeting

October 19, 2022

*Emmanuel Baptist Church exists ...
to fully love God and all people
for God's Kingdom, pleasure and glory.*

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
AGM Minutes
Wednesday, October 13, 2021 – 7:00 PM

Call to order (Quorum Reached)

1. Greeting and Opening Prayer - Jan Nerenberg

2. Agenda approval Motion for approval
 - a. Agenda was approved and carried

3. Approval of the minutes of the following Members Meetings
 - a. Motion to approve minutes of the AGM on October 14, 2020 – approved and carried.
 - b. Business arising from the minutes
 - i. Progress report on facility – Murray Sloboda
 - Building – nothing changed and is in reasonably good shape
 - Asphalt for parking lot will be revisited next spring when a few patches and repairs will be done.
 - Report was accepted as presented
 - Thank you to Murray, Brendon, and their committee for the work they have done and continue to do to on our facility.

4. Reports and related Business
 - a. Nominating Committee Report
 - i. Motion: election of Elders, Moderator and Treasurer
Elders: Jonathan Lecnik and Murray Sloboda

Moderator - Jan Nerenberg

Treasurer – Marian Voth
 - Issue of Report – discussion regarding terms of the Elders that will be continuing to serve in the coming year. 2023 not 2024 is the date for Bill's term which he had taken over in 2019. However, the bylaws appear a little unclear. Please double check the dates on the terms.
 - Thank you to the nominating committee, Janelle, Bill, Lyndon and Alwayne. We appreciate the work they have done.
 - Sincere thanks to Cam Milner and appreciate the work that he has done on behalf of Emmanuel Baptist.
 - Motion for the Election of Elders, Moderator and Treasurer was approved and carried
 - c. Executive Pastor, Moderator and Ministry Leaders available to take questions on their reports which are in the Annual Report Booklet.
 - i. Members were provided with an opportunity to ask questions.
 - Question regarding the overall feeling from Brendon and Rob regarding attendance in relation to COVID and live stream, as well as the spirit of worship?
 - a. Brendon has been grateful to have resumed meetings in person, last fall. He had certainly hoped we would have been back to regular numbers; however, the current spike has made it more difficult. Approximately 1/3

on Sunday mornings. 60 – 90 range on a consistent basis. Most programming throughout the week has been online and the level of participation has been regulated across the board.

- b. Rob – Connection started in person meetings in September. People have been accessing the online live stream. 35 and 70 at the Connection since in person has restarted.
 - c. Lyndon has been assisting with the live stream
 - d. Have not had volunteers to operate the bus, yet. Is the bus utilized on more than Sunday mornings? Youth is one of the only programs that has had consistent meetings on a regular basis and uses the bus. How many utilize the bus service on Sunday mornings? Approximately seven or eight persons.
- ii. Leaders were provided with an opportunity to speak to their reports.
 - iii. Pastor Brendon – made an apology for using the incorrect name on page six in relation to the Legacy on Florence’s estate. Error as memory of Florence and Harold Summach, not Florence and Tedd.
- c. Finance – Marian Voth
- i. 2020/2021 Audited Financial Report
Motion to receive 2020/2021 Audit report from Heagy LLP Chartered Accountants was approved and carried
 - ii. Motion to appoint Heagy LLP Chartered Accountants as Auditor for the upcoming fiscal year was approved and carried
 1. Jan thanked Wayne Elmgren, Linda King and Marian Voth for their expertise and their willing hearts on the Finance Committee.
 - iii. Prayer of Thanksgiving – Isaac Friesen
 - iv. Presentation of 2021-2022 Budget/ 2021-2022 fiscal year – Marian Voth
 - Marian extended her sincere appreciation to Wayne Elmgren and Linda King for their support and dedication.
 - There were no questions and the General Operating and/or Capital Budgets for 2021/2022 were accepted as presented.
 - Motion to receive the General Operating and Capital Budgets for the 2021/2022 fiscal year was approved and carried

5. Vote results

- a. Presentation and Blessing of the 2021/2022 Board of Elders and Officers
 - Jan welcomed the new elders: Jonathan Lecnik and Murray Sloboda
- b. Janelle – prayer of commissioning for the 2021/2022 board of offices
 - Jan thanked the staff for the incredible adjustments that they have made from the beginning of COVID to where we are today including offering livestreaming services. Installation of the new sound system from Rob and his committee along with video conferencing have added an extra level of opportunity for our church community to engage in our services.

6. Motion to Adjourn and Doxology

- a. Motion to Adjourn – M/S Bill/Alwayne
- b. Prayer of closing
- c. Meeting was adjourned

Emmanuel Baptist Church Annual General Meeting - Agenda
Wednesday, October 26, 2022 – 7:00 PM

Call to Order (Quorum is 15% of voting members of the church)

1. Greeting and Opening Prayer
 2. Agenda approval
Motion for approval
 3. Approval of the minutes of the following Members Meetings
 - a. Motion to approve minutes of the AGM on October 13, 2021
 - b. Business arising from the minutes
 - i. Progress report on facility
 4. Reports and related Business
 - a. Nominating Report:
 - i. Motion: Election of Elders, Moderator and Treasurer
 - b. Pastor, Moderator and Ministry Leaders available to take questions on their reports.
 - c. Finance
 - i. 2021/2022 Audited Financial Report
Motion to receive 2021-2022 Audit report from Heagy LLP Chartered Accountants.
 - ii. Motion to appoint Heagy LLP Chartered Accountants as Auditor for the coming fiscal year.
 - iii. Prayer of Thanksgiving
 - iv. Presentation of 2022-2023 Budget
 1. Motion to Receive the General Operating and Capital Budgets for the 2022/2023 fiscal year
 5. Bylaws:
 - a. Presentation of 2022 revised bylaws
 - b. Questions
 - c. Motion to accept bylaws.

 - d. Revisions to the Nominations Committee Terms of Reference
 - e. Review and questions
 - f. Motion to accept revised Terms of Reference for the Nominations Committee
 6. Vote results (5a) & (4ai)
 - a. Presentation and Blessing of the 2022/2023 Board of Elders and Officers
 - b. Prayer of commissioning
 7. Motion to Adjourn
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