



Share the Good News through Worship, Word, and Action

Vestry Key Messages

March 27, 2025

- MAP (Mission Action Plan) –
 - The Mission and Outreach Committee provided the next level of detail for the items that they are responsible for. The details are available at the end of this document.
 - The Vestry discussed at some length the item assigned to them for “Proclaim the Good News in a variety of ways”. A decision has been made by vestry to post more often on our social media. The Worship Committee will discuss what could be posted in more detail. We are looking for people who can provide content – if you have some thoughts, please bring them forward to anyone on vestry.
- Reducing the cost of our sound booth – several people have come forward and a workshop is planned. Vestry is still looking for more volunteers who will help out in the sound booth for one Sunday per month. If you, or someone you know may be interested in learning this technology, please reach out to anyone on vestry or Nigel Salway. Once we have enough people, we will ask Birdsong to provide us with just one person per service, reducing our cost by half. We will reassess in the fall.
- February had an operating deficit of \$8,647. Total revenues were \$15,014 which includes \$480 from the sales of the remaining pot pies. Contributions from parishioners were below budget in part due to the colder weather and resulting lower attendance. Designated funds of \$1,033 were used for the purchase of a new freezer and outreach and fellowship activities.

Total expenditures were \$24,141 and are tracking very closely to budgeted amounts.

Year-to-date the accumulated loss is a total of \$17,118 which is close to last year and a little worse than budget.

- Vestry approved three requests for funds – two for improved lighting in the Narthex and at the Massey Road outside door, and one for an additional electrical plug in the utility room.
- A suggestion from a parishioner to make the vestry minutes available has resulted in the plan to print out a copy of the approved minutes each month and place them on the table in the Narthex where all parishioners have access.
- In March, Rev. Eimsook made 8 pastoral visits, 9 hospital visits, and 101 pastoral phone calls.
- Feedback cards: Two more of the concerns identified at the AGM and responses are found below:
 - Document the number of pastoral calls and visits made each month. *Rev. Eimsook has been documenting pastoral information in her reports to vestry each month. This information is now being included in the vestry key messages.*

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- Incumbent's report in the AGM booklet: Our incumbent says she needs to make a matrix to evaluate our programs, decide which to continue or stop. Many parishioners have spent a lot of time and energy to review and update our Mission Action Plan, which has been presented at AGM. *The matrix has been shared with the wardens and is really just a different way to look at everything on our MAP and may help us understand how successful our activities are. When completed, it will likely confirm our priorities but may lead to further discussion about some activities that we may want to change.*

Comments or questions can be directed to info@immanuelanglicanregina.ca

Vestry's next meeting is set for May 1st at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend and observe.

Mission Action Plan

Actions identified as being driven by the Mission and Outreach Committee – updated March 18, 2025:

Live out our love for God by actively engaging in loving our neighbours

1. Food Security

- Community Garden – We will not be adding any more raised beds this year.
- Christmas Hampers – This will continue and Pat Kohli will lead.
- Easter Hampers – This will continue, and Faye Metz is leading with the help of Maureen Pardoe and Donna Miller.
- First Baptist Lunch Program 3 times per year – This is continuing with Jenny Williams coordinating.
 - March 1: Approximate cost \$725.00 with 12 volunteers plus the tweens group making the sandwiches. Note that Italian Starr Deli subsidizes the sandwich meat.
 - April 5: planned
 - September 20: planned
- Foodbank barrel and drives – last pickup was in the last week of February.
- Donate leftover food items to Carmichael Outreach or a Community Kitchen after an event. Yes, this continues to happen.
- Give free tickets for Pancake Supper to those in need – we started this year with 10 tickets that were given away. The tickets were given to Micheal and Maxwell Obialor to give out to people they know who are in need.

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- Using the front yard for an Edible Garden Forest: We will be starting this year. First event is March 29th for a 'visioning' workshop to imagine what the front yard could look like. Jenny Williams and Maegen Plumb are leading this activity
2. Refugee support via the Diocesan co-sponsorship program
 - Ralph Paragg will be giving up his portfolio at the end of June. At the next meeting of the Mission and Outreach committee will we identify the work that Ralph has been doing and prepare something to take to vestry to consider how Immanuel will continue to be involved going forward.
 3. Focus on current projects and community partners to engage and serve our neighbours locally and globally.
 - Malawi project - This project is now complete
 - PWRDF – The efforts are led by Joanne Shurvin-Martin, Sharon Lowry, and Donalda Ford. No specific plans are in place for 2025 yet.
 - Qu'Appelle House – They reach out when they need help with teas etc. Faye Metz is involved on the auxiliary and Pat Abd-Elmessih may still be involved.
 4. Assistance to those requiring support in our community
 - Transcona Park House Association – John Bowman and Ellen Simpson are on the board of directors there and attend monthly meetings.
 - School Backpacks – Joanne Shurvin-Martin is leading for 2025
 - Warm clothes for university students – This project is led by Welcoming Committee. There are no specific plans for 2025 yet – the location may change this year.
 - Knit scarves for Victoria Park – There are no plans for this year so far.
 - Sock Box in 2022 – There are no plans for this year so far.
 - Advent Lights – We need to re-think this activity.