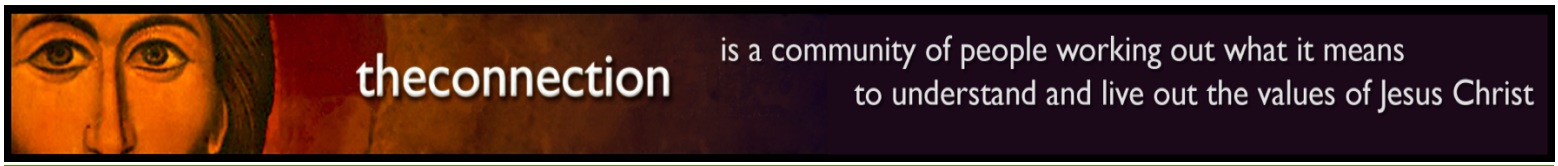


**Ordinary Time** **July 31, 2022**

Emmanuel BAPTIST CHURCH

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

*the connection* is a community of the Emmanuel family. We seek to know and follow Jesus. We believe that as we follow him, Jesus changes us and transforms us into the people God created us to be. As a community, there are certain Jesus-centered principles that frame our journey together. Principles aren't rules, they're guideposts we want to keep in view wherever we are and whatever we do as *the connection*.

**STAYING CONNECTED**

There are several ways for you to keep in the loop about what's going on in and around *the connection* ...

- Email: Rob (heypriest@gmail.com)
- Phone: 306-477-1234
- Website: theconnection.ca
- Facebook: facebook.com/theconnectionsk
- Twitter: @TheConnectionSK

***If you have anything to say or questions to ask, then please don't hesitate to get in touch.***

## *WAYS OF CONNECTING AT EBC ...*

For the following information & much more, please check out our website: ***www.theconnection.ca or www.ebap.ca***

**The Connection Service -** We have resumed in-person gatherings at 6pm for those who would like to attend. Please join us! All are welcome! We will continue to post a weekly liturgy every Sunday (***the connection liturgies*** at www.theconnection.ca) if you prefer to take part in this way.

**Children's Ministry** - Our in-person programming for children has resumed at 6pm as follows: The **Toddler Room** (orange) is open (but unsupervised) for children aged 0-2. A **Preschool Class** (Blue) is available for children aged 2-5. **Gradeschool Children (Grade 1-6)** taking part in Sunday School will enter the facility at the main entrance at the front & start out in the Sanctuary.

**Youth Ministry** - Tuesday Night Youth (Gr. 7-12) Contact Rachel at rachel@ebap.ca for more information. ***Finished for the season. Next Summer event - PIKE LAKE BEACH & POOL DAY! Thursday, August 18, leaving EBC at 11:30am***

***MUSE for grade 7-12*** youth is on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month. ***MUSE is finished for the season. See you in the fall!***

**Senior Adult Ministry -** The EBC Senior Adult Ministry is committed to connecting with & caring for our senior adults. In particular, connecting with those who are shut-in is extremely important during this season of COVID-19. Please contact the main office with any questions or concerns at 306-477-1234 or info@ebap.ca

**Forever InMotion** fitness program for those aged 60+ will run on Wednesday & Friday at 9am. ***Finished for the season!***

**Women's Ministry -** Women of all ages are invited to participate in **Heart Matters Women's Bible Study** in-person at Emmanuel on **Tuesdays from 9:30-11am**. Please contact Laura at lauramonchuk@gmail.com or 306-230-5033 for more info. ***Finished for the season!***

If you would like to connect with other women in the EBC community, please join the **Ladies Zoom Time on Thursday afternoon from 1pm-2pm.** If you have questions about this conversation time, please email Barb at barbbarr@shaw.ca.

**Care Ministry -** For those in need of Practical Care Supports such as food & supplies or requests to the Care Fund, or for Mental Health Supports, please contact Kari at 306-477-1234, ext. 133 or kari@ebap.ca.

If you are looking for ways to help, we are accepting donations of sealed & labelled freezer meals as well as items for the Food Pantry. Please contact Kari if you would like to contribute.

**ESL Coffee & Conversation - Sunday Morning (Intermediate Class) 8:30am via ZOOM.** For login information, please contact Rob Arthur at rearthur@sasktel.net.

**Prayer Ministry -** ***Online Prayer -*** is available at the following times: ***Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 7:15-7:45am and Tuesdays & Thursdays, 12:15-12:45pm. Suspended until September 2022.***

***Community Prayer - Fridays at 7am in the Fellowship Hall.*** All are welcome to join us as we pray for the needs in our church family, city, nation & abroad. ***Suspended until September 2022.***

**Morning Service -** Our Sunday morning service meets on-site for those who are able to join us. In addition, we also provide a live-stream of this service which can be accessed through our website. If you do not currently receive our emails and would like to, please contact the office, info@ebap.ca.

## *WHAT WE'RE ABOUT*

**Shalom** | God's relationship with creation began with "God saw all that he had made and it was very good" (Genesis 1:31). The scriptures tell us that a day is coming when God will unfold a new heaven and a new earth (Revelation 21). This state of perfect wholeness is the centre of the Jewish idea of "Shalom". But what about the in-between time? Jesus' life and teaching reveals God's plan to unfold shalom here and now: "May your kingdom come, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6). We believe that followers of Jesus are invited to participate in the in-breaking of God's shalom here, now, on earth as it is in heaven. As a community, *the connection* seeks the shalom of God in the following broad expressions:

**Shalom with God**
Are we moving in right relationship with our Creator?

**Shalom with Creation**
How does our living reflect that "earth is God's and everything in it? Do we live aware that Creation is a gift to treasure and care for?

**Shalom with Ourselves**
God created humankind in God's own image. Are we living in such a sway as to care for ourselves as people uniquely and wonderfully made by our Creator?

**Shalom with Others**
We have been called to live as pictures of Jesus in the world where we live. Therefore we strive for relationships marked out by generous live, grace, compassion, mercy, forgiveness, encouragement and support. Believing that Jesus demonstrated how this is done, we seek to extend this generosity to all people whoever we meet them - next door, downtown, around the world.

One of the metaphors we use to describe our life in Community is the breathing rhythm. For a body to live it needs to inhale and exhale. This is true of us as *the connection:*

**Inhale - Gathering as a Community** | We value being together as often as possible. One of the ways Jesus shapes his people is by speaking through community. One of the ancient traditions described in the Bible is the journeying people of God worshiping God together. So when we gather we anticipate growing toward Jesus together. "Inhale" is described in our context as any whole-community gathering - Sunday evenings, Connection Feasts, etc.

**Exhale - Living as a Dispersed Community** | We believe that Jesus taught and demonstrated that all of life is to reflect God's kingdom values. In other words, following Jesus is more than once-a-week Sunday get-togethers. "Exhale" in this context describes how we live as a dispersed community between Sundays. A new and growing initiative to help us 'exhale' is Connection House.

For more information about *the connection*, our core values, Connection House, or questions about what it means to follow Jesus in the world today, contact Rob Priestly (heypriest@ebap.ca).

***DONATE TO EBC:***

**THROUGH INTERNET BANKING**

We can now offer e-Transfers to bookkeeper@ebap.ca. Or contact Jan at 306-477-1234, ext 126 or bookkeeper@ebap.ca for an identifier code & create EBC as a Payee under your Bill Payments option.

**ON-LINE GIVING**

www.emmanuelbaptist.ca/giving

**ON SUNDAY EVENINGS**

If you've come with an offering or you're prompted to give during worship, you're invited to take it to one of the two ***Offering Boxes*** located in the foyer near the exit doors.

## *NEWS & OTHER INFO*

**Thank you!** We would like to express our sincere gratitude for all the love & support that has been shown to our family. In our grief we have been surrounded by so much love & we are forever grateful.

Ed & MaryAnn Peters & family

**MCC Connects:** MCC Thrift is celebrating 50 years! To help celebrate this major milestone, we encourage you to visit or donate to your local MCC Thrift shop this month, you never know what's in store!

**PRAY FOR UKRAINE/CBM EMERGENCY RESPONSE:** As part of the Baptist Forum for Aid & Development (BFAD), CBM is immediately releasing funds to support the response of the European Baptist Federation (EBF) & the Ukrainian Baptists. CBM is actively engaged through our partnerships to respond. We are closely monitoring the escalating & fluid situation & will update our page with further details as they become available. Prayer requests from Ukraine & an opportunity to support the emergency relief effort are available here. https://www.cbmin.org/product/ukraine-emergency-relief/#

## PRAISE & PRAYER

*If you would like prayer for yourself or someone you know, please contact the church office with your concerns. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." ~ Phil 4:6*

1. **Ed & Eileen Walliser's son, Alan**, had been on dialysis for a short time & has just received a kidney transplant, July 12. Pray for his recovery & adjustment to medications as well as, given a weak immune system, that he can avoid any viruses.
2. Please pray for the **Peters' family & friends** as they mourn the tragic death of Joshua.
3. Please pray for **Reg Peachey** as he has recently been diagnosed with cancer & is going through radiation treatments currently.
4. Please pray for **Eileen & Ed Walliser's great grandson, Oliver**, who is waiting to have surgery for a hole in his heart. Oliver is a newborn who needs to reach 11 lbs in order to get this needed surgery.
5. There are several other people in our church family who need continued prayer for health concerns. Please remember **Leonard Leapard, Emily Zacharias (Block)**, **Fiona Reid-Anekie, Sadie Robson, Jennifer Reimer & Scott Fitzsimmons.** Also, please pray for those who care for them during this season of their ongoing health requirements.

**Pray for our partners at home and abroad:**

Overseas:
- Rev. Andre, Rev. Gato (Rwanda)

Close to Home:
- The Quest at Christopher Lake
- The Bridge on 20th, Saskatoon (Linda Walker)
- IVCF-International Students, Saskatoon (Gerry & Shirley Falk)
- Hope Restored, Saskatoon (Joeline Magill)
- Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre, Saskatoon (Dee Cook)
- LeaderImpact (Arlene Jorgenson)
- Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM)
- Canadian Baptists of Western Canada (CBWC)
- Carey Theological College

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***Donations to the following can be made through EBC:***
***(please designate on your offering envelope)***
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