

"Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path."  
-Psalm 119:105

**God's Story**  
OUR STORY



**Lethbridge**  
SCHOOL DIVISION

**"Developing Gifts for Joyful Service"**

**"Power can do everything but the most important thing: it cannot control love"**

**-Philip Yancey**

**Monday, November 25**

Advent Chapel "Hope" 4B  
KA Grocery Shopping/Food Bank 12:30 pm  
Grade 5 Boys Basketball Practice 3:30 – 4:45 pm  
ICES School Council – Town Hall 7 pm

**Tuesday, November 26**

KB Grocery Shopping/Food Bank 12:30

**Wednesday, November 27**

Grade 5 Girls Basketball Practice 3:30 – 4:45 pm

**Thursday, November 28**

**Friday November 29**

Hot Lunch "Taco in a Bag"

**Saturday, November 30**

**Sunday, December 1**

**Monday, December 2**

Advent Chapel "Peace" 9 am (hosted by grade 3)  
Grade 5 Boys Basketball Practice 3:30 – 4:45 pm  
Immanuel Christian schools Society Meeting 7:30 pm @ ICSS

**ICES Parent Notes**

Parents, please note if you need to notify the school about an absence, we prefer that you use email as the phone lines are quite busy in the morning. [ices@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:ices@lethsd.ab.ca)



Grade 5 Basketball season is once again quickly upon us. Our first practices are starting this week Monday for boys and Wednesday for girls (there will be no practices Dec. 16 or 18). Practices go for 90 minutes and begin 15 minutes after the last bell. In January students will be divided into 2 coed teams. The league schedule goes from late January to February with each team playing Mondays and Wednesdays. Mrs. Liz Moradel and Mr. Steven Bootsma will be involved with coaching; however, we will still be looking for 1 more adult helper. If you are interested in helping coach please email [jay.visser@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:jay.visser@lethsd.ab.ca). **T shirts are available on School Cash online. To pick up your T shirt, please bring your receipt to the office.**



### Christmas Season at ICES

Once again we are moving into our advent season. ICES is holding the following Christmas events.

**Hope Advent Chapel – Monday, November 25 @ 9 am** - This chapel was hosted by our grade 4B class. Thanks to all of you who joined us!

**Peace Advent Chapel – Monday, December 2 @ 9 am** – This chapel will be hosted by our Grade 3 classes

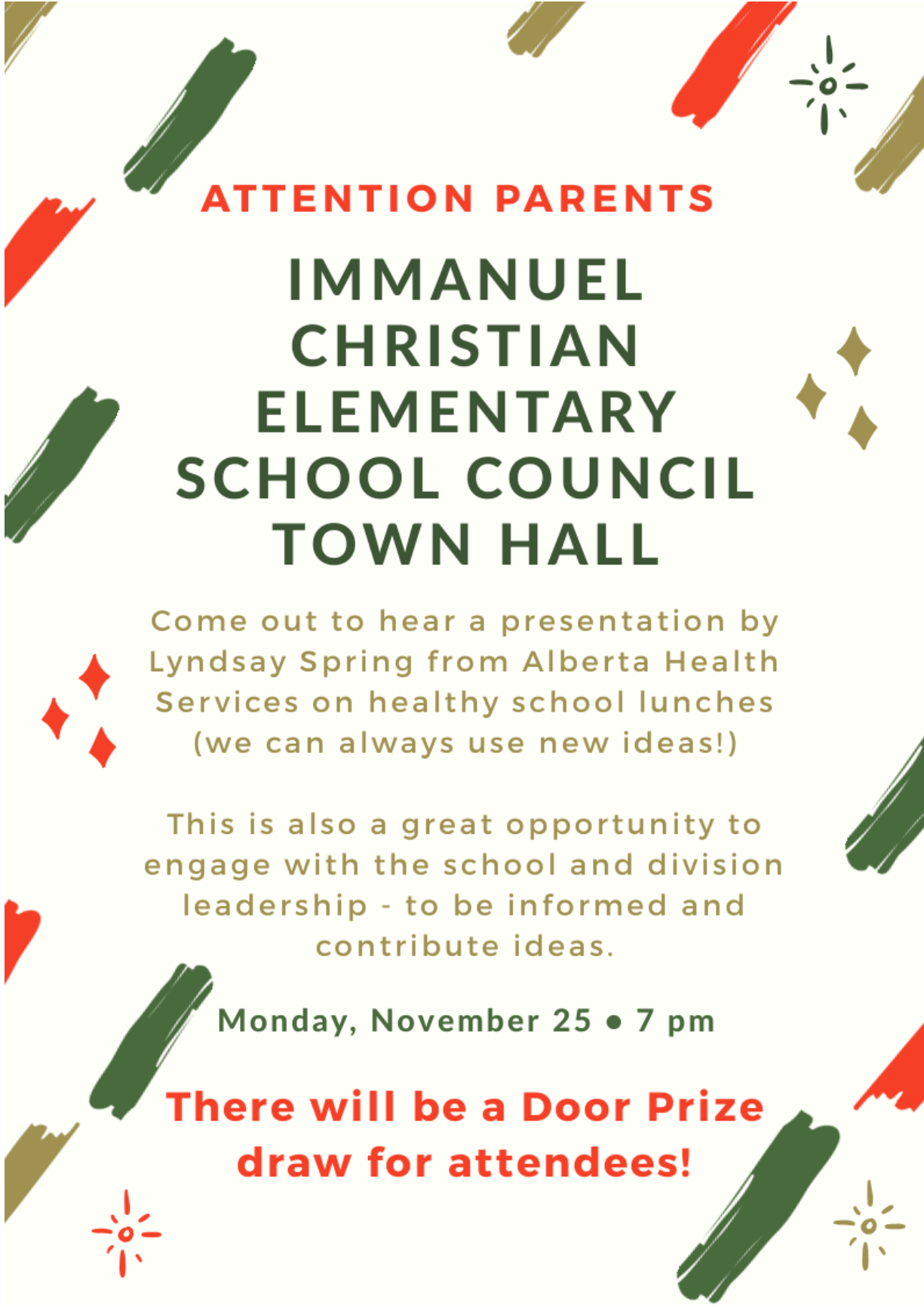
**Joy Advent Chapel – Monday, December 9 @ 9 am** – This chapel will be hosted by our grade 5A class

**Love Advent Chapel – Monday, December 16 @ 9 am** – This advent chapel will be hosted by our EA's

**Christmas Chapel – Monday, December 20 @ 9 am.** This chapel will be hosted by our grade 4 classes.

Today also kicked off our Compassion Canada giving campaign. This is where ICES students are once again challenged to raise money for Compassion Canada. Students are asked to earn money by doing different jobs as opposed to asking for handouts. The different classes collect money raised and determine (from the Compassion Canada catalog) how that money will be spent. John Voort of Compassion Canada came to today's advent chapel to help kick this off.

Also, throughout December, different classes will be engaging in various Christmas FLEx projects (decorating Christmas bags for people at the Lethbridge Correctional Center, making Christmas cards to share on neighbourhood walks, visiting seniors at St Therese villa, singing at ELIM Seniors Home and on and on). As things get even busier, it is our hope and prayer that everyone is able to stop and reflect on **THE GIFT** this Christmas season!



**ATTENTION PARENTS**

**IMMANUEL  
CHRISTIAN  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL COUNCIL  
TOWN HALL**

◆◆◆ Come out to hear a presentation by Lyndsay Spring from Alberta Health Services on healthy school lunches (we can always use new ideas!)

This is also a great opportunity to engage with the school and division leadership - to be informed and contribute ideas.

**Monday, November 25 • 7 pm**

**There will be a Door Prize draw for attendees!**

# KNOWING GOD

Learning to be part  
of God's story...

At Immanuel Christian  
Elementary School

God is a mighty savior, a loving father, and a wise friend. He created the world, orchestrated an incredible plan for salvation, and promises to return and make all things new! A God so awesome really must be known! Throughout the New Testament, God uses metaphors, prefaced by 'I Am', to describe who He is. This year at ICES we are studying these metaphors as we seek to know our God. In November Pastor Brian Kuyper spoke at our chapel, sharing what it means for God to be the **WAY**, the truth and the life! Our guards learned that they only way to salvation is by following God's 'map' – salvation is through **JESUS!** Read and reflect on the following devotional as a family.



## Lost

I remember when I was young, I got lost in a Walmart. Though, I didn't immediately know I was lost. It took me a little while to realize that I didn't know where my parents were. The truth was, I was lost the whole time but I didn't know it! When I figured out I was lost, I became scared, and wanted to know the correct path—the way—to find my mother and father.

## Finding Life in the Way

Jesus said, "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me" (14:1). Notice how Jesus does not want us to be "troubled." How do we become content or not troubled? Answer: Believe in God; believe in Jesus. It is incredible that in the passage before this reading (John 13:36-38), Jesus foretells Peter's (a disciple) denial of him. Then, Jesus follows up this heavy situation by explaining to his disciples not to be troubled.

Jesus is the true direction; he is the correct path to take; he offers us life. "Jesus said to [Thomas], 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'" (14:6). Jesus told Thomas, another disciple, this to demonstrate that it is impossible to be 'found' unless you go through Jesus. The only way to get to God is through His son, Jesus. We become 'found' when we trust our lives to Him.

## Found

I had said that I became "overjoyed and relieved when I found my parents," but the truth is, they found me. Jesus had said, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him," (John 6:44), and "...no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the father" (John 6:65). My parents could have left me at Walmart, but they didn't. My parents loved me, and showed themselves to me. Likewise, God loves us; Christ loves us, and they are one in the same (John 14:7). God loved us so much that he sent his Son down to earth. God sent Jesus to save and find us. I was in a scary situation when I was lost, but then I became found.

Taken from <https://ministry-to-children.com/children-sermon-way-truth-life/>

## Time to Talk!

What does it mean to be "lost?"

What is sin?

What does Jesus do to save us from sin?

How is Jesus our "WAY"?

How can we share "the WAY" with others?

# Student Corner

## Grade Five Reflections on Chapel

“Chapel was about going down the right path of following Jesus. Pastor Kuyper talk about ‘bike spokes’ as an example. He said that some people say, ‘as long as you believe in something you’re going to go to heaven.’ That’s why he used the bike spoke example because all bike spokes point to the center. But the truth is not like that. We will only go to heaven if we believe in Jesus.” (Addy H)



“The throughline that best fit with chapel is God worshipping because we worship God when we follow him and do as he says. I also saw idolatry discerning because when we follow God and worship Him, we are following the true God and not following other Gods.” (Bella A)

Students in grade four have been studying waste in our world in science class. They’ve taken time to consider what God says about the effects of waste and pollution on His wonderful world.

God asks us to be **EARTH KEEPERS!**

