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# IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

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Sunday, March 17, 2024

Worship Services: 10:00 am & 5:00 pm

Rev. Roberto Rossi, Pastor  
Rev. Ken Anema, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Nathan Brummel, Associate Pastor

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# MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

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Prelude

## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer-concluded by minister

\*Votum

**Pastor:** *Proclaim the name of the Lord and ascribe greatness to our God.*

**Congregation:** *I will tell of Your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation, I will praise You.*

\*Salutation

\*Song of Praise: 113B.....Praise God, O Servants of the Lord

## GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Confession & Assurance: 496.....My Jesus, I Love Thee

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Reading of the Baptismal Form.....*Forms and Prayers* (p. 13)

Administration of Baptism

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts: .....General Fund and Classical Church Assistance Fund

## GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

\*Song of Preparation: 172.....Speak, O Lord

Reading of the Word: .....Galatians 3:1-14 (p. 1155)

## Sermon: THE GOSPEL OF GRACE EXPERIENCED

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Application: 391.....Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit

## GOD'S BLESSES HIS PEOPLE

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: 106B:1, 14.....O Praise the Lord, for He Is Good

\*Silent Prayer-concluded by the Postlude

\*Postlude

\*Please stand if able.

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# EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

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Prelude

## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer - concluded by minister

\*Votum

**Pastor:** *Proclaim the name of the Lord and ascribe greatness to our God.*

**Congregation:** *I will tell of Your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation, I will praise You.*

\*Salutation

## GOD'S PEOPLE OFFER PRAISE

\*Confession of Faith.....Apostles' Creed

\*Hymn of Praise: 95C.....Now with Joyful Exultation

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 119:17-40 (p. 607)

Singing of the Psalm: 119E.....Teach Me, O LORD, Your Way of Truth

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts: .....General Fund and Classical Church Assistance Fund

## GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

\*Hymn of Preparation: 533.....Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

Reading of the Word: .....Romans 12:1-2 (p. 1126)

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 49.....Forms and Prayers (p. 255)

## Sermon: A LIVING SACRIFICE

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Application: 538.....Take My Life, and Let It Be

## GOD BLESSES HIS PEOPLE

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: 563.....May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

\*Silent Prayer—concluded by the Postlude

\*Postlude

\*Please stand if able.

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## THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

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Baptism of Beau Alan Bakker and Rylen Hayes Walstra. Sunday School children sing before morning worship. Coffee Fellowship after morning worship.

**Nursery AM:** Jessica Colanese and Simeon Terpstra

**PM:** Sue DeBoer and Remie Bakker

**On-call Attendant:** Stacey Tolkamp

**Sound System:** Reagan Ryken

**Greeters AM:** Steve & Patti Ryken (South), Ross Hoek Family (North), John Dyke (Elevator)

**Greeters PM:** Lauren Vermeer (South), Brian Kingma Family (North), Derek Ipema (Elevator)

**Song Service:** Tim Stegenga; **Songs:** 299, 338, 367

**Wednesday:** Ladies' Bible Study and Story Hour meet at 9:00 am. **Snack:** Donna Hamstra

GEMS & Cadets meet at 6:30 pm. **Devotions/snack:** Remie Bakker and Iris Spronk

**Thursday:** Teen Mother Choices meets at 6:00 pm. Council meets at 7:00 pm.

**Saturday:** Men's Bible Study meets at 7:00 am.

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## NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: MARCH 24

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No Sunday School/Catechism due to spring break. No Coffee Fellowship after morning worship.

**Nursery AM:** Mary DeBoer and Sophie Bakker

**PM:** Kirsten DeBoer and Abrielle Brummel

**On-call Attendant:** Josie Vander Molen

**Sound System:** Thomas Bousema

**Greeters AM:** Cade Walstra Family (South), Howie & Brenda Ridder (North), Jerry Hager (Elevator)

**Greeters PM:** Jon & Laureen Hoek (South), Thomas Bousema (North), Jacob Dyke (Elevator)

**Song Service:** Reagan Ryken

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## UPCOMING DATES:

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**March 24 & 31:** No Sunday School/catechism due to spring break.

**March 29:** Good Friday worship service at 7:00 pm.

**March 30:** Bridal shower for Molly Bootsma and Mason Vander Molen.

**April 7:** Fellowship meal after morning worship.

**April 13:** First Responders' Pancake Breakfast from 7:00-10:00 am.

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## *Congregational Care*

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- Jim Kuiper
- Expectant mothers: Nicole Hoek, Amanda Staley, Elizabeth DeJong, Jessica Colanese & Abbie Martin.
- Teen Mother Choices (TMC)

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## *Apostles' Creed*

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I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

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## *United in Prayer-Missionary Prayer Requests*

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Rev. Neal Hegeman is a professor with MINTS International Seminary.

- Thank the Lord for the openness and encouragement MINTS Seminary in Prison receives from the administrators and chaplains of the Florida Department of Corrections for our 20 English speaking and 10 Spanish speaking MINTS study groups.
  - Pray for part time (i.e. church members, leaders, and pastors in churches who work in prison as well) and full-time missionaries who will enter and teach in the many prisons who have requested MINTS study program.
  - Pray for our more than 450 active inmate students studying in MINTS groups in Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, including correspondence course students throughout the United States and Canada.
  - Pray for our study centers in the dangerous prisons in Ecuador, Mexico, Chile, and Cameroon.
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## *Deacon Report*

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Our offerings next Sunday will be for the General Fund and Mid-America Reformed Seminary. All cash donations not placed in an envelope and designated will go to the second offering cause. Our weekly amount to meet budget 2024 is \$8,160.

## Consistory Announcements

Today we celebrate the baptisms of Rylen Hayes Walstra and Beau Alan Bakker.

Pastor Rossi and Elder Mark Van Der Molen will be attending Classis Central meetings tomorrow and Tuesday. Please pray for all the delegates as they travel to Pella, Iowa and discuss important matters of the church for her spiritual well-being to the glory of God.

## General Announcements

**GEMS and Cadets** meet this Wednesday at 6:30 pm. **Devotions/snack:** Remie Bakker and Iris Spronk.

**Youth Group** will be touring the Rensselaer Jail on Wednesday. We will meet at church at 5:30 pm, and after the tour we plan to stop for food and ask that you take money to cover that cost.

**Bridal Shower RSVP**—Ladies, please remember to RSVP by tomorrow for the upcoming bridal shower for Molly Bootsma and Mason Vander Molen. For your convenience, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the fellowship hall for those who have not already signed up using the online form.

**Ladies Bible Study and Story Hour** will meet this week at 9:00 am. Study questions are on the table in the narthex. **Snack:** Donna Hamstra

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> **Annual Pancake Breakfast** to honor our first responders is Saturday, April 13. There is a sign-up sheet in your church mailbox. Please fill out and return to the church office or Donna before next Sunday, March 24. Thank you!

**Word & Deed Prayer Request – Haiti:** The situation in Haiti continues to deteriorate with gang activity escalating. Blocked roads, attacks, random shootings and excessive gunfire have led the country to declare an ongoing state of emergency. The risk to students, staff and leadership of Adoration Christian School, Word & Deed's partner, is significant and the school will remain closed for the foreseeable future. Adoration consistently asks for one thing - that we pray for them! They are worried and fear for their safety but share in the knowledge that our Lord is in control. Together we confess that we "Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock" (Isaiah 26:4). Please continue to remember the Adoration community in your prayers.

It is renewal time for **Christian Renewal** magazine. If you would like to be a new subscriber for 2024, or if you already receive it and would like to cancel, please let Donna Hamstra know by March 24.

Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary is hosting a spring conference to be held at **Rockville Correctional Facility** on May 3-5. Lydia Brownback, author and conference speaker, will be sharing her insights on the book of Psalms. You are invited to join us for one or all the sessions. For more information or to sign up, please contact John Hamstra (219) 296-9389 or [johnmhamstra@gmail.com](mailto:johnmhamstra@gmail.com)

**Calling All Men!** Do you like to sing? Would you like the chance to sing with Men of A-Chord for a short time? Men of A-Chord is inviting you to join them to sing with them as part of a Cantata called “The Day He Wore My Crown”. We invite you to join us for 7 rehearsals starting on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 7:30 pm at First Church of South Holland (OPC) at 16248 South Park Ave. For more information please see our website at [www.menofachord.org](http://www.menofachord.org)

**Reformed Mission Services:** Are you interested in sponsoring the upcoming RMS Bowling Fundraiser? Visit [rms.org/bowling](https://rms.org/bowling) for more information. If you have any questions please talk to Wendy Buitter.

**The Women’s Center of NWI’s 35th Annual Celebrating Life Event** will take place on Friday, May 10, with Seth Dillon of The Babylon Bee as keynote speaker. You can reserve a place for the luncheon at 11:15 am or the dinner at 5:45 pm. Please contact Donna Hamstra to make a reservation.

## *School Announcements*

**Moms in Prayer: A Community-wide Prayer Group:** DeMotte Christian Schools is excited to partner with the local community and offer this wonderful opportunity! Moms in Prayer is for anyone and everyone who wishes to come pray for our local schools, students, teachers, and staff. We have organized monthly prayer topics and prayer requests. We hope you’ll join us the first Thursday of each month at Cup of Joy Cafe in DeMotte from 8:15-9:15 am. Feel free to reach out to [Amber Donnowitz](mailto:AmberDonnowitz@dmcsemail.org) at [communications@dmcsemail.org](mailto:communications@dmcsemail.org) for more information! **Meeting dates:** April 4 and May 2.

**Community-wide Communications:** DeMotte Christian Schools loves to keep in touch with our school community. If you would like to be included in these email communications, please contact [Amber Donnowitz](mailto:AmberDonnowitz@dmcsemail.org) at [communications@dmcsemail.org](mailto:communications@dmcsemail.org) with your name and email to be added to the list! Thank you!

### **Important Dates at DMCS:**

March 25-29: Spring Break

April 9: Annual Society Meeting at 7 pm

April 12-13: DMCHS Spring Musical at 7:30 pm

April 19: SCHOOL IN SESSION

April 22-26: DMCHS Service Week

April 29: 9-12 e-learning, PK-8 in session

## *Our Council:*

### **ELDERS:**

President: Mark Van Der Molen (25) Parish 1  
Vice President: Russ Vander Molen (24) Parish 4  
Clerk: John DeBoer (25)  
Derek Terpstra (26) Parish 3  
Jon Hoek (24) Parish 2

### **DEACONS:**

President: Ray Vander Molen (24) Parish 1  
Vice President: Jim Zeilenga (25) Parish 2  
Secretary: Nathan DeJong (25) Parish 3  
Treasurer: Ross Hoek (26)  
Assistant Treasurer: Josh Hubers (24) Parish 4

## *Parishes:*

1: Anema – Drenth

2: Dyke – Hubers

3: Ipema – Ryken

4: Staley – Zeilenga

## *Committees and Contact Person:*

Administrative Assistant: Donna Hamstra  
Adult Sunday School: Pastor Ken Anema  
Bookkeeper: Elaine Dyke  
Building & Grounds: Jim Zeilenga  
Bulletin: please contact Administrative Assistant  
Cadets: Jerry Hager  
Custodians: Dave and Dawn DeGraff  
Education: Russ Vander Molen  
Evangelism & Outreach: Pastor Roberto Rossi  
Fellowship: Wendy Buiters  
Funerals: Beth Kingma  
GEMS Club: Carrie Rossi  
Helping Hands: Naomi Hamstra

Librarian: Maggie Bakker  
Men's Bible Study: Rudy Tolkamp  
Nursery: Jessica Colanese  
Sound & Video System: Rudy Tolkamp  
Special Events Coordinator: Mary Vander Molen  
Special Music: Derek Terpstra  
Story Hour: Stacey Tolkamp  
Sunday School: Carolyn Hager  
Teen Mother Choices: Stacey Tolkamp  
Web Manager: Dana Perkins  
Women's Bible Study: Donna Hamstra  
Youth Group: Nathan & Carrie Bakker and  
Derek and Jennie Terpstra

## *Church Contact Information:*

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