

Welcome to

IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Sunday, March 9, 2025

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

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer-concluded by minister

*Votum

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord of hosts, for the Lord is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

Congregation: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

*Salutation

*Song of Praise: 95C.....Now with Joyful Exultation

GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Confession & Assurance: 180.....Kind and Merciful God, We Have Sinned

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts:General Fund and DeMotte Food Pantry

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 234:1-3, 6.....The God of Abraham Praise

Reading of the Word:Genesis 13 (p. 11)

Sermon: THE BACKTRACKING OF ABRAM

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application: 73D.....In Sweet Communion, Lord, with Thee

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.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer - concluded by minister

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Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord of hosts, for the Lord is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

Congregation: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

*Salutation

GOD'S PEOPLE OFFER PRAISE

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

*Hymn of Praise: 365.....Thine Be the Glory

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 3 (p. 528)

Singing of the Psalm: 3.....O LORD, How Many Are My Foes!

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts:General Fund and DeMotte Food Pantry

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 459.....My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Reading of the Word:John 10:24-31 (p. 1065)

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 21; Question 54.....Forms and Prayers (p. 222)

Sermon: OUR PROFESSION OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Application: 402:1,3,5.....Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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.

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

Nursery AM: Jennie Terpstra and Ken Hager

PM: Stacey Tolkamp and Levi Hubers

On-call Nursery Attendant: Tessa Vander Molen

Sound System: Amos Terpstra

Cookies: Lynzie Hoffman, Debbie Hubers, Jessica Hubers

Greeters AM: Loren & Catie Cavanaugh (South), Howie & Brenda Ridder (North), Amos Terpstra (Elevator)

Greeters PM: Cody Stegenga Family (South), Jay Staley Family (North), Sam Terpstra (Elevator)

Song Service: Carson Bakker; **Songs:** 22A, 337, 540

Monday: Deacons meet at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday: Ladies' Bible Study and Story Hour meet at 9:00 am. Prayer Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Thursday: Teen Mother Choices meets at 6:00 pm.

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

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: MARCH 16

Coffee Fellowship after morning worship.

Nursery AM: Josie Vander Molen and Nora Kuiper

PM: Claire Vander Molen and Hope Terpstra

On-call Attendant: Laurel Stegenga

Sound System: Peter Brummel

Cookies: Derek Ipema, Stephanie Kingma, Beth Kingma, Cathy Kuiper

Greeters AM: Steve and Patti Ryken (South), Ross Hoek Family (North), Jacob Dyke (Elevator)

Greeters PM: John & Donna Hamstra (South), Brian Kingma Family (North), Derek Ipema (Elevator)

Song Service: Peter Brummel

UPCOMING DATES:

March 18: Council meets at 7:00 pm.

March 23: Spring break-No Catechism and Sunday School classes.

April 18: Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm.

May 3: Third Annual First Responders Appreciation Breakfast

Congregational Care

- Jon Hoek's cataract surgery went well. He will meet with the surgeon tomorrow to start the process to repair the macular hole.
- Catie Cavanaugh
- Jessica Eenigenburg
- Wendy Hager
- The Green Family
- Expectant mother, Leanna Bakker

Apostles' Creed

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

United in Prayer-Missionary Prayer Requests

Rev. Brian Zegers is a missionary in Ajax, Ontario, Canada.

- We thank the Lord for the recent baptism of a former Muslim. Pray that the Lord will keep him strong in the faith, grow him as a disciple, and use him to draw his Muslim family to Christ.
- Thank the Lord for the ongoing opportunities to engage with the Ahmadiyya Muslim community both by going to their mosque and by hosting them at Salem URC. Pray that the Holy Spirit will open the minds and soften the hearts of those who hear the Gospel and draw them to faith in Jesus Christ.
- Pray that the Lord would water the Gospel seeds that are sown through the many one-on-one conversations, Discussion Evenings, interfaith events, and Christian literature.
- Pray that the Lord would keep our faith strong amid the repeated exposure to criticisms of the Bible and the Christian faith as we proclaim the Gospel among Muslims.

Deacon Report

Our offering next Sunday will be for General Fund and Rev. Paul Murphy.

All cash donations not placed in an envelope and designated will go to the second offering cause.

General Announcements

Our **Prayer Meeting** is this Wednesday, March 12, at 7:00 pm.

Service Opportunity: Since 2004 Bill Vander Molen has been coordinating the chapel services that Immanuel conducts four times per year at Oak Grove Retirement Home. He would like to pass this on to another man of the congregation. Please speak with Bill if you would like to serve in this way.

Sign-up Sheet: there is a sign-up sheet downstairs on the Events Table for anyone who wants to be part of the young adults text thread/group chat.

Ladies' Bible Study and Story Hour will meet this Wednesday, March 12, at 9:00 am. Group 2 has snack and clean up. Copies of Lesson 24, *And When You Fast*, are on the table near the mailboxes.

The **Annual Bible League Spring Luncheon** featuring the Illiana Christian Chamber Singers is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, at Smits Farms. Tickets are \$30, and the deadline for reservations is this Thursday, March 13. Please send your ticket money to Trenice Postema, 10701 Louisiana Court, Orland Park, Illinois 60467. Your ticket will be at the luncheon.

Volunteers needed for Illiana Cadet Council: Illiana Cadet Council supports and provides many events for the local clubs, including International Camporee prep. The council is in dire need of men to serve on the board. Starting in the 2025-2026 season there will be several positions that need to be filled. These positions are integral to the local clubs, both in support and events. We ask that you would prayerfully consider serving. For more information, please contact Jerry Haveman 815-587-2284 jjhaveman@yahoo.com or illianacadetcouncil.org

Reformed Mission Services is heading to Western North Carolina from March 24–29 to assist communities devastated by hurricane damage. We urgently need volunteers to help with cleanup, chainsaw work, and early reconstruction efforts. If you are able to serve, please visit rms.org/hurricane for more details and to sign up.

Ascension Reformed Church in Cincinnati is excited to worship in their building on March 30! Before then, they need volunteers during the last two weeks of March for cleanup and final preparations. Even if you can help for just a day or two, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. To volunteer or support this project, visit rms.org/arc or contact Rob at rob@rms.org.

Trinity URC in Lethbridge, Alberta, is hosting a TASC event from July 26 – August 2! This is a great opportunity for 14 to 19-year-olds to serve and make a difference in the community. Spots are still available! To learn more and sign up, visit rms.org/tasc. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Poll at steve@rms.org.

School Announcements

DMCS JOB OPENINGS

Full job descriptions and applications may be found at www.demottechristianschools.org under the *About* section on the Employment Opportunities page.

DMCS Important Dates:

March 3-17: Suds for a Cause Fundraiser

March 10: NHS Induction 7-8 pm Church Campus

March 18: Winter Athletic Awards 7-8 pm Church Campus

March 24-28: Spring Break

April 3: Suds soap pick-up 3-5 pm UC Covenant Room

April 8: DMCS Society Meeting 7-8 pm

April 11-12: DMCHS Spring Musical

April 18: No school, Good Friday/Make-up Day

April 20: Happy & Blessed Easter

April 21: No school, Easter Monday/Make-up Day

Council:

ELDERS:

President: Mark Van Der Molen (25) Parish 1
Vice President: Derek Terpstra (26) Parish 3
Clerk: Rudy Tolkamp (27)
John DeBoer (25) Parish 2
John Hamstra (27) Parish 4

DEACONS:

President: Nathan Bakker (27) Parish 4
Vice President: Jim Zeilenga (25) Parish 2
Secretary: Nathan DeJong (25) Parish 3
Treasurer: Ross Hoek (26)
Assistant Treasurer: Reagan Ryken (27) Parish 1

Associate Pastors:

Rev. Ken Anema, Instructor, Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary
Rev. Nathan Brummel, Instructor, Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary
Rev. Roberto Rossi, Missionary Chaplain, United States Navy

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 Nathan Brummel
Bookkeeper: Kirsten Zandstra
Building & Grounds: Jim Zeilenga
Bulletin: please contact Administrative Assistant
Cadets: Jerry Hager
Custodians: Dave and Dawn DeGraff
Education: Derek Terpstra
Evangelism & Outreach: Derek Terpstra
Fellowship: Wendy Buiters
Funerals: Mary DeBoer and Dana Vander Molen
GEMS Club: Angie Rosenthal
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

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