

Welcome to

IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Sunday, August 18, 2024

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

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

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

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: 229.....Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Confession & Assurance: 69B.....Thy Lovingkindness, Lord, Is Good and Free

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts:General Fund and Reformed Youth Services

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 173.....Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

Reading of the Word:1 Peter 1:13-25 (p. 1203)

Sermon: THE CALL TO HOLINESS

*Prayer of Application

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

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

*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

*Song of Praise: 98C.....Sing a New Song to Jehovah

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 94 (p. 590)

Singing of the Psalm: 94B:1,3,5,7,9.....Almighty LORD God, Who Judges the Earth

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts:General Fund and Reformed Youth Services

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 271.....Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Reading of the Word:Exodus 34:1-10 (p. 87)

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 4.....*Forms and Prayers*, (p. 204)

Sermon: IS GOD UNJUST TO PUNISH SIN?

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Application: 214.....Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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

Coffee Fellowship after the morning worship service. Chapel Service at Oak Grove at 2:30 pm.

Nursery AM: Abbie Martin and Corianna Green

PM: Lydia Rossi and Bev Hubers

On-call Nursery Attendant: Tessa Vander Molen

Sound System: Amos Terpstra

Greeters AM: Rob Buijer Family (South), Dave Bosgraaf (North), Thomas Bousema (Elevator)

Greeters PM: Sue DeBoer (South), Carson Bakker Family (North), Cade Walstra (Elevator)

Song Service: Reagan Ryken; **Songs:** 11B, 19A, 22D

Tuesday: Council meets at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday: Profession of Faith class meets at 6:30 pm.

Friday: GEMS Kick-off at Brightstone Lake from 5:00-8:00 pm.

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: AUGUST 25

Coffee Fellowship after the morning worship service.

Nursery AM: Janell Rottier and Wendy Hager

PM: Laurel Stegenga and Levi Hubers

On-call Attendant: Dana Vander Molen

Sound System: Carson Bakker

Greeters AM: Noah Hoek Family (South), Herb Woldt Family (North), Jerry Hager (Elevator)

Greeters PM: John & Mary DeBoer (South), Titus Martin Family (North), James Blom (Elevator)

Song Service: Tim Stegenga

Cookies: Alicia Dyke, Val Dykhuizen, Jessica Eenigenburg, Marie Eenigenburg

UPCOMING DATES:

September 4: GEMS & Cadets meet from 6:30-8:00 pm. Ladies' Bible Study Kick-off dinner at Hamstras.

September 8: Sunday School and Catechism classes begin.

September 11: Prayer meeting at 7:00 pm.

September 29: Baptisms of Reuben DeJong, Miles Staley and Cohen Colanese during morning worship.

September 30: Bridal Shower for Kimberly Voortman.

October 6: Fellowship meal after morning worship.

Congregational Care

- Joan Perkins
- The Green Family
- Expectant mothers: Abbie Martin & Stephanie Kingma
- Engaged couples: Thomas Bousema & Kimberly Voortman
Lauren Vermeer & Derek Hillegonds
- Teen Mother Choices (TMC) begins again on September 5.

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

- In the midst of a severe bacterial infection that has afflicted our Muslim neighbor, the Lord has opened the door for us to visit her and her husband on multiple occasions, both in the hospital and in their home, and read Scripture and pray with them. Pray that through this hardship, Christ will make Himself known to them in a saving way.
 - Pray for the Lord's blessing upon an ongoing small-group discussion with two Muslim men. Pray for wisdom for myself as I answer hard but honest questions, and pray for the Spirit to open their hearts to the truths of God's Word.
 - Thank the Lord for the evidence of growing faith in the heart of a young man who has rejected the Islamic faith he was raised with. Thank the Lord that he attends Sunday worship regularly and meets weekly for discipleship, and pray that he will soon publicly profess his faith and be baptized.
 - Pray that the Spirit will work in the hearts of the men and women we have established ongoing relationships with over the past many years and move them to faith in Christ.
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Deacon Report

Our offering next Sunday will be for General Fund and Mid-America Reformed Seminary. All cash donations not placed in an envelope and designated will go to the second offering cause.

General Announcements

Our chapel service at Oak Grove Christian Retirement Center will take place at 2:30 pm today. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sunday School and Catechism classes will begin on Sunday, September 8, at 9:00 am.

Adult Sunday School will be studying the history of the Synod of Dort (1618-1619) and the Canons of Dort. The canons are one of the Reformed confessions which teach and defend the doctrines of grace. Handouts will be provided in class. We meet in the Adult Sunday School class at 9:00 am.

GEMS Kick-off: The GEMS are invited for a bonfire with hotdogs and s'mores to start off our year! Please join us on Friday, August 23, from 5:00-8:00 pm under the pavilion at Brightstone Lake (2494 N 620 W Rensselaer, Indiana). Please bring a life jacket and change of clothes (if you'd like to use the boats). Feel free to invite a friend! Parents are welcome to drop off their girls or stay for the bonfire! Please RSVP to Amber Green or Carrie Rossi. Hope to see you there!

GEMS: Our first meeting is right around the corner! All 3rd-8th grade girls are invited to join us on Wednesday, September 4th from 6:30-8:00pm! This year's theme is *Transformed! Changed by God's Word from the Inside Out!* and is based on Romans 12:2. We're looking forward to a fun year of Bible lessons, crafts, games, badges & more! Don't forget to bring your Bible and Badge book along! Questions? Please see Amber Green, Carrie Rossi or Sydnie Walstra.

Ladies' Bible Study Kickoff Dinner will take place Wednesday evening, September 4, at 6:00 pm at the home of Donna Hamstra. Please check your email for more information about what to bring and how to RSVP. All ladies post-high school are welcome to attend.

Men's Bible Study will begin on Saturday, September 7, at 7:00 am. We meet in The Well and will study the gospel of Mark. Please see Rudy Tolkamp if you would like more information.

Youth Group Kick-off will take place Saturday, September 7. We will be leaving in the morning for Crooked Creek Trails for horseback riding, fishing and breakfast. It is going to be a fun morning riding the trails on the 300-acre property! Please RSVP to Carrie Bakker as soon as possible if you plan to attend. Also, please save the date, September 18, for our annual **Serve September** project. More details coming soon.

More **Cadet** counselors are needed for the 2024-2025 year. Please contact Jerry Hager if you would like to serve in this way.

A **bridal shower** for Kimberly Voortman and Thomas Bousema will be held on Monday, September 30, at 6:00 pm. Invitations are in your mailboxes. Please RSVP to Mary Vander Molen. There is a sign-up sheet in the Immanuel Connect email and also in the fellowship hall for those who would like to sign up to help in the kitchen and/or bring a food item.

Teen Mother Choices begins meeting again on Thursday, September 5. Please sign-up in the fellowship hall to provide a meal and/or serve in the nursery from 5:45-8:15 pm on a Thursday evening.

Word & Deed Prayer Update – Nicaragua: Many NGO's, including Christian ones, have lost their official status due to a crackdown by the Nicaraguan government over the past few years. The annual application and waiting period is a great stress for our partner, *Palabra y Hecho*, as they seek to equip the indigenous Miskitu with a Christian worldview together with practical agricultural and business principles. Pray that they would retain their status, that healthy rains would result in a good crop this year, and that their efforts would be used by the Lord to shape minds and transform hearts.

Costa Rica Comes to US! We praise God for three families who volunteered to host! We are still looking for 6 host families. The students will be doing various service projects, shadowing at DMCHS, presenting at Oak Grove, etc. during the day. Ideally, host families would be able to drop them off at church or DMCHS in the morning and pick them up in the afternoon/evening. Other hopes are that hosts will share meals, chats, and everyday life with these young brothers and sisters in Christ. They do speak English. Please contact William or Amber Green by **August 27** if you would consider hosting.

Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary invites you to our **Clay Shoot Fundraiser** that is scheduled for Saturday morning, September 28, at Deer Creek Hunt Club in Three Oaks, Michigan. Registration and breakfast begin at 8:30 am (EST). Cost is \$125. Please RSVP to Nathan Brummel by text at (616) 822-2397.

Bible League Conference: There is still time to sign up for the fall conference which will take place on Saturday, September 7, in Lansing, Illinois. This conference is open to men and women and will include a light brunch. Craig and Molly Sanborn will be the keynote speakers. Please contact Deanna Van Swol to register dvanswol@bibleleague.org (708) 367-8541.

Cornerstone URC Women's Conference in Hudsonville, Michigan invites you to save the date for the upcoming 28th Women's Conference, scheduled for March 14 & 15, 2025 at Cornerstone URC. Featured guest is well-known speaker, Carol Kent, author of [When I Lay My Isaac Down– Unshakeable Faith in Unthinkable Circumstances](#). More details and registration information to come! Questions? Call the church office (616) 669-2190 or email curcwc@gmail.com.

Interested in Singing? Miss choral singing? **Men of A-Chord** is a Christian Male Chorus is starting their season! We would like for you to join us to sing, come check us out! We would love to have you come alongside us and enjoy singing for the Lord. The Men of A-Chord season will start, Wednesday August 28, 2024 @ 7:30 pm at First Church of South Holland (OPC). The church is located at 16248 South Park Ave., South Holland, IL. In addition to our regular performances, we have several other things planned for our season! For more information contact our director Justin Rich (219) 588-5471, or our business manager, Mike Oldenburger (630) 209-2326 or www.menofachord.org

MESSIAH – Calling all Singers!! Illiana Oratorio Society will be starting rehearsals for its annual presentation of Handel's Messiah. Prayerfully consider joining us as we bring glory to God through song. New singers are always welcome – no audition required. Music is available to purchase at rehearsals. Rehearsals will be held each Monday evening starting on October 7, 2024 at 7:30 pm until 9:00 pm. The concert will be on Sunday, December 8, 2024. Please join us at First Church (OPC) of South Holland, Illinois located at 16248 South Park Ave., South Holland, IL. For more information, please visit our website at www.illianaoratorio.org or find us on Facebook.

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

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