

Welcome to

IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Sunday, March 2, 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: 122A.....I Was Filled with Joy and Gladness

GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Confession & Assurance: 103C.....Come, My Soul, and Bless the LORD

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts:General Fund and Classis Home Mission Fund

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 277.....Before the Throne of God Above

Reading of the Word:Hebrews 2 (p. 1187)

Sermon: OUR FAITHFUL AND MERCIFUL HIGH PRIEST

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application: 520.....What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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: 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: 145A:1-4.....I Will Exalt You, O My God and King

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 2 (p. 528)

Singing of the Psalm: 2B.....Why Do Heathen Nations Rage?

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts:General Fund and Classis Home Mission Fund

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 393:1,3,5Spirit of God, Dwell Thou within My Heart

Reading of the Word:Romans 15:1-13 (p. 1128)

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 20.....Forms and Prayers (p. 221)

Sermon: OUR TRUST IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Application: 399:1,3,5.....For Your Gift of God the Spirit

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 morning worship. Young Adults meet after evening worship.

Nursery AM: Janell Rottier and Wendy Hager

PM: Tessa Vander Molen and Genny Hubers

On-call Nursery Attendant: Josie Vander Molen

Sound System: Amos Terpstra

Cookies: Donna Hamstra, Naomi Hamstra, Laureen Hoek

Greeters AM: Dale & Marie Eenigenburg (South), Rudy & Stacey Tolkamp (North), Calvin E. (Elevator)

Greeters PM: Nathan DeJong Family (South), Justin Colanese Family (North), Max Vander Molen (Elev.)

Song Service: Cade Walstra **Songs:** 164, 291, 496

Tuesday: Consistory meets at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday: Ladies' Bible Study and Story Hour meet at 9:00 am. GEMS Bake Sale/Cadets Pinewood

Derby Races at DeMotte Christian Elementary School at 6:00 pm.

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

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

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: MARCH 9

Daylight Saving Time begins. Coffee Fellowship after morning worship.

Nursery AM: Jennie Terpstra and Ken Hager

PM: Stacey Tolkamp and Levi Hubers

On-call Attendant: Tessa Vander Molen

Sound System: Ken Hager

Cookies: Kyra Hoek, 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

UPCOMING DATES:

March 10: Deacons meet at 7:00 pm.

March 12: Prayer Meeting at 7:00 pm.

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.

Congregational Care

- Jon Hoek will be having a consult for cataract surgery this week in preparation for an upcoming retinal/macular hole repair surgery next month.
- Catie Cavanaugh is recovering well.
- Jessica Eenigenburg
- Wendy Hager
- The Green Family
- Expectant mothers: Leanna Bakker and Kyra Hoek

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. Daniel Ventura and Rev. Taylor Kern serve in Ontario, California.

- Please keep in prayer Rev. Ventura as he learns Spanish and Rev. Kern and he preaches and teaches in Spanish.
- Please keep in prayer our new visitors, especially those going through our membership class. Many of them are new to the United States, so pray for their adjustment and for wisdom for us as we support them.
- Please keep in prayer our congregation during this new political administration. It has brought some fear and anxiety when it comes to immigration issues, and so please pray for us as we shepherd our people with compassion and conviction.

Deacon Report

Our offering next Sunday will be for General Fund and DeMotte Food Pantry.

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

General Announcements

We are grateful to have Dr. Cornelis Venema and Rev. John Vermeer lead us in worship today.

Young Adults will meet immediately follow the evening worship service today.

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.

Dear Congregation, Thank you for your continued prayers for Wendy. We are working with a pediatric endocrinologist from Riley and a naturopathic doctor in Valparaiso. Wendy will have bloodwork to monitor progress in about four weeks, and then six weeks after that she will have a three-month check-in at Riley. The endocrinologist said that the goiter in Wendy's neck would not shrink. However, we give thanks to God that the goiter has gone down substantially, giving her less swelling and allowing her voice to improve. We also rejoice that her heart rate is stable (although still high) with medication, and that she has felt some improvement from the naturopathic care. Please pray that the bloodwork shows that the course of treatment is working, and that she continues to improve. The Hager Family

From Cadets' Head Counselor Jerry Hager: The last day to modify your derby car for the race will be tomorrow, March 3. Please contact me if you need to make any changes. Thank you.

The **Annual Cadet Pinewood Derby Race** is this Wednesday, March 5. Check-in opens at 6:00 pm at DeMotte Christian Elementary School, and races will begin at 6:30 pm. Please see Head Counselor, Jerry Hager, if you have any questions. Leave your own snacks at home because the GEMS girls will have plenty of goodies for you to purchase during the event.

You're invited! Please join us at the **3rd Annual GEMS Bake Sale** at the Cadet Derby Race held this Wednesday, March 5, at 6:30 pm at DeMotte Christian Elementary School! Each of the GEMS will be baking delicious, homemade goodies in order to raise money for The Malawi Project's Baby Packs for Life. These packs are filled with basic items expectant mothers need for the delivery of their baby and for themselves, which the hospitals in Malawi do not supply. You can find more about this ministry at info@themalawiproject.org. We hope to see you at the Bake Sale!

Ladies' Bible Study and Story Hour will meet this Wednesday, March 5, at 9:00 am. Group 1 has snack and clean up. Copies of Lesson 23, *And Lead Us Not into Temptation*, are on the table near the mailboxes.

One more **male leader** is needed for the **RYS Convention** this summer, July 21-25, at Wheaton College. Registration is going on now. Deadline is March 1. If you are interested, please talk to Derek Terpstra or Nathan Bakker.

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 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 for a Disaster Response trip, aiding communities recovering from hurricane damage. We're looking for volunteers to assist with cleanup, chainsaw work, and early reconstruction efforts. If you'd like to be part of this effort, visit rms.org/disaster-response for more details.

Ascension Reformed Church in Cincinnati is looking forward to worshipping in their building on March 30! Before then, volunteers are needed during the last two weeks of March to help with cleanup and final preparations. If you're able to assist or would like to support this project, visit rms.org/arc or contact Rob at rob@rms.org.

RMS is gearing up for several Ministry Development Trips, and you're invited to join! In **Mexico (April 8–16)**, volunteers will help build a home for a pastor. In **Costa Rica (April 22–May 1)**, participants will support Rev. Bill Green in his ongoing ministry work. Then, in **Peru (May 12–21)**, teams will assist with constructing a church building. For more details or to get involved, visit rms.org/trips or reach out to Steve at steve@rms.org.

Please keep our SEED event in your prayers as it takes place this week in Daytona Beach, Florida. Pray for the participants as they serve, grow in their faith, and share the gospel. Also, pray for Dr. Eric Watkins who will be leading biblical training in evangelism during the day. Visit rms.org/seed for more details and to see photos throughout the week!

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: 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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