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# IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

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Sunday, September 25, 2022

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

Hymn Sing 4:50 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: Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.*

*Congregation: For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.*

\*Salutation

\*Hymn of Praise: 146.....Praise the LORD! My Soul, O Praise Him!

## GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Confession & Assurance: 476.....It Is Well with My Soul

Congregational Prayer

Giving our Tithes and Offerings.....General Fund and DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc.

## GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

\*Song of Preparation: 169.....Master, Speak! Thy Servant Heareth

Reading of the Word.....James 1:19-27 (p. 1199)

## Sermon: TRUE RELIGION PRACTICES THE WORD OF TRUTH

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Formulary for the Lord's Supper.....*Forms and Prayers*, p. 50

\*Confession of Faith

\*Hymn of Preparation: 336.....O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Distribution of the Elements\*\*

Song of Application: 530.....Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

## GOD BLESSES HIS PEOPLE

\*Benediction

\*Doxology (unannounced): 473:1, 3.....By the Sea of Crystal

\*Silent Prayer - concluded by the Postlude

\*Postlude

\*Please stand if able.

\*\* Grape juice is in the inner circles of the communion trays, and wine is in the outer circle.

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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: Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.*

*Congregation: For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.*

\*Salutation

## GOD'S PEOPLE OFFER PRAISE

\*Confession of Faith.....Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1

\*Hymn of Praise: 63B.....O Lord, My God, Most Earnestly

Psalms Reading.....Psalm 133 (p. 615)

Singing of the Psalm: 133B.....How Good and Pleasant Is the Sight

Congregational Prayer

Giving our Tithes and Offerings.....General Fund and DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc.

## GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

\*Song of Preparation: 397.....Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Reading of the Word: .....Revelation 1:9-20; 2:1-7

**Sermon: CHRIST'S LETTER TO THE CHURCH IN EPHESUS:  
"VALIANT FOR THE TRUTH, FORSAKING THEIR FIRST LOVE"**

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Application: 429.....Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

## GOD BLESSES HIS PEOPLE

\*Benediction

\*Doxology (unannounced): 570.....Doxology

\*Silent Prayer - concluded by the Postlude

\*Postlude

\*Please stand if able.

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## THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

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**Coffee Fellowship after the morning worship service.**

**Nursery AM:** Amber Green and Hope Terpstra

**PM:** Donna Hamstra and Levi Hubers

**On-call Nursery Attendant:** Jennie Terpstra

**Sound System:** Nick Post

**Cookies:** Carrie Bakker, James Blom

**Greeters AM:** Dana & Joan Perkins (South), William Green Family (North), Calvin Eenigenburg (Elevator)

**Greeters PM:** Claire & Sophie Bakker (South), Dave & Brenda Long (North), Max Vander Molen (Elevator)

**Song Service:** Derek Terpstra; **Songs:** 8B, 99B, 265

**Tuesday:** Building & Grounds Committee meets at 7:00 pm.

**Wednesday:** Ladies' Bible Study and Story Hour meet.

**Saturday:** Men's Bible Study meets at 7:00 am. Youth Group Kick-off at Dunes State Park.

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## NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: OCTOBER 2

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**Fellowship meal after the morning worship service. Everyone welcome!**

**Nursery AM:** Kyra Hoek and Simeon Terpstra

**PM:** Lauren Hoek and Claire Vander Molen

**On-call Nursery Attendant:** Stacey Tolkamp

**Sound System:** Mason Vander Molen

**Greeters AM:** Carson & Leanna Bakker (South), Jon & Lauren Hoek (North), Jerry Hager (Elevator)

**Greeters PM:** Maggie Bakker & Emmelene Dyke (South), John & Mary DeBoer (North), Elias Martin (Elev.)

**Song Service:** Dave Long

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## UPCOMING DATES:

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**October 5:** GEMS meet. **Devotions:** Corianna Green; **Snacks:** Corianna Green & Reagan Swaska  
Cadets meet. **Snack:** Liam Green. Prayer Meeting at 7:00 pm.

**October 11:** Consistory meets at 6:00 pm.

**November 2:** Senior Night with GEMS, Cadets and Youth Group.

**November 16:** Lakeside Artists Guild Concert at Immanuel.

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## *Congregational Care*

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- Renae Buiters
- Amber Green
- Jerry Hager
- Cathy Kuiper
- Cody & Cami Stegenga

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## Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1

### Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

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**A.** That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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## United in Prayer-Missionary Prayer Requests

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Rev. Caleb Janson is a church-planter in Gig Harbor, Washington.

- Give thanks for the new visitors who have been worshipping with us as of late. Pray that they would desire to formally become members of our church plant.
  - We are beginning a Youth Catechism program this fall. Pray that the Lord would bless this work as a means of preparing our covenant youth to make “good confession in the presence of many witnesses” (1 Tim. 6:12).
  - Give thanks that the Lord has provided two local elders to serve our church plant.
  - Pray that the Lord would provide a qualified man to serve as a deacon.
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## Deacon Report

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### Offering Schedule:

**Today:** General Fund and DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc.

**October 2:** General Fund and Women's Center of Northwest Indiana

**October 9:** General Fund and Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary

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

With gratitude to God, the deacons report the offerings of September 18:

General Fund	Benevolence	Quito Ecuador Mission
Illiana Right to Life	Sanctuary Remodel Fund	

## General Announcements

We are grateful to have Dr. Cornelis Venema lead us in worship this evening. Dr. Venema is President and Professor of Doctrinal Studies at Mid-America Reformed Seminary in Dyer, Indiana.

Our next **fellowship meal** will be after the morning worship service next Sunday. All visitors are welcome to join us. **Clean-up:** Parishes 1 & 2 (Anema-Howard).

**Cadet Campout**—Cadets, please at Immanuel at 4:15 pm on Friday afternoon, September 30. We plan to leave for our camp-out promptly at 4:30 pm. All permission sheets and canoe waivers must be turned in. Today is the last day to sign up for the camp-out. Contact Dave DeGraff if you have any questions.

**Cadet Counselors** –Men are needed for counselors for our growing Cadet program. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this important ministry. Contact Dave DeGraff for more details.

**New in the Library**—Non-Fiction: [A Journey Called Grief: A Month-by-Month Reference for Those Who Grieve](#) by Sarah Schieber, the speaker at the 2022 Bible League Conference. [No Reason to Hide: Standing for Christ in a Collapsing Culture](#) by Erwin Lutzer, and [Seasons of Sorrow: The Pain of Loss and the Comfort of God](#) by Tim Challis. Fiction: [Fallout](#) by Carrie Stuart Parks. MAGAZINES, MAGAZINES! Check out the library table to see what is available.

**Forget when you are scheduled to do what?** Members can find many schedules on the Member area of our website. The schedules available now are:

- Adult Sunday School Teachers
- Cookies
- Greeters
- Music accompanists
- Offerings
- Nursery
- Song Service Leaders
- Sound System

**Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary** invites friends of the seminary to join us at our annual clay shoot fundraiser on Saturday, October 8, 2022.

**Location:** Deer Creek Hunt Club in Three Oaks, Michigan.

**Cost:** \$125 per person for shells, 14 stations, with coffee and breakfast included.

**Website:** [deercreekhuntclub.com](http://deercreekhuntclub.com)

**RSVP:** Pastor Nathan Brummel at [divinehopedanville@yahoo.com](mailto:divinehopedanville@yahoo.com) or text/call (616) 822-2397.

Registration begins at 8:30 am EASTERN time, and stations open at 9:30 am Eastern time. Come join us for a morning of fun and fellowship and help support Divine Hope.

Plan now to attend the 43<sup>rd</sup> annual **Illiana Right to Life Banquet** on Thursday, October 13, at 6:30 pm. The banquet will be held at Avalon Manor in Merrillville, IN. This year our speaker will be will be Pastor Cesar LeFlore. He is the Illinois state Field Director for the Public-School Exit project with the Illinois Family Institute of Tinley Park, IL. See Donna Hamstra if you would like a banquet ticket.

**Upcoming Rockville Women's Conference**—Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary plans to hold a women's conference on October 28-30 at the Rockville Correctional Facility in Rockville, Indiana. The theme of the conference is "Finding Hope after the Hurts of Sexual Abuse". We are in need of volunteers to help facilitate small group discussions, present book reviews and/or visit with conference participants. Please consider how you may serve. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated! Please contact Pastor Ken Anema (616) 886-6884 or John Hamstra (219) 296-9389 for more information.

**Save the Date: Word & Deed Fall Dinner**—You are warmly invited to attend a Word & Deed Fundraising Dinner to be held on Wednesday, November 9 at Illiana Christian High School. We are pleased to have Juan Carlos Ramirez of *Education Plus* as our keynote speaker. Juan is the director of *Education Plus* and an elder in the church that Rev. Bill Green pastors. More details to follow. Plan on joining us for good food, fellowship, and a presentation highlighting what the Lord is doing in Costa Rica! See John Hamstra to make a reservation.

**MESSIAH** - Illiana Oratorio Society will be starting rehearsals for its annual presentation of Handel's *Messiah*. Rehearsals will be held each Monday evening starting on October 3 at 7:30 pm until 9:00 pm. The concert will be on Sunday December 4, 2022 at 2:00 pm. Please join us at First Orthodox Presbyterian Church of South Holland, IL located at 16248 South Park Ave., South Holland, IL. Please consider joining us for singing this great work of music to God's praise!

## School Announcements

**59TH Annual Harvest Sale**—NEW DATE & LOCATION: This year's Harvest Sale will be the second weekend in October on Saturday, October 15th, beginning at 6:00 pm at the DMCS Grade School campus. Kraft Auction will be providing services, as well, so we will have in-person and online bidding. We will still provide dinner and have live music, too! We hope you'll join us!

Job openings can be found at [www.demottechristianschools.org](http://www.demottechristianschools.org), under the "About" tab drop-down menu, "Employment Opportunities" tab.

### **DMCS Fundraisers:**

9/28: Cookie Dough Pickup at DMCGS from 2:45-4 pm

9/29: Suds for a Cause Pickup at DMCGS from 2:45-4 pm

10/4-10/15: Butter Braids, pick-up at DMCHS on 11/9 from 2-3 pm

### **DMCS Important Dates:**

10/15: Harvest Sale @ DMCGS

10/14: Pastor Appreciation Day (both campuses)

10/21-24: Fall Break

11/4: Grandparent's Day (both campuses)

## *Our Council:*

### **ELDERS:**

President: Jon Hoek (24) Parish 2  
Vice President: Dan Kingma (22) Parish 1  
Clerk: Russ Vander Molen (24)  
John Hamstra (22) Parish 4  
Steve Ryken (23) Parish 3

### **DEACONS:**

President: Nathan Bakker (22) Parish 2  
Secretary: Justin Colanese (23) Parish 4  
Treasurer: Joshua Hubers (24)  
Vicar: Dale Eenigenburg (22) Parish 3  
Asst. Treasurer: Ray Vander Molen (24) Parish 1

## *Parishes:*

1: Anema – Drenth

2: Dyke – Howard

3: Hubers – Ridder

4: Rossi – Zeilenga

## *Committees and Contact Person:*

Administrative Assistant: Donna Hamstra  
Adult Sunday School: Pastor Ken Anema  
Bookkeeper: Elaine Dyke  
Building & Grounds: Rob Buiters  
Bulletin: please contact Administrative Assistant  
Cadets: Dave DeGraff  
Custodians: Dave and Dawn DeGraff  
Education: Dan Kingma  
Evangelism & Outreach: Pastor Roberto Rossi  
Fellowship: Tina Dyke  
Funerals: Beth Kingma and Sue DeBoer  
GEMS Club: Carrie Rossi  
Handiwork Fellowship: Jessica Hubers

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: John Hamstra  
Story Hour: Stacey Tolkamp  
Sunday School: Carolyn Hager  
Web Manager: Dana Perkins  
Women's Bible Study: Donna Hamstra  
Youth Group: Nathan & Carrie Bakker, Jim & Bonnie Zeilenga and Pastor Roberto Rossi

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