

Welcome to

IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Sunday, April 14, 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: 525.....Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Confession & Assurance: 23A.....The Lord's My Shepherd

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts:General Fund and Benevolence

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 258.....Shepherd of Tender Youth

Reading of the Word:John 10:7-10 (p. 1065)

Sermon: JESUS BEING THE GATE OF THE SHEEP

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application: 526.....He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

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

*Hymn of Praise: 67B.....O God, Show Mercy to Us

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 32 (p. 546)

Singing of the Psalm: 32B.....How Blest Is He Whose Trespass

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts:General Fund and Benevolence

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Hymn of Preparation: 429.....Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Reading of the Word:Matthew 6:5-15 (p. 964)

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 51.....Forms and Prayers (p. 256)

Sermon: THE GRACE OF FORGIVENESS

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Application: 179.....Forgive Our Sins, as We Forgive

GOD BLESSES HIS PEOPLE

*Benediction

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

*Silent Prayer—concluded by the Postlude

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THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

Coffee Fellowship after morning worship.

Nursery AM: Tina Dyke and Wendy Hager

PM: Jessica Eenigenburg and Levi Hubers

On-call Nursery Attendant: Mary DeBoer

Sound System: Peter Brummel

Greeters AM: Tim Verduin Family (South), Brent & Val Dykhuizen (North), Jacob Dyke (Elevator)

Greeters PM: Pastor Anema Family (South), William Green Family (North), Calvin Eenigenburg (Elevator)

Song Service: Cade Walstra; **Songs:** 453, 431, 380

Monday: Hoosier Scholars 4H meets at 10:30 am.

Tuesday: Council meets at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday: GEMS, Cadets and Youth Group meet at 6:30 pm. Youth Group will meet at the Terpstras.

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

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

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: APRIL 21

Nursery AM: Kyra Hoek and Kenny Hager

PM: Lauren Hoek and Ella Rottier

On-call Attendant: Elizabeth DeJong

Sound System: Amos Terpstra

Greeters AM: Tim & Laurel Stegenga (South), Ray Vander Molen Family (North), Max Vander Molen (Elev)

Greeters PM: Josh Hubers Family (South), Clarence & Patty Oudman (North), Reagan Ryken (Elevator)

Song Service: Peter Brummel

Cookies: Beth Kingma, Pat Kingma, Susan Kloosterman, Cathy Kuiper

UPCOMING DATES:

April 23: Building & Grounds Committee meets at 7:00 pm.

May 1: GEMS and Cadets Family Night at 6:00 pm at Immanuel.

May 9: Ascension Day and Prayer Day Service at 7:00 pm.

Congregational Care

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

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. Mike Brown is a church-planter in Milan, Italy.

- Please pray that our congregation in Milan will continue to grow spiritually and numerically, and that we are a good witness to the gospel.
 - That we can reach the lost in our community and see more converts to the faith.
 - That the Lord would open doors for us to plant another church in northern Italy.
 - That the Lord would protect and bless Iain as he graduates high school in May and begins at Grove City College in August.
 - That the Lord would provide a way for us to buy a home here and stay long term.
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Deacon Report

Our offerings next Sunday will be for the General Fund and Word & Deed.

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.

With gratitude to God, the deacons report the following offerings of April 7:

General Announcements

GEMS & Cadets: Families of GEMS & Cadets are invited to join us for Family Night on Wednesday, May 1st at 6:00 pm! We'll provide a delicious meal and dessert, hand out awards/badges and honor our graduates! **Please RSVP by April 22nd** by texting Carrie Rossi (708) 224-1978 or Jerry Hager (219) 863-7498 with the number in your family attending. Thank you! We look forward to celebrating what God has done through these programs!

Youth Group will meet from 6:30-8:00 pm on Wednesday for their end of year party at the Terpstras' home. Come for games, food and fellowship. **Prayer/devotions:** Senior boys.

Men's Bible Study will meet Saturday morning at 7:00 am continuing in the book of Malachi.

Sunday School and Catechism will conclude on April 28. That Sunday is a make-up day for January 14.

Ladies Bible Study and Story Hour will meet on Wednesday at 9:00 am. **Snack:** Jean Post. Copies of the lesson are on the table near the mailboxes.

Adult Sunday School will consider Psalm 109 next week with the theme, "Lament is a Place of Refuge". Class begins at 9:00 am in the Adult Sunday School room.

The **Reformed Youth Services Board** is inviting our church to participate directly in the ministry and mission of Reformed Youth Services by submitting a qualified nominee from our congregation to serve on the RYS Board. They are seeking a nominee who has demonstrated maturity and a servant's heart. The RYS bylaws dictate that a nominee must not have been a member of any RYS committee or board in the last two years. They are requesting that we review our membership for a viable candidate from our congregation who has demonstrated an interest in our covenant youth and has a desire to serve on the RYS Board. There is an application form that needs to be completed and returned by the candidate. Applications need to be returned no later than June 4. Please see our clerk, John DeBoer, if you are interested.

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 by tomorrow, **April 15**.

Mother's Day Billboards—Illiana Right to Life Committee will again this year be running pro-life ads on digital billboards along heavily traveled US highways in Lake County IN and Cook County IL for one week (May 6 thru May 12). Copies of the ads will be circulated on Illiana Right to Life social media sites. Our Pro-Life declaration and names of supporters will not appear on the ads, but will be posted on our Illiana Right to Life Facebook page. Please contact Rebecca Walstra (219.779.5128) if you would like your name included. We ask for a minimum donation of \$5 per name to help defray the cost (additional donations are very much appreciated). All names and donations must be received by Sunday, April 21.

Reformed Mission Services is hosting a Bowling Fundraiser on May 4 from 7:00-9:00 pm. Come for a fun evening of FREE bowling, fellowship, and dessert all while learning more about RMS and supporting their

mission. Free will donations will be accepted at the door. Find out more and sign up online at rms.org/bowling. We hope you'll join us! If you have questions, please contact Wendy Buiters.

Come ready to sing! The Men of A-Chord is pleased to announce their annual “Night of Song”. The concert will be on Saturday May 4, at 7:00 p.m. at First Church of South Holland (OPC) located at 16248 South Park Avenue, South Holland, Illinois. The concert this year will include them singing “The Day He Wore My Crown” cantata. Betsy Archer, Jill Rich and Joseph Smith will be guest soloists. There will be plenty of audience participation for you to choose your favorite hymns! Make your plans now for a great evening of praise to our great God. A free will offering will be taken. For information, please see our website at www.menofachord.org or contact any member of the Men of A-Chord.

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.

Save the Date–Word & Deed Coast-to-Coast Bike-a-Thon: It’s that time of year again! We’re gearing up for this year’s Coast-to-Coast Bike-a-thon to be held on Saturday, June 1. Gather your friends and family, choose a route to bike, and raise funds for Word & Deed’s projects in South Africa. For more details and to register your team, go to wordanddeed.org/bikeathon. We’re looking forward to having many of you participate in this year’s event!

School Announcements

Important Dates at DMCS:

April 19: SCHOOL IN SESSION

April 22-26: DMCHS Service Week

April 29: PK-12 e-learning

May 3: Walk-a-thon

May 4: DMCS Carnival (current families invited to attend)

May 11: Christian Prom 6:00 pm @ Halls of St. George

May 18: DMCHS Worship Night @ 7:00 pm DMCS Church Campus

May 23: K-12 last day

May 24: Teacher in service/Makeup Day

May 24: DMCHS Graduation @ 7:00 pm

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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