

Welcome to

IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Sunday, December 17, 2023

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

*Hymn of Praise: 299.....Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Confession & Assurance: 32B:1,2,4,5.....How Blest Is He Whose Trespass

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts:General Fund and DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 321.....Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Reading of the Word:Luke 1:26-38 (p. 1016)

Sermon: THE CHILD WILL BE THE HOLY ONE

God's People Respond

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application: 315..... Silent Night! Holy Night!

GOD 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: 33:1,3,5.....With Joy Let Us Sing to the LORD

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 41 (p. 554)

Singing of the Psalm: 41.....Blest Is the One Who Helps the Weak

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts:General Fund and DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Hymn of Preparation: 501.....Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Reading of the Word:Ephesians 4:17-32 (p. 1161)

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 42.....*Forms and Prayers*, p. 249

Sermon: GOD FORBIDS ALL FORMS OF THEFT

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

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

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:

Sunday School children sing before morning worship. Coffee fellowship after morning worship. Young Adults meet after the evening worship service.

Nursery AM: Alicia and Naomi Dyke

PM: Tina Dyke and Levi Hubers

On-call Nursery Attendant: Carrie Rossi

Sound System: Amos Terpstra

Greeters AM: William Green Family (South), Dana & Joan Perkins (North), John Hamstra (Elevator)

Greeters PM: Noah & Nicole Hoek (South), Dave & Brenda Long (North), Max Vander Molen (Elevator)

Song Service: Peter Brummel; **Songs:** 300, 310, 323

Tuesday: Council meets at 7:00 pm.

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: DECEMBER 24

No Coffee Fellowship after morning worship.

Nursery AM: Amber & Corianna Green

PM: Kyra Hoek and Bev Hubers

On-call Attendant: Carrie Bakker

Sound System: Carson Bakker

Greeters AM: Pastor Brummel Family (South), Calvin & Jessica Eenigenburg (North), Jerry Hager (Elev.)

Greeters PM: John & Mary DeBoer (South), James Blom (North), Sam Terpstra (Elevator)

Song Service: Dana Perkins

UPCOMING DATES:

January 6: Men's Bible Study resumes.

January 7: Sunday School and Catechism classes resume.

January 10: Ladies' Bible Study and Story Hour resume. GEMS girls meet. **Devotions/snack:** Norah Kuiper

January 14: Installation of office bearers.

January 15: Hoosier Scholars 4H meets at 10:30 am.

January 17: Cadets meet at church at 6:30 pm.

January 28: Cadet Sunday

Congregational Care

- Barb Meppelink
- Cade & Sydnie Walstra
- Carolyn Woldt
- Jim Kuiper
- Expectant mothers: Cami Stegenga, Leanna Bakker, Sydnie Walstra, Nicole Hoek, Amanda Staley, Elizabeth DeJong & Jessica Colanese
- 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. Mitch Ramkissoon works in Redemption Prison Ministry.

- Pray for my wife Doris' health (colitis, diabetes, back pain)
 - Pray for chapel services being led at various institutions.
 - Pray for efforts at re-integration of ex-inmates.
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Deacon Report

Our offerings next Sunday will be for the General Fund and Benevolence.

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

General Announcements

All **Young Adults** are invited for a time of fellowship and food at John & Donna Hamstra's after the evening worship service tonight.

Concert Fundraiser: You are invited Thursday, December 28, at 7:00 pm to attend a musical fundraiser for **Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary**. We are pleased to announce "A Musical Celebration of Christmas and the New Year" featuring the Lakeside Artists Guild, a quartet made up of Christian musicians with ties to the OPC and URC communities. The concert will be held at Redeemer United Reformed Church, 10681 Park Place, St. John, Indiana. This concert and sing-a-long will be a family event featuring traditional Christmas music, hymns, and congregational singing. Bring your children! Gifted students of the Lakeside Artists Guild will also use their musical gifts. A free will offering will be taken, and desserts and refreshments will be served afterwards.

On the evening of Tuesday, January 9, the **Dordt University Chamber Orchestra** will perform at 1st CRC DeMotte at 7:30pm. This free concert is part of a winter tour across Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio. A freewill offering will be taken to defray tour expenses. Join us for an evening of music for the Glory of God! Before the concert, orchestra members and chaperones will share a meal. Homemade side dishes,

salads and desserts are needed! If you can help, please contact Bonnie Zeilenga dmchs.office@dmcsemail.org or call (219) 987-7651, extension 210. Thank you!

Sing-Along Messiah – The Illiana Oratorio Society, Men of A-Chord, and Lakeside Artists Guild invites you to participate with them in a Sing Along Handel's *Messiah* to Ring in the New Year! The concert will be on Sunday, December 31, 2023, at 2:00 pm at Thorn Creek Reformed Church located at 1875 E 170th Street in South Holland, IL. No ticket necessary. A free-will offering will be taken to defray the costs of the event. Please do not forget to bring your own music!

Attention post-high singles and married couples ages 18-30. Lord willing, RYS will be hosting our **Winter LOGOS Retreat** January 4-6 at Cedar Lake Ministries in Cedar Lake, Indiana. Rev. Ken Anema will be speaking on the theme of prayer "I called. God Answered". Registration is now open on our new website, <https://reformedyouthservices.org/>. Cost is \$260.00 per person and \$480.00 per married couple. The deadline to sign up is tomorrow, December 18.

Cornerstone URC's 27th Women's Conference is scheduled for March 15-16, 2024, featuring Megan Hill who will be speaking on *"God's Grace in Seasons of Change: Finding Certain Hope in Uncertain Times"*. Watch for more information to come! Contact the Women's Conference Committee at curcwc@gmail.com if you have any questions.

School Announcements

Moms in Prayer: A Community-wide Prayer Group—DeMotte Christian Schools is excited to partner with the local community and offer this wonderful opportunity! Moms in Prayer is for anyone and everyone who wishes to come pray for our local schools, students, teachers, and staff. We have organized monthly prayer topics and prayer requests. We hope you'll join us the first Thursday of each month at Cup of Joy Cafe in DeMotte from 8:15-9:15 am. Feel free to reach out to Amber Donnowitz at communications@dmcsemail.org for more information! Next meeting: January 11.

Important Dates:

Dec 19: DMCGS K-5 Christmas Program @ DMCHS

Dec 22 - Jan 5: Christmas Break; No school

Jan 8: Students return

Jan 9: Dordt Orchestra at 1st CRC DeMotte 7 pm.

Feb 16: No school- Teacher in service/Makeup Day

Feb 19: No school- President's Day/Makeup Day

Feb 24: DMCHS Winter Formal

Our Council:

ELDERS:

President: Jon Hoek (24) Parish 2
Vice President: Russ Vander Molen (24) Parish 4
Clerk: John DeBoer (25)
Steve Ryken (23) Parish 3
Mark Van Der Molen (25) Parish 1

DEACONS:

President: Jim Zeilenga (25) Parish 2
Vice President: Nathan De Jong (25) Parish 3
Secretary: Justin Colanese (23) Parish 4
Treasurer: Joshua Hubers (24)
Asst. Treasurer: Ray Vander Molen (24) Parish 1

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: Rob Buiters
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 and Sue DeBoer
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: Mark Van Der Molen
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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