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# IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

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Sunday, September 17, 2023

Worship Services: 10:00 am & 5:00 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: 96:1-5.....Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise

## GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Confession & Assurance: 51C:1-4, 7, 8.....God, Be Merciful to Me

Preparatory Exhortation to the Lord's Supper

Congregational Prayer

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

## GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

\*Song of Preparation: 446:1, 2, 4, 5.....Be Thou My Vision

Reading of the Word: .....2 Corinthians 8:1-15 (p. 1149)

## Sermon: GOD'S GRACE PRODUCES GENEROUS GIVING

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

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

## GOD BLESSES HIS PEOPLE

\*Benediction

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

\*Silent Prayer-concluded by the Postlude

\*Postlude

\*Please stand if able.

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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.....Apostles' Creed

\*Hymn of Praise: 95A.....O Come before the LORD, Our King

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 56 (p. 563)

Singing of the Psalm: 56.....O God, Be Merciful

Congregational Prayer

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

## GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

\*Hymn of Preparation: 121B.....To the Hills I Lift My Eyes

Reading of the Word: .....Genesis 35:1-29 (p. 34)

## Sermon: GOD'S PRESENCE AND HIS EFFECT ON THE SAINTS

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Application: 222:1-3, 7.....O God, Our Help in Ages Past

## GOD BLESSES HIS PEOPLE

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: 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 morning worship.

**Nursery AM:** Val Post and Ella Rottier

**PM:** Brenda Long and Hope Terpstra

**On-call Nursery Attendant:** Kate Buitter

**Sound System:** Peter Brummel

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

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

**Song Service:** Carson Bakker; **Songs:** 148B, 277, 351

**Tuesday:** Council meets at 7:00 pm.

**Wednesday:** Ladies' Bible Study and Story Hour at 9:00 am. GEMS and Cadets meet at 6:30 pm. Youth Group meets at Bakkers at 6:00 pm.

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

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

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## NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 24

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Coffee Fellowship after morning worship. Communion Service.

**Nursery AM:** Lydia Rossi and Simeon Terpstra

**PM:** Carrie Rossi and Remmie Bakker

**On-call Attendant:** Amber Green

**Sound System:** Amos Terpstra

**Greeters AM:** Clarence & Patty Oudman (South), Calvine & Jessica E. (North), Jerry Hager (Elevator)

**Greeters PM:** John & Mary DeBoer (South), James Blom (North), Jim Zeilenga (Elevator)

**Song Service:** Derek Terpstra

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## UPCOMING DATES:

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**September 26:** Building & Grounds Committee meets at 7:00 pm.

**October 3:** Consistory meets at 7:00 pm.

**October 9:** Deacons meet at 7:00 pm.

**October 1:** Fellowship Meal after morning worship.

**October 11:** Prayer Meeting

**November 19:** Chapel Service at Oak Grove Retirement Center.

**November 23:** Thanksgiving Day Service

**December 4:** Baby Shower at 6:30 pm.

**January 28:** Cadet Sunday

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## Congregational Care

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- Barb Meppelink
- Jim Kuiper
- Amber Green
- Expectant mothers: Cami Stegenga, Leanna Bakker and Sydnie Walstra
- Teen Mother Choices (TMC)

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## *Apostles' Creed*

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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

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## *United in Prayer-Missionary Prayer Requests*

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Rev. Ken Anema teaches in Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary.

- Pray for our students as they strive to put to death life-dominating patterns of sin.
  - Pray for the families of inmates. Incarceration adds strain to marriages and parent-child relationships.
  - Pray for eager students to be hungry for God's Word as we begin a new semester of classes in September.
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## *Deacon Report*

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### **Offering Schedule:**

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

**September 24:** General Fund and Quito Ecuador Mission

**October 1:** General Fund and Illiana Right to Life

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

All checks with no designation on the memo line will go to the second offering cause.

## Consistory Announcements

If any member has a suggestion for a man to be nominated to the office of elder or deacon, please submit the name in writing with your signature to any member of the Council by the end of today.

We are grateful to have Rev. David Klompjen lead us in worship this evening. Rev. Klompjen serves as minister at Community United Reformed Church in Schererville, Indiana. Pastor Rossi will be preaching there this evening as part of a pulpit exchange.

Pastor Rossi will be on vacation September 18-25. Please contact your parish elder for prayer or pastoral care.

## General Announcements

**GEMS:** Our first meeting is this Wednesday, Sept. 20 from 6:30-8:00pm! Please bring your Bible and badge book. Corianna Green will be leading devotions and bringing snacks. Questions? Contact Carrie Rossi, Amber Green or Amanda Staley.

**Youth Group Serve September** continues this Wednesday, September 20. Please meet at the Bakkers at 6:00 pm. Guys will need to wear work clothes and bring work gloves. Girls will be making freezer meals. You can pick up your teen at 8:30 at the Bakkers house.

**Ladies' Bible Study:** Our second lesson will be this Wednesday, September 20, studying Chapter 10, "The Knowability of God" pages 177-181. **Snack:** Abbie Martin. Be sure to come at 9:00 am for a time of refreshments and fellowship.

**Men's Bible Study** meets here at Immanuel on Saturday mornings at 7:00 am. Current study: the Old Testament book of *Micah*.

**Teen Mother Choices of DeMotte** will meet here at church the first three Thursdays of each month. If you can help in the nursery from 5:45 to 8:15 pm on one or several of those weeks, please sign-up at the sign-up table in the fellowship hall. Also, the **Supply Closet Drive** will continue through the end of September. Thank you to all who have donated items so far! Please the list of requested items on the sign-up board in the fellowship hall.

**Word & Deed Prayer Update – Haiti**—Insecurity has hovered over the Port-au-Prince area for more than four years and has now reached an unprecedented level. Adoration Christian School is surrounded by areas where gangs are in full control. Killings, rapes, kidnappings, and all manner of crimes dominate. Many Adoration students and staff live in these areas and some have been forced to abandon their homes to save their lives. We are grateful that Adoration can continue educating the students and providing a safe place at this time. It is difficult to know how to respond to these situations, but we know that God is on His throne. "The Lord is enthroned as King forever. The Lord gives strength to His people" (Ps 29:10-11). Please continue to pray for this broken country.

**Apple Pies**—Once again our local division of the **Bible League** will be making their apple pies. An order form is in your mailbox. Please return them to Pat Kingma by next Sunday, September 24.

**Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary Annual Shooting Sports Fundraiser** at the Deer Creek Hunt Club in Three Oaks, Michigan will be held **October 7**. Registration begins at 8:30 am (**Eastern time**) and stations open at 9:30 am (**Eastern time**). **Cost:** \$125 per person which includes breakfast, coffee and pastries, 14 stations and shells. Registration takes place at the event and covers the cost of hosting the event.

Plan now to attend the 44th annual **Illiana Right to Life Banquet** on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. The banquet will be held at Avalon Manor in Merrillville, IN. Avalon Manor will have social practices in place. This year our speaker will be Seth Drayer. He is the vice president of Created Equal, a pro-life education and outreach organization based in Columbus Ohio. See Rebecca Walstra or call/text her at (219) 779-5128 for tickets.

**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 9, 2023 at 7:30 pm until 9:00 pm. The concert will be on Sunday December 3, 2023 at 2:00 pm. Please join us at First Orthodox Presbyterian Church of South Holland, Illinois, 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*

### **DMCS Important Dates:**

Sept 22: DMCGS Picture Day  
Sept 22: DMCM/HS Retakes @ DMCGS  
Oct 6: No School, Teacher in-service/make-up day  
Oct 16: K-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences  
Oct 17: K-8 Parent-Teacher Conferences  
Oct 20-23: Fall Break No School  
Oct 24: Students return  
Oct 27: 60th Annual Harvest sale @ DMCGS  
Oct 30: DMCHS Financial Aid Night for Juniors and Seniors  
Oct 30-Nov 3: I55 Book Fair @ DMCGS  
Nov 3: Grandparents' Day  
Nov 3-4: DMCHS Fall Play  
Nov 8: DMCGS Picture Retakes  
Nov 22-24: Thanksgiving Break No School  
Nov 27: Students return  
Dec 12: DMCM/HS Winter Band & Choir Concert  
Dec 19: DMCGS K-5 Christmas Program  
Dec 22 - Jan 5: Christmas Break No school  
Jan 8: Students return

## *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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