

Welcome to

IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Sunday, March 26, 2023

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

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

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

*Song of Praise: 148B.....Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Confession & Assurance: 439.....Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Congregational Prayer

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

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 115B:1-4.....Not unto Us, O Lord of Heaven

Reading of the Word:Exodus 6:1-13 (p. 57)

Sermon: THE STRONG HAND OF GOD

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application: 426.....How Vast the Benefits Divine

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.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

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: 116B.....I Love the Lord, the Fount of Life and Grace

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 98 (p. 592)

Singing of the Psalm: 98C.....Sing a New Song to Jehovah

Congregational Prayer

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

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Hymn of Preparation: 496.....My Jesus, I Love Thee

Reading of the Word:1 Peter 1:8-9 (p. 1203)

Sermon: **LOVING AND REJOICING WITH JOY IN JESUS CHRIST**

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application: 497.....More Love to Thee, O Christ

GOD BLESSES HIS PEOPLE

*Benediction

*Doxology: 570.....Doxology

*Silent Prayer - concluded by the Postlude

*Postlude

*Please stand if able.

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

Spring break. No Coffee Fellowship after the morning worship service.

Nursery AM: Wendy Buiters and Kenny Hager

PM: Carrie Bakker and Lydia Rossi

On-call Nursery Attendant: Tina Dyke

Sound System: Carson Bakker

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: Peter Brummel; **Songs:** 336, 350, 357

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

Wednesday: No Ladies' Bible Study/Story Hour, GEMS, Cadets or Youth Group.

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

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: APRIL 2

Coffee Fellowship after the morning service. Sunday School children sing before morning worship.

Nursery AM: Leanna Bakker and Lydia Rossi

PM: Kate Buiters and Ella Rottier

On-call Nursery Attendant: Jessica Eenigenburg

Sound System: Amos Terpstra

Greeters AM: Loren & Catie Cavanaugh (South), Nathan Bakker Family (North), Jerry Hager (Elevator)

Greeters PM: Cody & Cami Stegenga (South), James Blom (North), Sam Terpstra (Elevator)

Song Service: Jay Staley

UPCOMING DATES:

April 7: Set-up for the Pancake Breakfast at 10:00 am.

April 7: Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm. Communion Service.

April 8: First Responders Appreciation Breakfast, 6:30-10:30 am.

April 19: All Church Skate at 6:00 pm.

June 4: Fellowship meal after the morning worship service. **Clean-up:** Parishes 3 & 4.

June 7: Scripture Fest at Immanuel URC.

Congregational Care

- Jim Kuiper
- Amber Green
- Expectant mothers, Mandy Verduin and Jessica Eenigenburg

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

Pastor Ernie Langendoen works with Mexican migrants in southern Ontario, and visits the church in Comayagua, Honduras.

- This past year the attendance has grown in the church in Comayagua, Honduras.
 - The church added three new members, for which we give thanks to our Lord.
 - The mostly Mexican migrants are returning to work on the farms in the Flamborough area of southern Ontario. I have been visiting them in their homes, thankful for the openness some of them have in speaking of matters of faith.
 - The migrant services start on April 2 and will continue until November 19. Pray that as they hear the Gospel, they may see, hear, and believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.
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Deacon Report

Offering Schedule:

Today: General Fund and DeMotte Christians Schools, Inc.

April 2: General Fund and Cadets (Corporate)

April 7: Good Friday Service–Word & Deed (Turkey Earthquake Relief)

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

Prayer requests and updates on all the ministries we support can be found on our website.

With gratitude to God, the deacons report the offerings of March 19:

General Fund
Benevolence
DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc.

Illiana Right to Life Committee
Sanctuary Remodel Fund
Classical Church Assistance Fund

Consistory Announcements

We are grateful to have Pastor Nathan Brummel lead us in worship this evening. Pastor Brummel teaches in Illinois and Indiana prisons for Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary.

New Members: According to the URCNA Book of Church, Article 44, the elders of Immanuel had the privilege and joy to meet with Barbara Meppelink and Lynzie Hoffman. Barb and Lynzie shared their testimonies of faith and their desire to become members of Immanuel URC. With thanksgiving to God, the consistory has accepted these testimonies of faith, and Barb will be received as a professing member and Lynzie as a baptized member of Immanuel URC next Sunday, April 2nd, Lord willing.

General Announcements

Bookmarks for **April 2023 Bible Reading Schedule** are on the tables near the bulletins.

Thank you—To all who have signed up to volunteer or donate food items for the First Responders Appreciation Breakfast on Saturday, April 8. There will be a brief information meeting for all volunteers immediately following the morning worship service next Sunday. Please meet in the front of the sanctuary. More volunteers are needed! Please see the sign-up board in the fellowship hall.

Invitation cards to the Pancake Breakfast are available in the foyer. Please take several and invite your neighbors to come and personally thank our first responders.

Set-up for the Pancake Breakfast will be Friday, April 7, at 10:00 am.

All Church Roller Skating will be on Wednesday, April 19, from 6-8 pm at Bazz Roller Rink in Rensselaer. Pizza will be provided, and the concession stand will be open. Please RSVP with the link in the weekly emails or on the sign-up sheet on the table by the GEMS & Cadets bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. No cost to attend. Please note: Roller blades are not allowed.

You are invited to the **Rockville Women's Conference** scheduled for April 14-16. Terri Pols and Pam Zylstra will be the keynote speakers on the topic "Trusting God". Both have received training from the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC) and are members of our supporting churches. The conference begins with one session on Friday evening, and three throughout the day and evening on Saturday. It concludes with a Sunday morning chapel service. You can encourage these ladies by your very presence -- even if you can attend only one or two sessions. Contact John Hamstra by March 31 if you plan to attend.

Scripture Fest: Have a ready answer for those who ask. Let the memorized Word of God transform your life from within. Sign up early for your Bible memory recitations. Read your selected passage 5-10 times each day and see how life-changing it is to hide God's Word in your heart. Reserve the evening of June 10 for this unique hour of fellowship. Come to bless and to be blessed by this multi-generational event. See sign-up display in the church basement.

Bible Bee 2023–According to the Barna Group, in 2016 only 3% of American teens read their Bibles every day. Almost two-thirds of 18-29 year olds who grew up in the church were no longer actively involved. Give your teens and younger children a strong spiritual foundation. Join us this summer at the Bible Bee! The theme is: BELIEVE. Explore God's Word. Unlock the truth. Discover eternal treasure. You can register at BibleBee.org. For more information contact hosts Renee Anema or Miriam Hamstra.

Reformed Mission Services IN JUST OVER A MONTH (APRIL 28) Reformed Missions Services is hosting a Bowling Fundraiser! If you are interested in sponsoring or attending this event, please visit rms.org/bowling or email Jim Iwema at jim@rms.org.

Illiana Oratorio Society cordially invites you to attend their presentation of Mendelssohn's Elijah. The concert will be on Sunday, April 16, 2023, at 2:00 pm at First Church (OPC) of South Holland, IL, located at 16248 South Park Ave. Nancy Venema – Organist, Rebecca Walstra – Pianist, and Justin Rich – Director.

School Announcements

DMCS Annual Society Meeting: This year's meeting is on Tuesday, April 11, at 7:00 pm in the DMCHS Cafeteria. We highly encourage any current parent or any individual who has donated at least \$50 to the school in the last year to attend and participate in this meeting. We will be discussing great topics and voting on new school board members. *Hard copies of the Society Booklets and absentee ballots are now available in the foyer.* Please thoroughly read the instructions for submitting an absentee ballot prior to turning it in. Thank you!

DMCS Important Dates:

3/27-31:	Spring Break
4/3:	RaiseRight (SCRIP) Due
4/6:	Suds pick-up at DMCGS front hall
4/7:	Good Friday, No School/Make up day
4/11:	DMCS Society Meeting at DMCHS
4/10:	SCHOOL IN SESSION
4/13-14:	DMCHS Spring Musical Aladdin, Doors open at 6:45 PM, Play begins at 7:00 PM
4/17:	RaiseRight (SCRIP) Due
4/24-29:	DMCHS Service Week
5/1:	E-learning grades 9-12 only
5/1:	RaiseRight (SCRIP) Due
5/6:	DMCS Carnival 4-8 PM
5/9:	DMCHS & DMCMS Spring Concert 7-8 PM
5/11:	8th Grade Banquet 6:30-8:30 PM

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: Dave DeGraff
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, Jim & Bonnie Zeilenga and Pastor Roberto Rossi

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