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# IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

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Sunday, October 29, 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:** *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: 46C.....God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

## GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Confession & Assurance: 431:1, 3-5.....And Can It Be That I Should Gain

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts: .....General Fund and Mid-America Reformed Seminary

## GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

\*Song of Preparation: 429.....Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Reading of the Word: .....Matthew 5:1-12 (p. 962)

## Sermon: BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Application: 242.....Father, Long before Creation

## 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.

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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:** *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: 216:1-3, 5.....Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 97 (p. 591)

Singing of the Psalm: 97B:1, 4-7.....The LORD Reigns, Let the Earth Be Glad!

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts: .....General Fund and Mid-America Reformed Seminary

## GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

\*Hymn of Preparation: 169.....Master, Speak! Thy Servant Hearth

Reading of the Word: .....Deuteronomy 4:15-31 (p. 175)

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 35.....Forms and Prayers (p. 243)

## Sermon: HOW DO WE WORSHIP GOD?

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Application: 259.....O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

## 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.

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## THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

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Coffee Fellowship after morning worship.

**Nursery AM:** Mary Vander Molen and Wendy Hager

**PM:** Margo Van Der Molen and Bev Hubers

**On-call Nursery Attendant:** Mary DeBoer

**Sound System:** Amos Terpstra

**Greeters AM:** Jerry Hager Family (South), Josh Hubers Family (North), Sam Terpstra (Elevator)

**Greeters PM:** Derek Ipema (South), Rossi Family (North), Noah Anema (Elevator)

**Song Service:** Cade Walstra; **Songs:** 230, 236, 219

**Wednesday:** Ladies' Bible Study and Story Hour meet at 9:00 am. **Snack:** Marcia Drenth

**GEMS** meet at 6:30 pm. **Devotions & Snacks:** Livy Cox. Youth Group meets at church at 5:25 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: NOVEMBER 5

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Daylight Saving Time ends. Coffee Fellowship after morning worship.

**Nursery AM:** Claire Vander Molen and Kenny Hager

**PM:** Sydnie Walstra and Levi Hubers

**On-call Attendant:** Kirsten DeBoer

**Sound System:** Reagan Ryken

**Cookies:** Jessica Hubers, Derek Ipema, Stephanie Kingma, Beth Kingma

**Greeters AM:** Maggie Bakker (South), Tony & Janet Vissers (North), Kevin Post (Elevator)

**Greeters PM:** Tim Dyke Family (South) Thomas Bousema (North), James Blom (Elevator)

**Song Service:** Peter Brummel

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## UPCOMING DATES:

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**November 6:** Congregational Meeting at 7:00 pm.

**November 7:** Consistory meets at 7:00 pm.

**November 8:** Prayer Meeting at 7:00 pm.

**November 19:** Sunday School children sing before morning worship. Chapel Service at Oak Grove.

**November 23:** Thanksgiving Day Service

**November 26:** Communion Service. No Sunday School or Catechism classes.

**December 1, 2, 8, & 9:** Neighborhood Christmas Caroling.

**December 4:** Baby Shower at 6:00 pm.

**December 10:** Fellowship Meal after morning worship

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## *Congregational Care*

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- Jim Kuiper
- Amber Green
- Expectant mothers: Cami Stegenga, Leanna Bakker, Sydnie Walstra and Amanda Staley
- 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. Caleb Janson is a church-planter in Gig Harbor, Washington.

- Give thanks for our recent particularization and pray for the Lord's blessing upon us in this new phase in the life of our church.
  - Give thanks for the new facility that we moved into this fall.
  - Pray for the three men who have been nominated to serve as office bearers.
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## *Deacon Report*

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All cash donations not placed in an envelope will go to the second offering cause.  
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Our offering on **November 5** will be for the General Fund and Quito Ecuador Mission.

## Consistory Announcements

With gratitude and praise to God, the Consistory had the privilege of hearing and accepting the professions of faith of Liberty Anema and Carol Lavelle. Liberty and Carol will publicly profess their faith in Jesus Christ during the morning worship service on November 19th, Lord willing. May the Lord richly bless, encourage and strengthen them in their walk with our gracious and faithful God.

Our annual congregational meeting will be Monday, November 6 at 7:00 pm. The agenda and the proposed budget are in your mailboxes. Elder nominees are Derek Terpstra and Rudy Tolkamp (elect 1 of 2). Deacon nominees are Carson Bakker, Noah Hoek and Ross Hoek (elect 1 of 3). We give thanks to God for our outgoing office bearers: Elder Steve Ryken and Deacon Justin Colanese.

## General Announcements

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

There will be a **Reformation Celebration Hymn Sing** in our sanctuary after the evening service tonight. Family and friends of the congregation are invited to attend. Come ready to sing some of your favorites from the Trinity Psalter Hymnal and Supplemental Song Folder.

**All Senior Saints**–Youth Group will be hosting **Senior Night** on Wednesday, November 15. Invite your senior neighbors and friends for a night of fun and fellowship with the youth group. You can sign up on the sign-up table in the fellowship hall or talk to Carrie Bakker or Jennie Terpstra.

**Save the Dates**–Evangelism & Outreach Committee is organizing **Neighborhood Christmas Caroling** to take place the first two weekends of December (December 1, 2, 8, 9). More details coming soon.

**Wedding bells will be ringing!** Let's celebrate the upcoming marriage of Katy Long and her fiancée, Liam Lanting, with a card shower. There is a box in the fellowship hall for cards. Please check your email for more information.

**The Bible League** wants to thank everyone for the \$13,268 donated to us for Bibles. This amount will provide 2,654 Bibles. Thank you to everyone who made our Apple Pie Fundraiser a success. Whether you bought pies, gave of your time to put the pies together, or gave us a donation, thank you!

**Interdenominational Reformation Rally**– Come celebrate the faithfulness of God to His church! We will have representatives from the URC, OPC, PCA, & CRC participating as we give glory to God for our mutual Reformed & Presbyterian heritage. Men of A-Chord will be participating in the evening as well. Cottage Grove CRC–16556 Cottage Grove Avenue, South Holland, Illinois on Tuesday, October 31, at 7:00 pm.

**A Free Evangelism Workshop Called "Go and Tell"** will be held at the First Christian Reformed Church of DeMotte on Saturday, November 4 from 9:00 am-noon. This 3-hour workshop is designed to equip Christians with practical skills to help them in sharing their faith with others. If you would like to attend the workshop, please reach out to Pastor Jim Alblas (Email: [jimalblas@yahoo.com](mailto:jimalblas@yahoo.com) Text:616-291-9835).

Further information about the workshop can be found at [goandtellministries.org](http://goandtellministries.org) or by reaching out to Pastor Jim.

**A Work Trip to San Jose, Costa Rica** is being organized for this March! We hope to have a group of approximately 10 people who would be willing to travel to Costa Rica to help with the Reformed Christian School (CECRE- Centro Educativo Cristiano Reformado). Work will be tailored depending on the gifts of the group, such as construction (painting, fixing desks, building), teaching English or helping with after school Bible programs. No specific skills are needed except for a heart that is ready and willing to serve! The group will also have the opportunity to fellowship with our Tico brothers and sisters in Christ from our sister church, Pacto de Gracia (Rev. Bill Green).

**A few details:** While we hope to organize fundraisers that help cover costs, individuals should be prepared to cover the cost of their own flight.

- Passports are required for international travel.
- We encourage our youth to join the trip to share their gifts! However, due to airline restrictions, anyone under the age of 16 must travel with a parent.
- The exact date will depend on those interested, but we will try to line up the trip with DMC's spring break.

Please contact William (831) 998-1220 or Amber (219) 384-7094 [amberwilliamgreen@gmail.com](mailto:amberwilliamgreen@gmail.com) if you are interested or have questions!

**Word & Deed Dinner**—Come and hear how the Lord is working in Egypt and the Middle East through our partner El-Soora Ministries. A Word & Deed dinner will be held on Monday, November 13, at Faith United Reformed Church in Beecher, Illinois. Punchbowl at 6:30 and dinner at 7:00 pm. Our speaker for the evening will be Dr. Sherif Fahim, director of El-Soora and Chairman of the New Testament Department at the Alexandria School of Theology. You can register at <https://wordanddeed.org/event/illiana-fundraising-dinner/> or contact John Hamstra

## *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](mailto:AmberDonnowitz) at [communications@dmcsemail.org](mailto:communications@dmcsemail.org) for more information! Our next meeting will be November 2.

**Carrying on the Promise**

Our annual campaign will be starting soon. Stay tuned for more info on how you can be a part of this opportunity!

## *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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