

Welcome to

IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Sunday, December 18, 2022

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: 303.....All Praise to You, Eternal Lord

GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Confession & Assurance: 103C:1-4, 8.....Come, My Soul, and Bless the LORD

Congregational Prayer

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

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 293.....O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Reading of the Word:Luke 1:26-38; 2:8-12 (p. 1016)

Catechism Reading.....Lord's Day 13, *Forms and Prayers*, (p. 214)

Sermon: GOD'S ONE AND ONLY SON, OUR LORD

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application: 299.....Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

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: 212.....Come, Thou Almighty King

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 51 (p. 560)

Singing of the Psalm: 51C:1-6.....God, Be Merciful to Me

Congregational Prayer

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

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Hymn of Preparation: 32B:1, 2, 4, 5.....How Blest Is He Whose Trespass

Reading of the Word:James 5:19, 20 (p. 1202)

Sermon: BRING BACK THE WAYWARD SINNER

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

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

GOD BLESSES HIS PEOPLE

*Benediction

*Doxology: 570.....Doxology

*Silent Prayer - concluded by the Postlude

*Please stand if able.

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

Coffee Fellowship after the morning worship service.

Nursery AM: Elizabeth DeJong and Gabbi Zeilenga

PM: Abby Dyke and Claire Bakker

On-call Nursery Attendant: Sydnie Walstra

Sound System: Peter Brummel

Song Service: Tim Stegenga; **Songs:** 291, 245, 433

Greeters AM: Jon & Laureen Hoek (South), Rudy & Stacey Tolkamp (North), Mason Vander Molen (Elev.)

Greeters PM: Rob Buiters Family (South), Howie & Brenda Ridder (North), Jacob Dyke (Elevator)

Tuesday: Council meets at 6:30 pm.

Wednesday: No Ladies' Bible Study/Story Hour meet. Christmas break.

Saturday: No Men's Bible Study. Christmas break.

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: DECEMBER 25

No Coffee Fellowship.

Nursery AM: Jessica Colanese and Sophie Bakker

PM: Miriam Hamstra & Hudson Bakker

On-call Nursery Attendant: Leanna Bakker

Sound System: Nick Post

Greeters AM: Dana & Joan Perkins (South), Justin Colanese Family (North), Nick Post (Elevator)

Greeters PM: Steve & Patti Ryken (South), Dave & Brenda Long (North), Max Vander Molen (Elevator)

Song Service: Pastor Nathan Brummel

UPCOMING DATES:

December 27: Building & Grounds Committee meets at 7:00 pm.

January 1: Communion Service

January 4: Youth Christmas Party

January 9: Bridal shower for Nicole Nannenga at 6:30 pm.

January 15: Installation of office bearers.

January 22: Cadet Sunday

February 23: Save the date for the Cadets' Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Details to follow.

Congregational Care

- Amber Green
- Jerry Hager
- Expectant mothers

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. Nathan Brummel is a pastor and professor in Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary and is working with inmates in U.S. prisons.

- Pray that my Christology students would understand the doctrine of the three divine covenants and celebrate the covenant of grace.
 - Pray that new students would appreciate the doctrines of grace and respond with godly lives.
 - Pray that Christians in prison during the Christmas season would experience contentment and find great joy in the incarnation of the Son of God.
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Deacon Report

Offering Schedule:

Today: General Fund and Mid-America Reformed Seminary

December 25: General Fund and Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary

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

A report of offering amounts for the past few Sundays and Thanksgiving Day are in your mailboxes.

General Announcements

Bible Reading Plan booklets are in your mailboxes, and there are additional booklets and bookmarks on the tables in the back of the sanctuary. Book marks for each month will be available throughout the year.

Youth Group Christmas Party will be Wednesday, January 4. Check your text messages for details.

Sunday School and Catechism classes will resume on January 15.

Young Adults will meet after the evening worship service on January 15 at Rob & Wendy Buiters' home. Please bring a side, dessert or drink to share.

Cadets will meet on January 18 at church at 6:30 pm. **Snack:** Levi Hubers.

GEMS will meet on January 18 at church at 6:30 pm. **Devotions and snack:** Emma Rivera.

All ladies of the church are invited to our first **Ladies' Bible Study** of 2023 on Wednesday, January 11. We are studying the book Disciplines of a Godly Woman by Barbara Hughes. Please see Donna Hamstra to order a book.

Men's Bible Study will resume on Saturday, January 14.

Thank you! The ANEW Mom Mixer this past week went well. Thank you to all who helped with set-up, take-down and everything in between! Two young mothers filled out applications for the TMC of DeMotte. Please continue to pray for God's leading so that other moms who need mentoring will apply.

New in the Library: A picture book to be read to and/or for young readers titled Jesus and My Gender by Dale Partridge; A biblical view of God's design for boys and girls. In this rhyming book for children, Pastor Dale Partridge lays out a faithful presentation of Biblical gender. With each claim supported by Scripture, this book will be a useful tool for parents looking to raise strong Christian kids.

Lord willing, the **LOGOS winter retreat**, intended for singles and married couples ages 18-30, will be held January 5-7, 2023 at Cedar Lake Ministries in Cedar Lake, Indiana. We look forward to Rev. Greg Lubbers, pastor of Covenant Reformed Church in Pella, Iowa, speaking on the topic "God's Will or Ours?" Cost is \$245.00 (U.S.) per person for singles and \$415.00 for married couples. The regular registration deadline will be Saturday, December 17. To register or learn more about the LOGOS post-high retreat, please visit reformedyouthservices.org

Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary is pleased to announce a *Christmas and New Year Music Concert* featuring the Lakeside Artists Guild, a stringed ensemble made up of Christian musicians with ties to the URC community. The concert will be on Thursday, December 29, at 7:00 pm at Redeemer United Reformed church, located at 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. Make your plans now for a joyful evening celebrating the season of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus and the arrival of a new year. A free will offering will be taken and refreshments will be served.

School Announcements

Carrying on the Promise:

We are blessed to share with the community the wonderful ways God has been working at DeMotte Christian Schools for over 75 years! We have an enrollment of nearly 520 students in grades preschool through 12 and are continually encouraged by the growth and progress each student exhibits during their time at DMCS. We praise God for His provision and pray He continues to guide us as we provide strong academic and spiritual foundations for our students.

As you know, growing the ministry of DMCS requires the faithful effort and support of many people. All the ways you lift up DeMotte Christian Schools are valued and vital to the growth of our student body and, in turn, God's kingdom. One way that we are seeking immediate support is through financial gifts toward our annual Carrying on the Promise campaign. This campaign helps us to continue fulfilling the promise of Christian education to God's covenant children.

Our goal this year is to raise \$130,000 through the Carrying on the Promise campaign. We are seeing a large influx of families inquiring about DMCS. More and more parents are wanting quality, Biblically-based education for their children. As our school grows and thrives, we are in need of increased resources to adequately provide the best education we can. We are extremely blessed to be able to minister to future generations and shape their Biblical worldview. We'd be so grateful for your support during this season of growth! If you would like more information on the Carrying on the Promise Campaign or want to make a donation, feel free to contact our Finance Manager, Shelley Dexter, at 219-987-3721 ext. 112.

DMCS Important Dates:

12/20: DMCGS PS-5th Grade Christmas Program @ 6:30 PM at DMCHS

12/23: Christmas Break Begins

12/25: MERRY CHRISTMAS

1/1: HAPPY NEW YEAR

1/9: Students return

Our Council:

ELDERS:

President: Jon Hoek (24) Parish 2
Vice President: Dan Kingma (22) Parish 1
Clerk: Russ Vander Molen (24)
John Hamstra (22) Parish 4
Steve Ryken (23) Parish 3

DEACONS:

President: Nathan Bakker (22) Parish 2
Secretary: Justin Colanese (23) Parish 4
Treasurer: Joshua Hubers (24)
Vicar: Dale Eenigenburg (22) Parish 3
Asst. Treasurer: Ray Vander Molen (24) Parish 1

Parishes:

1: Anema – Drenth

2: Dyke – Howard

3: Hubers – Ridder

4: Rossi – 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: Dan Kingma
Evangelism & Outreach: Pastor Roberto Rossi
Fellowship: Tina Dyke
Funerals: Beth Kingma and Sue DeBoer
GEMS Club: Carrie Rossi
Handiwork Fellowship: Jessica Hubers

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: John Hamstra
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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