

Welcome to

IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Sunday, February 25, 2024

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

*Song of Praise: 67A.....O God, to Us Show Mercy

GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Confession & Assurance: 116A:1-4, 8.....I Love the LORD, for He Has Heard My Voice

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts:General Fund and Word & Deed

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 445.....How Shall They Hear the Word of God

Reading of the Word:Galatians 2:1-10 (p. 1154)

Sermon: THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL IS PRESERVED

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application: 460.....Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

GOD'S 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: 9B.....Wholehearted Thanksgiving

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 69 (p. 571)

Singing of the Psalm: 69B.....Thy Lovingkindness, Lord, Is Good and Free

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts:General Fund and Word & Deed

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Hymn of Preparation: 241.....O God beyond All Praising

Reading of the Word:1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (p. 1140)

Sermon: HOW ABOUT A BETTER WAY?

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Application: 410.....Christian Hearts in Love United

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

Coffee Fellowship after morning worship.

Nursery AM: Mary Vander Molen and Nora Kuiper

PM: Claire Vander Molen and Lucy Rottier

Attendant: Jessica Colanese

Sound System: Thomas Bousema

Greeters AM: Kirsten DeBoer (South), Maggie Bakker (North), Jerry Hager (Elevator)

Greeters PM: Miriam & Naomi Hamstra (South), Herb Woldt Family (North), James Blom (Elevator)

Song Service: Jay Staley; **Songs:** 152, 501, 518

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

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

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

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: MARCH 3

Coffee Fellowship after morning worship.

Nursery AM: Mandy Verduin and Ella Rottier

PM: Bonnie Zeilenga and Hope Terpstra

On-call Attendant: Jessica Hubers

Sound System: Amos Terpstra

Greeters AM: Dale & Marie Eenigenburg (South), Dana & Joan Perkins (North), Calvin Eenigenburg (Elev.)

Greeters PM: Justin Colanese Family (South), Rudy & Stacey Tolkamp (North), Luke Terpstra (Elevator)

Song Service: Noah Anema

UPCOMING DATES:

March 5: Consistory meets at 7:00 pm.

Derby car test runs at Immanuel from 6:00-8:00 pm.

March 6: Pinewood Derby and GEMS Bake Sale at DMCGS.

March 17: Baptism of Beau Alan Bakker and Rylen Hayes Walstra.

Sunday School children sing before morning worship.

March 18-19: Classis Central meets in Pella, Iowa.

March 19: Council meets at 7:00 pm.

March 24: No Sunday School/catechism due to spring break.

March 29: Good Friday worship service at 7:00 pm.

March 30: Bridal shower for Molly Bootsma and Mason Vander Molen.

April 7: Fellowship meal after morning worship.

April 13: First Responders' Pancake Breakfast from 7:00-10:00 am.

Congregational Care

- Jim Kuiper
- Expectant mothers: Nicole Hoek, Amanda Staley, Elizabeth DeJong, Jessica Colanese & Abbie Martin.
- 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

Pastor Rich Bultje is a church-planter in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada.

- Pray for those who are taking the membership class, that they would grow in their understanding of biblical truth, and seek to join Christ's church.
 - For men to come forward, who could serve as leaders in the church.
 - We are looking for a second man to be called to the work in Niagara Falls. Pray that the process will go well for God's glory.
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Deacon Report

Our offerings next Sunday will be for the General Fund and Classis Home Mission Fund.

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

Our weekly amount to meet budget 2024 is \$8,160.

Consistory Announcements

New Members: According to Church Order, Article 44, the elders of Immanuel had the privilege and joy to meet with Robert and Maureen Birkett and hear 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 they will be welcomed into the membership of Immanuel on Sunday, March 10.

Rylen Hayes Walstra, son of Cade and Sydnie Walstra, and Beau Alan Bakker, son of Carson and Leanna Bakker, will be baptized on Sunday, March 17.

Please check your church mailboxes for a letter from Consistory regarding Pastor Rossi's upcoming sabbatical.

General Announcements

We are grateful to have Dr. Mark Beach lead us in worship this evening. Dr. Beach is Professor of Ministerial and Doctrinal Studies at Mid-America Reformed Seminary in Dyer, Indiana.

To our Immanuel Church Family, Words are truly inadequate to express our gratitude for the many expressions of kindness extended to our family in the loss of Jon's mom, Bea. Each visit, card, prayer, meal, text and phone call has been a God-given tender mercy for which we are grateful! *And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen. 2 Peter 5:10-11* Sincerely, Jon & Lauren Hoek & Family

Directory update: Steve & Debbie Hubers, 7250 West 1100 North DeMotte, IN 46310. Telephone numbers are in the instant church directory.

Bookmarks for the **March 2024 Bible Reading Schedule** are on the tables near the bulletins.

Ladies Bible Study and Story Hour will meet this week at 9:00 am. Study questions are on the table in the narthex if you didn't receive one yet. **Snack:** Wendy Buiters.

The **Bible League Spring Luncheon** will be on March 21 at Smits Farm. Tickets are \$30 and can be reserved by contacting the church office. For more information, please contact Sandy Beenes at (219) 696-6542.

The **Geneva College Choir** from Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, will be in concert at First OPC in South Holland, Illinois on Monday, March 4th. The Genevan Choir is known for its classical sacred style, and the concert program is themed "Isaiah's Promised Savior". The concert will begin at 7PM, and all are welcome to come and enjoy! We are also looking for overnight housing for the choir students. If you are interested in helping with this please contact Staci Smits (708) 323-6200 or Jackie Vander Zee (708) 805-2304.

Young Adult Hymn Sing: All post-high young adults are invited to a hymn sing to be held at Oak Glen URC on Sunday, March 10, following the evening service. We will have a time of light refreshments and fellowship beginning at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall with singing in the sanctuary beginning at 7:30 pm.

You are welcome to attend the evening worship service beforehand which begins at 4:50 pm. For more information contact Rebecca Walstra at (219) 779-5128 or visit our Facebook page: South Chicago & NWI Reformed Christian Young Adults. We hope to see you there!

School Announcements

Do you have a soon-to-be 9th grade student? We invite you and your student to attend **Rhetoric Night** at Providence Christian Academy on Tuesday, February 27th. From 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., you and your student will be able to tour the school, talk with faculty, and see how Providence prepares our high school students to see truth, beauty, and goodness in God's World around them. Providence is located at 14795 W 101st Avenue in Dyer, IN. Please call 219-588-9090 or info@providenceca.org if you need any further information.

Important Dates at DMCS:

March 8: SCHOOL IN SESSION

March 14: Required Senior Service Week Meeting @ 7 pm

March 16: Service Brunch Fundraiser 8 am @ DMCS Church

March 25-29: Spring Break

April 9: Annual Society Meeting @7 pm

April 12-13: DMCHS Spring Musical @ 7:30 pm

April 19: SCHOOL IN SESSION

April 22-26: DMCHS Service Week

April 29: 9-12 e-learning, PK-8 in session

Our Council:

ELDERS:

President: Mark Van Der Molen (24) Parish 1
Vice President: Russ Vander Molen (24) Parish 4
Clerk: John DeBoer (25)
Derek Terpstra (26) Parish 3
Jon Hoek (25) Parish 2

DEACONS:

President: Ray Vander Molen (24) Parish 1
Vice President: Jim Zeilenga (25) Parish 2
Secretary: Nathan DeJong (25) Parish 3
Treasurer: Ross Hoek (26)
Assistant Treasurer: Josh Hubers (24) Parish 4

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: Jim Zeilenga
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
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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