

Welcome to

IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Sunday, July 16, 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

*Hymn of Praise: 95C.....Now with Joyful Exultation

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

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 424.....All Authority and Power

Reading of the Word:Exodus 9:1-7 (p. 60)

Sermon: THE HAND OF GOD SEVERELY STRIKES EGYPT'S LIVESTOCK

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application: 387 (alt tune)Day of Judgment! Day of Wonders!

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: 168.....Father, Again in Jesus' Name We Meet

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 116 (p. 604)

Singing of the Psalm: 116C:1-4.....What Shall I Render to the Lord

Congregational Prayer

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

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Hymn of Preparation: 352..... Man of Sorrows! What a Name

Reading of the Word: John 11:1-44 (p. 1066)

Sermon: THE SEVENTH SIGN: JESUS IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application: 512:1,4-5.....Jesus Lives, and So Shall I

GOD BLESSES HIS PEOPLE

*Benediction

*Doxology: 570.....Doxology

*Silent Prayer - concluded by the Postlude

*Postlude

*Please stand if able.

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

Coffee Fellowship after the morning worship service.

Nursery AM: Gabbi Zeilenga and Hope Terpstra

PM: Carrie Bakker and Remmie Bakker

On-call Nursery Attendant: Jennie Terpstra

Sound System: Peter Brummel

Greeters AM: Cade & Sydnie Walstra (South), Steve Rottier Family (North), Amos T. (Elev.)

Greeters PM: Derek Terpstra Family (South), Jim Zeilenga Family (North), Elias Martin (Elevator)

Song Service: Brian Kingma; **Songs:** SF 17, 58, 72

Monday: Young People and Leaders leave for the RYS Convention in Kentucky.

Tuesday: Council meets at 7:00 pm.

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: JULY 23

Coffee Fellowship after the morning worship service.

Nursery AM: Leanna Bakker and Lucy Rottier

PM: Kate Buiters and Simeon Terpstra

On-call Nursery Attendant: Stacey Tolcamp

Sound System: Thomas Bousema

Greeters AM: Tony & Janet Vissers (South), Barb Meppelink & Lynzie Hoffman, William Green (Elevator)

Greeters PM: Russ Vander Molen Family (South), Dave Bosgraaf (North), Cade Walstra (Elevator)

Cookies: Margo Van Der Molen, Bruce Van Duyne, Donna Van Vuren, Dana Vander Molen

Song Service: Tim Stegenga

UPCOMING DATES:

July 26: Evangelism & Outreach Committee meets at 7:00 pm.

July 29: Church Picnic begins at 4:00 pm.

August 12: Touch of Dutch Festival

Congregational Care

- Jim Kuiper
- Amber Green
- Expectant mothers, Cami Stegenga and Leanna Bakker
- Our youth group and leaders as they attend the RYS Convention in Kentucky this week.
- All those going on the Cadet Camporee in Ontario this week.

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. Brian Zegers is a church-planter in Ajax, Ontario, Canada.

- A young man I've been meeting with weekly for a few years has stopped coming. Pray that the Lord will shatter all false senses of assurance created by his Islamic faith and practice. Pray that the Holy Spirit will convict him of sin and draw him to Jesus, whom he has heard much about on many occasions.
 - Pray that the Spirit will work in the hearts of the men and women we have established ongoing relationships with over the past many years and move them to faith in Christ.
 - We recently met three new Muslim families who have moved onto our street. Pray that the Lord will open doors to further establish relationships with them.
 - We have the privilege of organizing and hosting a new series of interfaith events with representatives of an Islamic organization called *Bridging Communities Canada*. Pray for the Lord's blessing upon the planning process. Pray that the Holy Spirit will soften the soil of the Muslim attendees we anticipate welcoming and give them a hunger to learn more about the Gospel.
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Deacon Report

Offering Schedule:

Today: General Fund and DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc.

July 23: General Fund and Benevolence

July 30: General Fund and Sanctuary Remodel Fund

August 6: General Fund and DeMotte Food Pantry

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.

With gratitude to God, the deacons report the offerings of July 9:

General Fund
CLIR (Rev. Bill Green)
Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary

Benevolence
Immanuel's Youth Group

General Announcements

Thank you! We want to thank Immanuel URC for their expressions of Christian sympathy and love during the recent passing of our mother and grandmother Kathleen Van Der Molen. We are comforted by God's sure promise of salvation and our glorious resurrection on that last day. Steve & Debbie Hubers, Mark & Margo Van Der Molen & Josh & Jessica Hubers

Today we welcome Cornerstone URC youth group and leaders from Sanborn, Iowa. They are spending the weekend in DeMotte before heading to the RYS Convention that will take place this week at Asbury University in Wilmore, Kentucky. The conference theme is from Ephesians 2:4-5, "But God being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together in Christ—by grace you have been saved." Please be in prayer for the teens and leaders as they head out tomorrow for a week full of learning and growing. Photos of the convention should be available to view on the RYS Facebook page late every evening.

Youth Group—Please meet at the church parking lot tomorrow morning at 7:15 am to load up for convention. We will be leaving at 7:30 am sharp.

GEMS: We are in need of another leader for the 2023-2024 GEMS season! GEMS provides a great opportunity to share the love of Christ with our 3rd-8th grade girls through Bible lessons, crafts, games, friendships, etc. During the school year, we meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 6:30-8:00 pm. If you're interested or have any questions, please contact Carrie Rossi 708-224-1978. Thank you!

We are in need of a **Sunday School Teacher for Grades 2-4.** The teacher's manual and student book are available for those who would like to review them. Please contact Carolyn Hager.

More **Cadet Counselors** are needed for our Cadet season which begins in September. Please contact Jerry Hager if you are interested.

Our **Annual Church Picnic** will take place here at Immanuel on Saturday, July 29. **Please RSVP today** downstairs on the sign-up table or using the link in the Wednesday email. Come at 4:00 pm for games for all ages, including inflatables and a dunk tank at 5 pm! Our food will be Mexican food from Burritos Jalisco. Corn-hole competition and ice cream service will take place right after dinner. There will also be a salsa competition. Enter your delicious recipe and win a prize!

Touch of Dutch Festival is **August 12th**. Immanuel has been invited once again to have a rest station and free water booth at the festival. Please use the sign-up form in your mailbox to let the Evangelism and Outreach Committee know where you would like to serve!

Water Bottle Donations: We are asking each family to donate a pack of water bottles to be given out at our booth at the Touch of Dutch Festival on August 12. You may drop them off when you come for the church picnic on July 29, or you may place them in the designated area in the fellowship hall. Any leftover bottles that are not given out at the festival will be used for church events.

New in the Library for Summertime Reading: JUV FICTION; Land of the Lost – Book 30 in the Imagination series by Marianne Hering. ADULT FICTION: Break of Day – Book 3 in the Annie Pederson Series by Colleen Coble, Cold Pursuit – Book 1 in the Ryland + St. Clair Series by Nancy Mehl, Double Indemnity by Robert Whitlow, In the Shadow of the River by Ann Gabhart, Ladies of the Lake by Cathy Gohlke, The Sound of Light by Sarah Sundin, The Beginning by Beverly Lewis, The Libyan Diversion: A Marcus Ryker Novel by Joel Rosenberg, This Is Where It Ends by Cindy Sproles, The Long March Home: A World War II Novel of the Pacific by Marcus Brotherton, and lastly, Lifemark by Chris Fabry.

Word & Deed Prayer Update - South Africa In addition to many economic and societal challenges, South Africa continues to struggle with electrical blackouts as the national grid falters under growing demand. The daily blackouts have become such a pressing issue, that Word & Deed recently had to provide a solar backup system to Nakekela HIV/AIDS Clinic in order to protect the health and safety of critically ill patients. Please pray that the medical staff will not grow weary as they minister in the face of many difficulties and much spiritual opposition. Pray that the patients who hear the Gospel would be moved by the Holy Spirit to respond in faith and that many would be added to God's kingdom.

Attention all Sportsmen: The Calvinist Cadet Corps is hosting its **9th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot**. The event will be held on Saturday, August 19 at the Blendon Pines Gun Club in Zeeland, Michigan. For more information, call the Corps office at 616-241-5616, Ext. 1, or check out the Cadet website under the "Events" tab. Everyone is welcome! Registration forms are available here: www.calvinistcadets.org. Lunch will be served at 11:30 am. Join us for a fun filled day! If you can't make it out for the event, but still want to be involved, sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information on giving, contact Kim at the Corps office number listed above, or find information on our website on the event page.

Each year **Bible League Volunteer Ambassadors** send out a special fundraising letter to church members. Together we are equipping Christians and churches all over the globe to engage people in the Word of God. As a result, God's Kingdom is growing. Please sincerely pray for the work of Scripture engagement. We appreciate any contribution you feel led to provide. Letters are in your mailboxes. Thank you.

Dust clays while learning more about the work **Reformed Mission Services** is doing. This fundraising event will take place in the morning of August 19 at the Caledonia Sportsman's Club. Contact Jim Iwema at jim@rms.org or go to rm.org/michigan for more information!

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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