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# IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

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Sunday, August 17, 2025

Worship Services: 10:00 am & 5:00 pm

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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:** Give thanks to the Lord of hosts, for the Lord is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

**Congregation:** You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

\*Salutation

\*Hymn of Praise: 447.....Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground

## GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Confession & Assurance: 168.....Father, Again in Jesus' Name We Meet

Sacrament of Baptism

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts: .....General Fund and Sanctuary Remodel Fund

## GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

\*Hymn of Preparation: 195.....Shine Thou upon Us, Lord

Reading of the Word: .....Genesis 21 (p. 18)

## Sermon: REACTIONS TO GOD'S COVENANT BLESSINGS

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Application: 92A:1, 3, 5 .....It's Good to Thank the LORD

## GOD'S BLESSES HIS PEOPLE

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: 108:1, 2.....My Heart Is Steadfast, God!

\*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:** Give thanks to the Lord of hosts, for the Lord is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

**Congregation:** You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

\*Salutation

## GOD’S PEOPLE OFFER PRAISE

\*Confession of Faith.....Apostles’ Creed

\*Song of Praise: 100A.....Shout to the LORD, All Earth

Psalms Reading.....Psalm 96 (p. 591)

Singing of the Psalm: 96:1, 2, 5, 6.....Praise to the LORD, Sing His Praise

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts: .....General Fund and Sanctuary Remodel Fund

## GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

\*Hymn of Preparation: 533.....Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Reading of the Word: .....Matthew 6:19-24 (p. 964)

Catechism Reading: Lord’s Day 42.....Forms and Prayers (p. 249)

## Sermon: SERVING THE SAVIOR THROUGH THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Application: 184.....Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver

## GOD BLESSES HIS PEOPLE

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: 566.....Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

\*Silent Prayer—concluded by the Postlude

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\*Please stand if able.

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## THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

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Baptism Service. Coffee Fellowship after morning worship.

**Nursery AM:** Abby Dyke and Naomi Dyke

**PM:** Elizabeth DeJong and Liv Cox

**On-call Nursery Attendant:** Sydnie Walstra

**Sound System:** Amos Terpstra

**Greeters AM:** Cade Walstra Family (South), Barb M. & Lynzie H. (North), Jacob Dyke (Elevator)

**Greeters PM:** Thomas & Kimmy Bousema (South), John Dyke, Jr. Family (North), Peter Brummel (Elev.)

**Cookies:** Family of Leni Mae Bakker

**Song Service:** Jay Staley; **Songs:** SF 1, 35, 55

**Tuesday:** Council meets at 7:00 pm.

**Friday:** Installation of Rev. Joel Worries at 7:00 pm.

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## NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: AUGUST 24

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Coffee Fellowship after morning worship.

**Nursery AM:** Jessica Eenigenburg and Emmelene Dyke

**PM:** Tina Dyke and Auburn Green

**On-call Attendant:** Bonnie Zeilenga

**Sound System:** Peter Brummel

**Greeters AM:** Titus Martin Family (South), Robert & Maureen Birkett (North), Jerry Hager (Elevator)

**Greeters PM:** Dan & Beth Kingma (South), James Blom (North), Jacob Dyke (Elevator)

**Cookies:** Laureen H. Nicole H., Kyra H., Lynzie H.

**Song Service:** Cade Walstra

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## UPCOMING DATES:

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**August 26:** Basic Training Course in Reformed Biblical Counseling meets at 7:00 pm.

**August 31:** No coffee fellowship due to the holiday weekend.

**September 3:** GEMS and Cadets begin. Ladies' Bible Study Kick-off at Paula Brummel's at 6:00 pm.

**September 7:** Sunday School and Catechism classes begin. Adult Sunday School class begins.

**September 10:** Ladies' Bible Study and Story Hour meet.

**October 5:** Fellowship meal after morning worship. Clean-up: Parish 1.

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## *Congregational Care*

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- Ed Kingma
- Wilma Eylander
- Engaged couples: Noah & Crystal, Josie and Jacob, Abby & Jonathon
- Expectant mother, Sydnie Walstra
- We rejoice with Alberto & Ebelise Romero on the birth of a son, Matthew.

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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. Elijah Anderson is a missionary in Northwest Iowa.

- Please pray that we might see more consistent attendance at some of our events.
  - Pray that God would open doors, that I might be able to build up more relationships with the people I minister to.
  - Please pray that God would continue to send more bilingual people willing to reach out to the people in their communities.
  - Please pray that God would convict us in the URCNA to be churches who are desperate for evangelism and desperate to save souls.
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## *Deacon Report*

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Our offering next Sunday will be for the General Fund and The Women's Center of Northwest Indiana. All cash donations not placed in an envelope and designated will go to the second offering cause.

## *Consistory Announcements*

Today we celebrate the baptism of Leni Mae Bakker, daughter of Carson and Leanna Bakker. We give thanks and praise to God for His promises to us and our children which are signified and sealed in our baptism.

We are grateful once again to have Rev. John Vermeer lead us in worship today. We thank the Lord for his service among us during our vacancy.

During the August 5 Consistory meeting, the membership of the Worries family, Rev. Joel, Kayla, and their daughters, Ainsley, Halle, Finley and Maelie, was accepted. Please continue to welcome the members of

the Worries family into our fellowship. The installation service for Rev. Worries is this Friday, August 22, at 7:00 pm. All members and visitors are welcome to attend.

The consistory gratefully received the *Minister's Consistorial Credentials* for Rev. Joel Worries from the consistory of Wellsburg URC. The credentials include the following statement: 'We unhesitatingly recommend him to you, with the prayer that the great King of the Church may make him a rich blessing among you.' We have the same prayer; may we also be a blessing to him and his family.

## General Announcements

Margaret and I have enjoyed our time with you as you have anticipated the arrival of Rev. Worries, Kayla and their children. We thank the Lord for your graciousness to us and the bonds that you built with us in Christian love over this past number of months. Thanks again to the leadership for granting the privilege of sharing God's Word with you. Yours in Christ, Rev. John Vermeer

Wednesday, September 3, is the kick-off date for **GEMS and Cadets**. Boys in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or above and girls in in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or above may join. If you would like to be on the substitute list in case a counselor is unable to attend a meeting, please speak with Jerry Hager or Angie Rosenthal. Save the date for the Cadets' Spaghetti dinner→ December 3.

**Ladies' Bible Study Kick-off Dinner** will take place at Paula Brummel's home on Wednesday, September 3, at 6:00 pm. Come at 5:00 pm for a time of refreshments and fellowship. We will be studying the book of Hebrews this year. You may sign up on the board in the fellowship hall or in this week's email.

The application deadline for the **IRBC Basic Training Course in Reformed Biblical Counseling** being offered at Immanuel has been extended through **midnight, Monday August 18**. There is still time to apply for the course, which trains Christians to more effectively bring God's Word to bear in the lives of His suffering children. Go to **IRBC.net** for locations, information, and a quick online application.

**Apple Pie time is coming!** Your order form will be arriving soon in your mailbox. The local Bible League volunteers will be making their delicious Dutch Apple Pies again. They are selling for \$13.00 each. The order deadline is Sept 28 with the pick-up date on October 15 at the American Reformed Church between 3:00-5:00 pm. Any questions please call/text Laureen Hoek (219) 956-4947.

**LifeWise Kankakee Valley:** Thank you for your generous contributions to the LifeWise ministry via the offering of August 3. **Update:** we have students signing up for classes, and have had some Spirit-filled conversations with children whose families are not Christian but are glad to send their students to us. What an exciting opportunity! **Prayer:** continued sign-ups for students, another part time teacher, room renovations that will continue on schedule, and financial contributions that will continue regularly. Also, please consider attending our prayer meetings. Our next one will take place at Cup of Joy Café in DeMotte on August 27 at 8:30 am. Carolyn Hager, Director

**Word & Deed** is planning a dinner evening for Monday, October 6, in Lansing, Lord willing. We are pleased to have Rev. Johnckson Murabyo from Uganda as our speaker. He is the director of El Shaddai, a ministry that rescues Muslim background believers (MBB) from their families after they convert to Christianity

from Islam. The ministry relocates, disciples, and trains many of the MBBs to be able to care for themselves. Please save the date; more details will follow.

**Missions Conference:** From October 3-4, our Center for Missions and Evangelism Conference will focus on encouraging and equipping the church to spread the gospel from our neighborhoods to the nations. This conference is designed for everyone in the church, not just pastors and seminary students. Please bring your young people as we hope to light a fire in them and in our churches to find our part in carrying out the Great Commission with joy, confidence, and effectiveness. To register, please visit [www.midamerica.edu/cme/conference](http://www.midamerica.edu/cme/conference)

### **Reformed Mission Services:**

**Covenant Reformed Church (URCNA) in Carbondale, Pennsylvania** has acquired the house next to the church and, with help from Reformed Mission Services, is transforming it into “Covenant House.” This new ministry center will serve both the congregation and community with spaces for a nursery, classrooms, a clothes closet, food pantry, Bible studies, and more. To Learn more visit [rms.org/covenant-reformed-church](http://rms.org/covenant-reformed-church). If you’re interested in supporting or volunteering, please contact Rob at [rob@rms.org](mailto:rob@rms.org).

**Volunteer Opportunity in Japan – September 11–22, 2025** Reformed Mission Services has been asked to share an opportunity to assist with a short-term project in Japan. The team will help construct a patio space used for fellowship between missionary housing and intern quarters and may also assist planning a church retreat. The estimated cost is \$700 plus airfare to Narita Airport in Tokyo. Up to four volunteers are needed. For more information or to express interest, please contact Rob at [rob@rms.org](mailto:rob@rms.org).

**Serve in the Dominican Republic – January 6–14, 2026.** Join RMS in the Dominican Republic, to help replace a wooden church roof with concrete. Can’t join us in person? You can still take part by giving toward the cost of the roof project. Learn more, sign up, or donate at [rms.org/dominican-republic](http://rms.org/dominican-republic) or contact [rob@rms.org](mailto:rob@rms.org).

## **Council:**

### **ELDERS:**

President: Mark Van Der Molen (25) Parish 1  
Vice President: Derek Terpstra (26) Parish 3  
Clerk: Rudy Tolkamp (27)  
John DeBoer (25) Parish 2  
John Hamstra (27) Parish 4

### **DEACONS:**

President: Nathan Bakker (27) Parish 4  
Vice President: Jim Zeilenga (25) Parish 2  
Secretary: Nathan DeJong (25) Parish 3  
Treasurer: Ross Hoek (26)  
Assistant Treasurer: Reagan Ryken (27) Parish 1

## **Associate Pastors:**

Rev. Ken Anema, Instructor, Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary  
Rev. Nathan Brummel, Instructor, Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary  
Rev. Roberto Rossi, Missionary Chaplain, United States Navy

## **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 Nathan Brummel  
Bookkeeper: Kirsten Zandstra  
Building & Grounds: Jim Zeilenga  
Bulletin: please contact Administrative Assistant  
Cadets: Jerry Hager  
Custodians: Dave and Dawn DeGraff  
Education: Derek Terpstra  
Evangelism & Outreach: Derek Terpstra  
Fellowship: Wendy Buiters  
Funerals: Mary DeBoer and Dana Vander Molen  
GEMS Club: Angie Rosenthal  
Helping Hands: Naomi Hamstra

Librarian: Maggie Bakker  
Moms Made ANEW: Stacey Tolkamp  
Men's Bible Study: Rudy Tolkamp  
Nursery: Jessica Colanese  
Sound & Video System: Rudy Tolkamp  
Special Events Coordinator: Mary Vander Molen  
Special Music: Derek Terpstra  
Story Hour: Stacey Tolkamp  
Sunday School: Mandy Verduin  
Web Manager: Dana Perkins  
Women's Bible Study: Donna Hamstra  
Youth Group: Pastor Ken & Renee Anema,  
Thomas & Kimmy Bousema

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