

Welcome to

IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Sunday, March 12, 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

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

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 Classical Church Assistance Fund

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 233.....O Father, You Are Sovereign

Reading of the Word:Exodus 4:18-31 (p. 56)

Sermon: LET MY FIRSTBORN SON GO!

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application: 257.....Children of the Heavenly Father

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:Heidelberg Catechism Q. 1 & 2

*Hymn of Praise: 217.....My God, How Wonderful Thou Art

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 27 (p. 543)

Singing of the Psalm: 27A:1-3, 6.....The Lord's My Light

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes and Gifts.....General Fund and Classical Church Assistance Fund

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Hymn of Preparation: 119C.....Do Good to Me and I Will Live

Reading of the Word:Philippians 1:12-30 (p. 1164)

Catechism Reading:Lord's Day 16 (*Forms and Prayers*, p. 217)

Sermon: TO LIVE IS CHRIST & TO DIE IS GAIN

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application: 265.....In Christ Alone

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: Stacey Tolkamp and Naomi Dyke

PM: Claire Vander Molen and Wendy Hager

On-call Nursery Attendant: Leanna Bakker

Sound System: Carson Bakker

Greeters AM: Steve and Patti Ryken (South), Ross Hoek Family (North), Cody Stegenga (Elevator)

Greeters PM: John & Donna Hamstra (South), Brian Kingma Family (South), Derek Terpstra (Elevator)

Song Service: Dana Perkins; **Songs:** 27B, 42B, 158

Monday: Deacons meet at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday: Ladies' Bible Study and Story meet at 9:00 am. GEMS, Cadets and Youth meet at 6:30 pm.

Friday: Hoosier Scholars 4H meeting at 10:30 am.

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

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: MARCH 19

Coffee Fellowship after the morning worship service. Young Adults meet after evening worship.

Nursery AM: Jessica Hubers & Corianna Green

PM: Sydnie Walstra & Levi Hubers

On-call Nursery Attendant: Jessica Colanese

Sound System: Peter Brummel

Cookies: Blom, Bosgraaf, Bousema, Brummel

Greeters AM: Jon & Lauren Hoek (South), Rudy & Stacey Tolkamp (North), John Hamstra (Elevator)

Greeters PM: Becky Walstra (South), Howie and Brenda Ridder (North), Jacob Dyke (Elevator)

Song Service: Elias Martin

UPCOMING DATES:

March 21: Council meets at 6:30 pm.

March 28: Building & Grounds Committee meets at 7:00 pm.

April 2: Sunday School children sing before morning worship.

April 7: Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm. Communion Service.

April 8: First Responders Appreciation Breakfast, 6:30-10:30 am.

April 19: All Church Skate at 6:00 pm.

June 10: Scripture Fest at Immanuel URC.

Congregational Care

- Amber Green
- Expectant mothers, Mandy Verduin and Jessica Eenigenburg

Heidelberg Catechism, LORD's Day 1

Q. 1 What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Q. 2 How many things must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. Three:

- first, how great my sin and misery are;
- second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery;
- third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

United in Prayer-Missionary Prayer Requests

Pastor Austin Reifel is a church-planter in Indianapolis, Indiana.

- Pray that the Lord would sustain and grant wisdom to our local office bearers and that He would be pleased to raise up and equip additional men for office that we might faithfully shepherd those whom He has entrusted into our hands.
- Pray for Indy Reformed to establish and maintain relationships with other like-minded churches in the area to partner in gospel ministry.
- Join us in praying for the Indianapolis Metro area, that Indy Reformed would be a light in the darkness and that the Lord would be pleased to raise up many more laborers for the harvest as there is a great need for faithful churches.

Deacon Report

Offering Schedule:

Today: General Fund and Classical Church Assistance Fund

March 19: General Fund and Illiana Right to Life

March 26: General Fund and DeMotte Christians Schools, Inc.

April 2: General Fund and Cadets (Corporate)

April 7: Good Friday Service–Word & Deed (Turkey Earthquake Relief)

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

Prayer requests and updates on all the ministries we support can be found on our website.

With gratitude to God, the deacons report the offerings of March 5:

General Fund	Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary
Benevolence	Sanctuary Remodel Fund
Immanuel Cadets	ANEW
DeMotte Food Pantry	Mid-America Reformed Seminary

Word & Deed - Turkey Earthquake Relief Update–Word & Deed continues to work through partner churches in Turkey. One group of churches has well over 150 volunteers in 6 impacted cities who are providing tents, blankets, and food to victims of the earthquake. So far \$50,000 USD / \$67,000 CAD has been sent. Beneficiaries are noting how joyfully the Christians are helping them. Word & Deed is taking part in multiple calls with partners to share lessons learned from over 35 disaster relief efforts that we have participated in over the last 20 years. Please pray for the ongoing efforts to bring help for both body and soul for the precious people of Turkey.

General Announcements

Reminder–The Pancake Breakfast for First Responders and the Community will take place on Saturday, April 8, from 6:30-10:30 am. Please visit the large bulletin board in the fellowship hall for more information and to sign up. There are one hour time slots available throughout the morning. If you have any questions, please contact an Evangelism & Outreach Committee member–Kirsten DeBoer, Miriam Hamstra, Jennie or Derek Terpstra.

From the Deacons–Thank you to all who provided a meal for Phil Howard. It was much appreciated.

GEMS and Cadets meet Wednesday at 6:30 pm. **Snack:** Spronk Family; **Devotions & snack:** Naomi Dyke.

Youth Group meets Wednesday at 6:30 pm at Nathan & Carrie Bakker’s home. **Snack:** Tessa Vander Molen.

Young Adults will meet next Sunday, March 19, after evening worship at John & Mary DeBoer's home. Please bring a side, drink or dessert to share.

Fellowship Meal—Our next fellowship meal will take place on June 4. **Clean-up:** Parishes 3 & 4.

Save the Date—**All Church Roller Skating** will be on Wednesday, April 19, from 6-8 pm at Bazz Roller Rink in Rensselaer. Pizza will be provided, and the concession stand will be open. Please RSVP with the link in the weekly emails or on the sign-up sheet on the table by the GEMS & Cadets bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. No cost to attend. Please note: Roller blades are not allowed.

Scripture Fest: Have a ready answer for those who ask. Let the memorized Word of God transform your life from within. Sign up early for your Bible memory recitations. Read your selected passage 5-10 times each day and see how life-changing it is to hide God's Word in your heart. Reserve the evening of June 10 for this unique hour of fellowship. Come to bless and to be blessed by this multi-generational event. See sign-up display in the church basement.

Bible Bee 2023—According to the Barna Group, in 2016 only 3% of American teens read their Bibles every day. Almost two-thirds of 18-29 year olds who grew up in the church were no longer actively involved. Give your teens and younger children a strong spiritual foundation. Join us this summer at the Bible Bee! The theme is: BELIEVE. Explore God's Word. Unlock the truth. Discover eternal treasure. You can register at BibleBee.org. For more information contact hosts Renee Anema or Miriam Hamstra.

Save the Date! Friday, April 28, from 7-9 pm please join **Reformed Mission Services** for our bowling fundraiser at Stardust Bowl in Dyer, Indiana. Come for a fun evening of FREE bowling, fellowship, and dessert all while learning more about RMS and supporting their mission. Free will donations will be accepted at the door. Find out more and sign up online at rms.org/bowling. We hope you'll join us! If you have questions, please contact Jim Iwema at jim@rms.org.

The **Men of A-Chord** is excited to announce a concert in celebration of their 70th Anniversary. The concert will be on Saturday March 25, 2023. The concert will begin at 7:00 pm at the First Church (OPC) of South Holland located at 16248 South Park Ave., South Holland, Illinois. As part of this Celebration Concert former members of the Men of A-Chord are joining us for a mass chorus. There will be piano/organ duets as well, along with plenty of audience participation in singing the great hymns of the faith! Make your plans now for a great evening of song and praise in celebration of God's faithfulness for 70 years with Men of A-Chord. A free will offering will be taken. For information, please see our website at www.menofachord.org or contact any member of the Men of A-Chord.

Coming Soon—**Illiana Bible League Volunteers** are hosting a fun Spring Luncheon at Smits Farm in Chicago Heights on Thursday, March 23, at 11:30 am. You will learn about the impact of the Bible League Ministry, enjoy a beautiful setting and great laughs with local comedian, Tracy De Graaf. Tickets are \$30. Call the church office to make a reservation.

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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