

Welcome to

IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Sunday, February 27, 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: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Congregation: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

*Salutation

*Song of Praise: 98C.....Sing a New Song to Jehovah

GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Confession & Assurance:Grace Greater than Our Sin (insert)

Congregational Prayer

Giving our Tithes and Offerings:.....General Fund and Mid-America Reformed Seminary

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Reading of the Baptismal Form.....*Forms and Prayers*, p. 9

Administration of Baptism

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 128B.....Blest the Man Who Fears Jehovah

Reading of the Word.....Mark 11:12-25 (p. 1007)

Sermon: LESSONS FROM THE CURSED FIG TREE

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Dedication: 466.....My Faith Looks Up to Thee

GOD BLESSES HIS PEOPLE

*Benediction

*Doxology (unannounced): 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: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Congregation: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

*Salutation

GOD'S PEOPLE OFFER PRAISE

*Confession of Faith.....Apostles' Creed

*Song of Praise: 8B.....LORD, Our Lord, in All the Earth

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 26 (p. 542)

Singing of the Psalm: 26 (alt. tune 22A).....Declare Me Innocent, O LORD

Congregational Prayer

Giving our Tithes and Offerings.....Mid-America Reformed Seminary

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Hymn of Preparation: 169.....Master, Speak! Thy Servant Heareth

Reading of the Word.....Mark 11:27-12:12 (p. 1008)

Sermon: THE AUTHORITY OF GOD'S SON

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Song of Dedication: 490.....Behold, My Servant

GOD BLESSES HIS PEOPLE

*Benediction

*Doxology (unannounced): 570.....Doxology

*Silent Prayer - concluded by the Postlude

*Postlude

*Please stand if able.

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

Sunday School and Catechism meet at 9:00 am.

Nursery AM: Amber Green & Hope Terpstra

PM: Donna Hamstra & Simeon Terpstra

Sound System: Thomas Bousema

Greeters AM: Maggie Bakker, Clarence & Patty Oudman, Mason Vander Molen

Greeters PM: Nate & Elizabeth DeJong, Tim Dyke Family, Elias Martin

Song Service Leader: Derek Terpstra; **SF 20, SF 63, SF 74**

Tuesday: Consistory meets at 6:00 pm.

Wednesday: Ladies' Bible Study meets at 9:00 am. Ruth 3. Prayer Meeting at 7:00 pm. GEMS & Cadets meet at 7:00 pm. Devotions/snack: Cora

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

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY, MARCH 6:

Sunday School and Catechism meet at 9:00 am.

Nursery AM: Laureen Hoek and Titus Terpstra

PM: Jessica Hubers and Claire Bakker

Sound System: Amos Terpstra

Greeters AM: Perkins, Longs, Jerry Hager

Greeters PM: Pastor Anema Family, Hamstra Family, Sam Terpstra

Song Service: Pastor Ken Anema

UPCOMING DATES:

March 7-8: Classis Central meets.

March 9: Evangelism & Outreach Committee meets at 7:00 pm.

March 13: Daylight Saving Time Begins.

March 14: Deacons meet at 7:00 pm.

March 15: Council meets at 6:30 pm.

March 16: Cadets' Pinewood Derby at Immanuel. Everyone is welcome.

April 3: Fellowship meal after the morning worship service.

Congregational Care

- Josie Vander Molen
- Tony Vissers
- Expectant mother, Shelby Kingma.

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. Rich Kuiken is a church-planter in the Poconos, Pennsylvania.

- Give thanks for excellent weekly attendance at our Sunday services, Sunday School classes, as well as at our bi-weekly Men's and Women's Bible Studies.
 - Give thanks for a personal, practical, and palpable love for one another as well as for a passionate appreciation of the Reformed faith.
 - Pray for the Lord's leading to a larger worship facility.
 - Pray for a pre-profession of faith class to be held this spring.
 - Pray for the Lord's continued blessing toward our plan to organize as a URCNA congregation this fall.
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Deacon Report

Offering Schedule:

Today: Mid-America Reformed Seminary

March 6: Food Pantry

March 13: Classical Church Assistance Fund

March 20: Illiana Right to Life

With gratitude to God, the deacons would like to report the following offerings of February 20:

General Fund	\$4,443.00
Word & Deed	\$1,200.00
Sanctuary Remodel Fund	\$1,200.00

Consistory Announcements

Today we celebrate the baptism of Chiara C., daughter of Justin and Jessica Colanese.

New Member: According to the URCNA Book of Church, Article 44, the elders of Immanuel had the privilege and joy to meet with Cody S. Cody shared his testimony of faith and his desire to become a member of Immanuel URC. With thanksgiving to God, the consistory has accepted Cody's testimony of faith, and he will be publicly received and welcomed into the membership of Immanuel URC on March 13, Lord willing.

Larsen E. will be baptized on March 27.

General Announcements

Thank you—We spoke to Matteo briefly last week, and he wanted us to thank everyone from church who sent him a card. He really appreciated it! He wishes he had time to write everyone back, but his boot camp schedule doesn't allow it. So please know that your cards, support and prayers have meant a lot to him. Thanks again! Pastor Rossi and Carrie

Thank you—The Cadets would like to thank everyone who helped make the Spaghetti Dinner a huge success! Special thanks to our sauce judges: Brenda Long, Carrie Rossi and Mark Van Der Molen. Also, thank you to all of the ladies who made the delicious desserts!

GEMS: We will have a regular meeting this week. Please continue to work on any badges, your devotion logs and your derby cars. The Cadet Derby race will be on Wednesday, March 16th. Please plan to come whether or not you're racing a car - families are welcome to come too! We will not have a regular meeting that night.

Adult Sunday School: Living as a Christian in today's transgender and 'woke' culture is becoming increasingly difficult. The current class "How to Love Your Neighbor in a Transgender Culture" will equip you to understand the current cultural climate and how we got there, strengthen your ability to answer some tough questions, and with love challenge those who are wandering away from God's design for male and female. Resources and handouts can be found on our website at <https://www.immanuelurcdemotte.org/adult-sunday-school>

New in the Library: Adult Fiction: Drawn by the Current, Book 3 in *The Windy City Saga* series, by Jocelyn Green. Adult Non-Fiction: The Hardest Peace: Expecting Grace in the Midst of Life's Hard and Just Show Up: The Dance of Walking Through Suffering Together by Kara Tippetts. Also, God and the Transgender Debate: What Does the Bible Actually Say About Gender Identity? Juvenile Fiction: The latest in the Baxter Family Children series, Book 4, Adventure Awaits by Karen Kingsbury. Twelve Adventures in Odyssey Series CDs from Focus on the Family.

Cornerstone United Reformed Church announces its **Annual Women's Conference** entitled *A Holy Fear*, to be held on Friday and Saturday, March 18 and 19, 2022, with main speaker, Christina Fox. Brochures are on the information table in the foyer. This year's conference price is \$35 and includes refreshments on Friday

evening and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Early registrations must be postmarked by March 1, 2022 to qualify for a reduced rate of \$25. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to fellowship with sisters in the faith as we glorify God together and grow in the knowledge of His Truth. For more information call (616) 669-2190.

Save the Date for the 33rd **Annual Women's Center of Northwest Indiana's "Celebrating Life" Event** on Friday, May 13, at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville, Indiana. The keynote speaker will be actor and filmmaker, Kirk Cameron. A luncheon and a dinner option are available. Please see Carrie Rossi if you need more information.

Calling All Men! Do you like to sing? Would you like the chance to sing with Men of A-Chord for a short time? **Men of A-Chord** invites you to join them to sing with them as part of an Easter Cantata called **"Written in Red"**. We invite you to join us for 8 rehearsals starting on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 7:30 pm at Oak Glen United Reformed Church in Lansing, IL at 7:30 pm. For more information, please see our website at www.menofachord.org.

School Announcements

Restored Resale Inc., a DMCS partner, is in desperate need of volunteers and monetary donations to get the store up and running. They have a great many needs to meet, so please consider how you may be able to help them. Contact them at RestoredResaleInc@gmail.com to find out more. Thank you!

Service Dinner 2022—It seems hard to believe, but there has not been an in-person CCHS Service Dinner since spring of 2019! Lord willing, Service Dinner 2022 will be held on Friday, March 11. The evening will include a delicious catered meal, student-led singing, and students sharing about their Service Week experiences and blessings. A free-will offering will be taken to offset Service Week expenses, which are many! This event and our fall jog-a-thon are the only fundraisers dedicated toward Service Week. We hope you will join us! Tickets are available in the office at either school, or by contacting any Covenant student. Questions? Call the CCHS office at (219) 987-7651, ext. 210.

DMCS Important Dates:

March 1:	DMCS Board Meeting
March 10:	Red Cross Blood Drive at Keener Fire Department: 1:00 pm-6:00 pm
March 11:	CCHS Service Dinner, 6:00 pm
March 17:	PIE Spring Dinner at CCHS (Dine in and Drive Thru)
March 21-25:	Spring Break
April 8:	Grandparents' Day
April 8-9:	CCHS Spring Musical : Annie
April 12:	Society Meeting at CCHS @ 7:00 pm
April 21-22:	DMC Junior High Musical
March 1:	DMCS Board Meeting
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March 17:	PIE Spring Dinner at CCHS
March 21-25:	Spring Break

Our Council:

ELDERS:

President: Rudy Tolkamp (21) Parish 2
Vice President: Dan Kingma (22) Parish 1
Clerk: Howard Ridder (21)
John Hamstra (22) Parish 4
Steve Ryken (23) Parish 3

DEACONS:

President: Nathan Bakker (22) Parish 2
Secretary: Ross Hoek (21) Parish 1
Treasurer: Dale Eenigenburg (22)
Vicar: Dave DeGraff (21) Parish 3
Asst. Treasurer: Justin Colanese (23) Parish 4

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
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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