

Welcome to

IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Sunday, February 4, 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

*Hymn of Praise: 122A.....I Was Filled with Joy and Gladness

GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Confession & Assurance: 453:1-5.....Just as I Am, without One Plea

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Reading of the Baptismal Form.....*Forms and Prayers* (p. 13)

Administration of Baptism

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts:General Fund and Mid-America Reformed Seminary

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 478.....Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

Reading of the Word:Galatians 1:1-5 (p. 1154)

Sermon: A LETTER OF CONCERN: AN INTRODUCTION

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Song of Preparation: 284.....Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

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.....Lord's Day 1

*Song of Praise: 250.....I Sing the Almighty Power of God

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 19 (p. 538)

Singing of the Psalm: 19B:1, 5-9.....The Heavens Above Declare

Preparatory Exhortation to the Lord's Supper

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts:General Fund and Mid-America Reformed Seminary

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 119L.....Eternal Is Your Word, O LORD

Reading of the Word:1 John 2:15-17 (p. 1211)

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 44.....Forms and Prayers (p. 250)

Sermon: WHAT IS YOUR HEART'S DESIRE?

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Application: 397.....Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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

Baptism of Henry Alan Stegenga. Coffee Fellowship after morning worship.

Nursery AM: Jennie Terpstra and Wendy Hager

PM: Stacey Tolkamp and Emmelene Dyke

On-call Nursery Attendant: Donna Hamstra

Sound System: Reagan Ryken

Greeters AM: Tony & Janet Vissers (South), Steve Rottier Family (North), Derek Ipema (Elevator)

Greeters PM: Russ Vander Molen Family (South), Barb M. & Lynzie H. (North), Kevin Post (Elevator)

Song Service: Cade Walstra; **Songs:** 103C, 429, 236

Wednesday: Ladies' Bible Study will meet at Abbie Martin's home at 9:15 am (see announcement).

Cadets Spaghetti Dinner from 5:00-7:00 pm. **GEMS** and **Youth Group** meet at 6:30 pm.

Thursday: TMC meets at 6:00 pm.

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

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: FEBRUARY 11

Fellowship meal after morning worship.

Nursery AM: Josie Vander Molen and Kenny Hager

PM: Tessa Vander Molen and Corianna Green

On-call Attendant: Kyra Hoek

Sound System: Carson Bakker

Greeters AM: Jim & Bonnie Zeilenga (South), Dave & Brenda Long (North), Sam Terpstra (Elevator)

Greeters PM: Josh Hubers Family (South), Joe Cox Family (North), John Hamstra (Elevator)

Song Service: Peter Brummel

UPCOMING DATES:

February 12: Deacons meet at 7:00 pm.

February 13: Consistory meets at 7:00 pm.

February 14: Prayer Meeting at 7:00 pm.

February 20: Council meets at 7:00 pm.

February 21: GEMS, Cadets and Youth Group meet at 6:30 pm.

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

Congregational Care

- The Hoek family
- David Bosgraaf
- Jean Post
- Jim Kuiper
- Expectant mothers: Nicole Hoek, Amanda Staley, Elizabeth DeJong & Jessica Colanese
- Teen Mother Choices (TMC)

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1
Q. 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.

United in Prayer-Missionary Prayer Requests

With thanks to the Lord, the Consistory of Cornerstone URC (Sanborn, Iowa) is happy to let the churches of the Federation know that Candidate Elijah Anderson has accepted the call to serve as the Latino Missions Coordinator for a Latino Missions Effort in Northwest Iowa. Mr. Anderson will have an Ordination Exam at the upcoming meeting of Classis Central (March 18-19), and upon sustaining that exam, he will be ordained to the ministry and begin the work to which he has been called. Please join us in giving thanks to the Lord for this development, and keep Elijah in your prayers as he prepares for his ordination exam.

Deacon Report

Our offerings next Sunday will be for the General Fund and Mobility Ministries, Inc.

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.

General Announcements

This morning Pastor Rossi begins a sermon series on **Galatians**. Scripture journals which can be used for note-taking are in the back by the bulletins.

Today we celebrate the baptism of Henery Alan Stegenga, son of Cody and Cami Stegenga.

Thank you to our church family for your love and prayers for our mother and grandmother, Millie DeBoer, during her recent illness. Also, thank you for your condolences to us, her family. Thanks also to Pastor Rossi for his time spent visiting with her and ministering to our family by leading the funeral service. The DeBoer, Stegenga and Colanese families.

Thank you for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers over the past few weeks as I've been recovering from my hernia surgery. Thanks also for the delicious meals we received. Dave especially appreciated them. Dawn DeGraff

GEMS meet this Wednesday at 6:30 pm. **Devotions/snack:** Beverly Hubers.

Youth Group will meet this Wednesday at church at 6:30 pm.

Our **Fellowship Meal** will be next Sunday, February 11. Families of 1-2, please bring a main dish, and families of 3+, please bring a main dish and one side dish or salad. **Clean-up:** Parishes 3 and 4 (Anema-Hubers). All visitors are welcome to join us.

Adult Sunday School—Does the growl of our culture make you feel unwelcome? How do you handle their rejection of you and your Savior? Psalm 44 shows us how to talk to God about their animosity. That will be the focus of our next study. We hope to see you at the next Adult Sunday School discussion.

Our Immanuel **Cadets** will be holding their Annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser this Wednesday, February 7, from 5:00-7:00 pm here at church. Donations of pasta sauce and desserts will be welcome. Please sign up to attend in the Fellowship Hall by the poster. Checks can be made out to Immanuel United Reformed Church. Please have your pasta sauce here at the church kitchen by 4:00 pm, if possible.

Ladies' Bible Study will meet at Abbie Martin's home this week at 9:15 am. We will be studying the attributes of Spirituality and Invisibility. No Story Hour this week, but there will be childcare for all ages. Lesson questions are on the table near the mailboxes. **Snack:** Dawn DeGraff.

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.

Illiana Oratorio Society will be starting rehearsals for its presentation of Mendelssohn's Elijah. Rehearsals will be held each Monday evening starting on February 19, 2024 at 7:30 pm until 9:00 pm. The concert will be on Sunday April 14, 2024 at 2:00 pm. Please join us at First Church (OPC) of South Holland, IL located at 16248 South Park Ave., South Holland, Illinois. Please consider joining us for singing this great work of music to God's praise!

School Announcements

Important Dates:

Feb 16: No school- Teacher in service/Makeup Day

Feb 19: No school- President's Day/Makeup Day

Feb 24: DMCHS Winter Formal

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

May 3: Walk-a-thon

May 4: DMCS Carnival (current families invited to attend)

May 11: Christian Prom 6 pm @ Halls of St. George

May 23: K-12 last day

May 24: Teacher in service/Makeup Day May 24: DMCHS Graduation @ 7:00 pm

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 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 and
Derek and Jennie Terpstra

Church Contact Information:

Office Hours: Administrative Assistant: Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 am-2:00 pm.
Administrative Assistant & Bulletin Announcement Email: immanuelurcsecretary@gmail.com
Address: 9991 W. 1200 N., DeMotte, IN 46310
Office Phone: (219) 987-6247
Pastor Rossi's Email: immanuelurcpastor@gmail.com
Facebook: Immanuel United Reformed Church, DeMotte, IN
Website: www.immanuelurcdemotte.org