

Welcome to

IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Sunday, December 12, 2021

Worship Services: 10:00 am & 6:00 pm

Hymn Sing 5:50 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: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Congregation: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

*Salutation

Hymn of Praise: 319.....O Come, All Ye Faithful

GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Confession & Assurance: 32B.....How Blest Is He Whose Trespass

Congregational Prayer

Giving our Tithes and Offerings:.....General Fund and DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 293.....O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Reading of the Word.....Judges 13:1-24 (p. 251)

Sermon: GOD'S GREAT FAITHFULNESS IN THE SAVIOR'S BIRTH

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Response: 245.....Great Is Thy Faithfulness

GOD BLESSES HIS PEOPLE

*Benediction

*Doxology (unannounced): 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: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Congregation: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

*Salutation

GOD'S PEOPLE OFFER PRAISE

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

*Hymn of Praise: 99B.....The LORD God Reigns in Majesty

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 1 (p. 528)

Singing of the Psalm: 1A.....That Man Is Blest

Congregational Prayer

Giving our Tithes and Offerings.....DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Hymn of Preparation: 271.....Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Reading of the Word.....Jonah 3:1-10 (p. 921)

Sermon: GOD'S WORD PRODUCES REPENTANCE

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Song of Dedication: 420.....Christ for the World We Sing

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 at 9:00 am. Coffee Fellowship after the morning worship service.

Nursery AM: Val Post and Claire Bakker

PM: Stacey Tolkamp and Tanyon Bakker

Sound System: Mason Vander Molen

Fellowship Helper: Patti Ryken

Greeters AM: Elias Martin, Miriam Hamstra, Noah Hoek **PM:** Megan Buiters, Ray Vander Molen Family

Song Service Leader: Kevin Kingma

Monday: Deacons meet at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday: Ladies' Bible Study meets at 9:00 am. Lesson 11; Judges 15 & 16. Snack: Dawn.

Cadets and GEMS meet at 7:00 pm. Devotions/snacks: Leaders

Youth Group meets at Wheatfield Lanes at 6:00 pm. Handiwork Fellowship meets at 7:00 pm.

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

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19:

Sunday School and Catechism at 9:00 am. Coffee Fellowship after the morning worship service.

Nursery AM: Jennie Terpstra and Sophie Bakker

PM: Madelyn Uittenbogaard & Abrielle Brummel

Sound System: Matteo Rossi

Fellowship Helper: Terpstra Family

Greeters AM: John Hamstra Family, Jerry Hager

PM: Pastor Anema Family

Song Service Leader: Pastor Nathan Brummel

UPCOMING DATES:

December 21: Council meets at 7:00 pm.

December 25: Christmas Day Worship Service at 10:00 am.

December 26: Infant baptism during the morning worship service.

December 28: Building and Grounds Committee meets at 7:00 pm.

January 2: Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during the morning worship service.

January 5: Prayer Meeting at 7:00 pm.

January 8: Men's Bible Study resumes.

January 9: Installation of office bearers. Young Adults meet after the evening service.

Congregational Care

- Kevin & Shelby Kingma as they travel to Arizona.
- The expectant mothers of our congregation: Jessica Colanese, Stephanie Kingma and 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

Pastor Tony Zekveld is a church-planter in Toronto, Canada.

Please pray for:

- Dilpreet, a young lady and her baby, who is in regular contact with one of the families of our congregation. She also attends worship occasionally.
 - Continued strength for our leadership, the bond of fellowship, and the joy of witnessing.
 - For one young couple in our membership who have strayed from Christ.
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Deacon Report

Offering Schedule:

Today: DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc.

December 19: Mobility Ministries (PET)

December 25: Illiana Right to Life

December 26: Benevolence

Offering amounts for December 5, 2021 will be posted in next Sunday's bulletin.

Consistory Announcements

Today we are grateful to have Mr. Praveen Phinehas lead us in worship. Praveen is a seminary student at Mid-America Reformed Seminary, and he served here at Immanuel as an intern in 2020.

At her request, the membership papers of Bethany Dotinga have been released so that she can affiliate with the South Mountain Community Church in Utah. May God bless Bethany in her new church home.

After much prayer and consideration, the Consistory is changing the starting time of the evening worship service to 5:00 pm, with the hymn sing beginning at 4:50 pm. This will take effect on January 2, 2022. The Consistory would like to thank the congregation of Immanuel for your feedback, patience, and prayers. "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but to encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10:24-25.

The Consistory has approved a supplemental Song Book for use in our worship services and hymn sings. They will be available around the beginning of the new year.

General Announcements

We want to thank you for sharing our grief through your prayers, cards, and condolences in the brief fight against cancer and in the home-going of Renee's brother, Marc Renkema. Though he and his family lived far away in Washington, the bonds of love remained near and dear. He will be greatly missed, but we look forward to the hope of the resurrection of the dead. "We shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet" (1 Cor. 15:52). The Anemas

Thank you everyone for your cards, calls, text and visits after the passing of my Dad, Joseph Spurgeon. Sincerely, Ray, Dana, Claire, Max and Case Vander Molen

Adult Sunday School continues its six-week evangelism seminar called *Neighboring*. We are learning how we can better obey Jesus' command to love our neighbors. Instead of seeing our neighbors as projects, we expect to develop an authentic love for them and their eternal souls. Our goal is to magnify the love of Jesus Christ in our neighborhoods.

Youth Group will meet at Wheatfield Lanes from 6:00-8:30 pm on Wednesday for their Christmas party. Please meet there at Wheatfield Lanes and bring a \$10-\$15 gift for the exchange.

Looking for an Advent Devotional? There are a number of excellent advent devotionals for all ages on a table downstairs next to the Lost & Found. If you would like to purchase one, there is an envelope in each book with payment instructions and a discounted price.

The LOGOS Winter Retreat, intended for singles age 18-30, and also for married couples age 30 or younger, will be held January 6-8, 2022 at Cedar Lake Ministries in Cedar Lake, Indiana. Rev. Andrew Knott

of New Haven URC in New Haven, Vermont will speak to us on the theme of "Searching for Wisdom." Cost is \$240.00 per person. Cost is \$430.00 for married couples under 30. The retreat begins Thursday evening with dinner and concludes with Saturday lunch. The regular registration deadline is midnight December 16th. Register online today at reformedyouthservices.org

Cornerstone URC's Annual Women's Conference featuring Christian Fox will take place on March 18 & 19. The topic will be: *A Holy Fear—Trading Lesser Fears for the Fear of the Lord*. See the poster in the fellowship hall for more information or go to www.cornerstoneurc.com

School Announcements

2022 God's Creation Calendars—There are a few popular 2022 God's Creation Calendars available for \$12 in the DMC office. These make great gifts! Call DMC at 219-987-3721 for availability.

Alumni Knight and Uniform Sale—December 21st at 7:00 pm all DMCS alumni are invited to our Alumni Knight at CCHS! We will be having a uniform sale this night too, so be sure to check out the photos on our Facebook event (link below) of all our "vintage" uniforms!

We will also be recognizing the three 1,000 point basketball club members with plaques that will be displayed at school in the trophy case! This along with a recognition of all the alumni in the stands will take place at half-time of the varsity game. Alumni will be asked to sign in and complete an updated alumni contact sheet to gain free entry into the event. Old uniforms will be available to take home the night of the event for free will donation to the athletics department! Visit our Facebook event at <https://fb.me/e/1ulwdOfIL> for more information.

SAVE THE DATE! Mark your calendars and set your reminders! CCHS Service Dinner 2022 is scheduled for Friday, March 11 at 6:00 pm. This event and our fall jog-a-thon are the only two fundraisers directed exclusively toward our students' Service Week trips in April. The evening will involve a delicious meal and a program featuring our students' reflections on last years' Service Projects. Please plan to join us!

DMCS Important Dates:

December 14:	Winter Concert at the High School (6:30 pm)
December 16:	Christmas Program (Grades 2-5 at 6:30pm at DMC)
December 22:	End Quarter 2
December 23-Jan 4:	DMCS Christmas Break
January 5:	Students Return for 2nd Semester
January 7:	Pre-School/Kindergarten Sign-ups

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 Ken Anema
Fellowship: Dawn DeGraff
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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