

Welcome to

IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Sunday, October 3, 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

*Song of Praise: 146.....Praise the LORD! My Soul, O Praise Him!

GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Confession & Assurance: 433:1-4, 6.....Amazing Grace!

Congregational Prayer

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

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 119CDo Good to Me and I Will Live

Reading of the Word.....Mark 8:22-30 (p. 1003)

Sermon: EYES OPENED

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Response: 446:1, 2, 4, 5.....Be Thou My Vision

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: 134.....Come, Bless the LORD with One Accord

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 122 (p. 612)

Singing of the Psalm: 122A.....I Was Filled with Joy and Gladness

Congregational Prayer

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

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Hymn of Preparation: 415.....We Gather Together

Reading of the Word.....1 Corinthians 1:1-3 (p. 1131)

Belgic Confession: Article 28.....Forms and Prayers, p. 184

Sermon: THE ASSEMBLY OF THE SAINTS

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Song of Dedication: 411.....Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns

GOD BLESSES HIS PEOPLE

*Benediction

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

*Silent Prayer - concluded by the Postlude

*Postlude

*Please stand if able.

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

Fellowship meal after the morning service. All visitors are invited to join us.

Song Service begins at 5:50 pm.

Nursery AM: Leanna Bakker and Corianna Green **PM:** Megan Buitter and Wendy Hager

Sound System: Matteo Rossi

Fellowship Helpers: Parishes 3 and 4 help with clean-up after the meal.

Greeters AM: Mason VM, Dave, Brenda, Katy Long **PM:** Ed & Pat Kingma, Jon, Laureen & Noah Hoek

Song Service Leader: Howie Ridder

Tuesday: Consistory meets at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday: Ladies' Bible Study, Lesson 4, Judges 3:7-31. Snack: Marcia

Prayer meeting at 7:00 pm in the Adult Sunday School room. GEMS/Cadets meet at 7:00 pm.

GEMS Devotions & Snack: Emmelene Dyke.

Saturday: Men's Bible Study meets at 7:00 am. Breakfast and *Anyone Can Become a Great Communicator* third session at 8:00 am.

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10:

Coffee fellowship after the morning worship service.

Nursery AM: Wendy Buitter and Kenny Hager

PM: Jessica Colanese and Hope Terpstra

Sound System: Mason Vander Molen

Fellowship Helpers: Terpstra Family

Greeters AM: K & S Kingma,, Thomas Bousema, Jerry Hager **PM:** Jacob, Abby, John Dyke, Jr., Faith A.

Song Service Leader: Russ Vander Molen

UPCOMING DATES:

October 11: Deacons meet at 7:00 pm.

October 20: Youth meet at Nathan and Carrie Bakker's home at 7:00 pm.

October 25 (Monday): Congregational meeting at 7:00 pm.

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

Congregational Care

- Jim & Cathy Kuiper
- The expectant mothers of our congregation: Kyra Hoek, Jessica Eenigenburg, Stephanie Kingma and Jessica Colanese.

United in Prayer-Missionary Prayer Requests

Pastor Ruben Senas is a URCNA church-planter working with Hispanics in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

- Please pray for a permanent location in Chicago Heights. Throughout the pandemic we have had to meet at different locations. We are currently meeting at Dyer Presbyterian Church.
- Please pray for the two families who are going through the membership process. Please pray their membership interviews will go smoothly.
- Please pray that our members and visitors would grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray that we would all grow in the fruits of Spirit.

Deacon Report

Offering Schedule:

Today: Mid-America Reformed Seminary
October 10: Classical Church Assistance Fund
October 17: Quito Ecuador Mission
October 24: Benevolence

With gratitude to God, the deacons report the following offering amounts:

September 19

General Fund
Women's Center of NW Indiana

September 26

General Fund
Sanctuary Remodel Fund
Mobility Ministries Inc. (P.E.T.)

Consistory Announcements

Today we have the joy of welcoming John and Mary DeBoer and Kirsten DeBoer into the membership of Immanuel. There are written bios about John and Mary and Kirsten in your mailboxes.

Congregational Meeting—Our annual congregational meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 25, at 7:00 pm. Agendas for the meeting will be available Sunday, October 17.

General Announcements

Fellowship Meal: Our October fellowship meal will take place today after the morning worship service. All visitors are welcome to join us! Our next Fellowship Meal will be December 5.

Anyone Can Become a Great Communicator Workshop—will meet again this Saturday. Register by calling the church office if you haven't already done so. If you would like a link to watch the previous two sessions, please see Dana Perkins or Donna Hamstra.

New in the Library: Adult fiction: [The Chase](#) by Lisa Harris-Book 2 in the U.S. Marshalls Series. Adult Non-Fiction: [R.C. Sproul: A Life](#) by Stephen Nichols; [If I Should Die Before I Wake: What's Beyond This Life?](#) by Scott Oliphant and Sinclair Ferguson. Also, two other books by Sinclair Ferguson: [Devoted to God's Church: Core Values for Christian Fellowship](#) and [Lessons from the Upper Room: The Heart of the Savior](#). Juvenile Non-Fiction: [Bible Stories Every Child Should Know](#) by Kenneth Taylor. Mormonism: Find out more about doctrinal differences between Mormonism and the Biblical Word of God. Lynn Wilder, former Mormon/BTU professor, spoke at the 2021 Bible League International Conference about her family's journey out of the Mormon church. Her family's books are in our library: [Unveiling Grace: The Story of How We Found Our Way Out of the Mormon Church](#) by Lynn K. Wilder, [7 Reasons Why We Left Mormonism: Quick Guide to Doctrinal Differences Between Mormonism and the Biblical Word of God](#) by Michael Wilder and Dr. Lynn Wilder, and [Passport to Heaven: The True Story of a Zealous Mormon Missionary Who Discovers the Jesus He Never Knew](#) by Micah Wilder.

When Bad Things Happen: Thoughtful Answers to Hard Questions. Is a personal God really involved in our suffering? And if he is, what in the world is he up to? Why would a good God allow suffering in his world?

William P. Smith addresses these and other hard questions by reflecting on what the Bible teaches about suffering. Instead of pat answers, he shares the different ways God uses suffering to bring us into a deeper, more intimate relationship with him. You can learn to see the good that God brings out of suffering and be thankful—not for the suffering itself—but for God and his involvement in your life.

Pick up your free copy of this pamphlet in the foyer for yourself or to share with a neighbor.

Senior Saints (60 and above) are invited to join Immanuel's Youth Group, GEMS and Cadets for a night of fun and fellowship on Wednesday, November 3rd. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please see Carrie Bakker or Carrie Rossi with any questions.

Save the Date Word & Deed Fundraising Dinner–Please save the date for the Word & Deed Fundraising Dinner. This event is scheduled to take place Thursday, November 11, at Illiana Christian High School in Dyer, Indiana. Punch bowl will begin at 6:30 pm, and dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. This year we are pleased to welcome Rev. Anup Hiwale of MPM Ministries and The Evangelical Reformed Churches of India as our keynote speaker. MPM has a Theological Institute, a sewing program for untouchable women and after-school programs. We look forward to having you join us! Please see John Hamstra for tickets.

Illiana Oratorio Society will be starting rehearsals for its annual presentation of Handel’s Messiah. Rehearsals will be held each Monday evening starting on October 18, 2021 at 8:00 pm until 9:30 pm. The concert will be on Sunday December 5, 2021 at 2:00 pm. Please join us at First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland, IL located at 16248 South Park Ave., South Holland, IL. Please consider joining us for singing this great work of music to God’s praise!

School Announcements

Fresh Fruit Sale–We’re excited to announce our inaugural Thanksgiving Fruit Sale has begun! This is a great opportunity to order some fresh fruit for the holidays. The sale ends tomorrow, October 4, and the fruit will be delivered the week of November 15. Visit the DMCS Facebook page for more information, or stop by either school to pick up an order form!

Rummage Sale–DMCS invites everyone to their Fall Rummage Sale on Saturday, October 16 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Covenant Christian High School gym. Only \$7 per bag from 9:00 am-12:00 pm, and \$2 per bag from 12:00-1:00 pm! To donate clean, gently used items for the sale, please bring them on Thursday, October 14 from 2:00 pm- 5:00 pm at the back door or Friday, October 15 from 8:00 am-2:00 pm at the front door. Volunteers are needed to set up and sort on Thursday from 2:00 pm-7:00 pm or Friday from 8:00 am-4:00 pm. Please call CCHS’s office at 219-987-7651 to sign up. Hope to see you there! Please note that due to liability issues, children will not be allowed to accompany adult volunteers.

Pint-sized Red Cross Blood Drive–DMC is sponsoring an October blood drive on October 28 at the Keener Township Fire Department from 1:00-6:00 pm. More details to follow!

DMCS Important Dates:

October 4: Fruit Sale Ends

October 4: DMCS Board Meeting

October 5: Butter Braid Fundraiser Begins

October 7: Suds for A Cause Pick Up (DMC from 2:45-4:00 pm)

October 15: Pastor’s Appreciation Chapel

October 16: DMCS Fall Rummage Sale (CCHS from 9:00 am-1:00 pm)

October 20: Poinsettia/Wreath/Calendar Fundraiser Begins

October 21-22: Fall Break

October 26: Butter Braid Fundraiser Ends

October 28: Red Cross Blood Drive @ Keener Township (1:00 pm-6:00 pm)

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: Ken Anema
Bookkeeper: Elaine Dyke
Building & Grounds (B&G): Rob Buiters
Bulletin: please contact Administrative Assistant
Cadets: Dave DeGraff
Custodians: Dave and Dawn DeGraff
Education: Dan Kingma
Evangelism & Outreach (E&O): 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
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

Church Contact Information:

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