

Welcome to

IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Sunday, April 11, 2021

Worship Services: 10:00 am & 6:00 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: 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: 92B.....It is Good to Sing Your Praises

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 DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 404:1-4, 6The Church's One Foundation

Reading of the Word:.....Mark 2:18-22 (p. 996)

Sermon: FASTING OR FEASTING?

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Response: 265.....In Christ Alone

GOD BLESSES HIS PEOPLE

*Benediction

*Doxology (unannounced): 106B:1, 14.....O Praise the Lord, for He is Good

*Silent Prayer - concluded by the Postlude

*Please stand if able.

**Offering baskets will be located at each entrance/exit for you to place your offerings in.

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:22CAmid the Thronging Worshipers

Psalms Reading.....Psalm 78:1-20 (p. 578)

Singing of the Psalms:78:1-4O My People, Hear My Teaching

Congregational Prayer

**Offerings and Tithes.....DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Hymn of Preparation: 78:5-8, 27.....O My People, Hear My Teaching

Reading of the Word.....Acts 8:26-40, 10:34-48 (p. 1089)

Sermon: THE WORD "TO BAPTIZE"

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

Song of Dedication: 338.....When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

GOD BLESSES HIS PEOPLE

*Benediction

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

*Silent Prayer - concluded by the Postlude

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THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

AM and PM Services: In person and livestreamed

Sunday School and Catechism meet at 9:00 am.

Nursery AM: Madelyn Buiters and Tanyon Bakker **PM:** Sue DeBoer and Corianna Green

Sound System: Mason Vander Molen

Greeters AM: Jack Pfau, Alyssa Blom, James Blom **PM:** Kate Buiters, Gabbi and Jim Zeilenga

Monday: Deacons meet at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday: Ladies' Bible Study/Story Hour. Messiah book, Week 11 (see page 13)

GEMS meet at 6:30 pm at Rossi's. Devotions: Anya

Hymn Sing & Concert at 6:30 pm. Young People's Ice Cream Social at 8:00 pm.

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

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY, APRIL 18:

AM and PM Services: In person and livestreamed

Sunday School and Catechism meet at 9:00 am.

Nursery AM: Alicia & Naomi Dyke

PM: Andrea Cornwell & Emmelene Dyke

Sound System: Matteo Rossi

Greeters AM: Kevin & Shelby Kingma, Thomas Bousema **PM:** Sam Terpstra, Pastor & Peter Brummel

UPCOMING DATES:

April 20: Council meets at 7:00 pm.

April 27: Building & Grounds meets at 7:00 pm.

May 2: GEMS Sunday (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior)

May 3: Bridal Shower for Madelyn Buiters at 6:30 pm.

May 7: National Day of Prayer Service 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

Please pray for:

- Phil Post as he recovers from surgery and continues physical therapy.
- Loren Cavanaugh as he recovers from surgery and a skin graft on his ear.
- Dana Vander Molen is scheduled for surgery on Wednesday.
- Expectant mothers of our congregation.
- Brenda Ridder as she continues to improve.
- Carson and Leanna Bakker as they establish their new home.

United in Prayer-Missionary Prayer Requests

Andrea Ferrari is a church-planter in Perugia, Italy.

- Pray that through this Covid crisis in Italy we may be faithful witnesses of the Gospel.
- Pray for the growth of our church in knowledge, numbers, and especially in love.
- Pray for Sara and her sons, Emanuele and Marco.
- Pray for me that I may be a faithful Christian, husband, father (now also a father-in-law), church member, and minister.

Deacon Report

Offering Schedule:

Today: DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc.

April 18: Food Pantry

April 25: Quito Ecuador Mission

May 2: GEMS (Corporate)

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

Good Friday, April 2

Walker URC Dykstra Fund \$2,555.39

M.I.N.T.S. \$20.00

April 4

General Fund \$6,817.00

Mid-America Reformed Seminary \$447.33

Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary \$100.00

Consistory Announcements

Membership News: With gratitude to God, this morning we welcome into the membership of Immanuel Donna Van Vuren, Elias Martin and Sam Terpstra. May the Lord richly bless them as they worship and serve the Lord here at Immanuel!

At the last Classis meeting, we, the Consistory of Immanuel, sought the concurring advice of Classis Central for the erasure of Ryan and Justin Handtke's membership. The Book of Church Order, Article 64, states, in part, that "the Consistory may, with concurring advice from Classis, erase the membership of those *with whom they have not been able to communicate for at least two years.*" Since we have not been able to communicate with and provide pastoral care to Ryan and Justin for several years, we voted and agreed to erase the membership of Ryan and Justin with the concurring advice of Classis. The Consistory asks the congregation of Immanuel to please pray for the Handtkes.

General Announcements

Everyone is welcome to meet downstairs after the morning worship service for coffee and fellowship.

Thank you! We would like to thank our church family for your prayers for Phil during his surgery and recovery. We are so blessed to be part of this congregation. Phil & Jean Post

Men's Bible Study: We will begin our study of Ezekiel this Saturday, April 17, at 7:00 am. All men welcome!

Bible Celebration: What is this? It is an invitation and challenge to know God's Word and share it together. It's a time to delight in Jesus through Bible Memory and singing songs of worship. Everyone is invited to participate or simply attend this church-wide event on Wednesday, June 9 at 7:00 pm. A sign-up sheet to participate is in the front foyer. Come and be a blessing and be blessed. Check your mailboxes for an invitation and for more details.

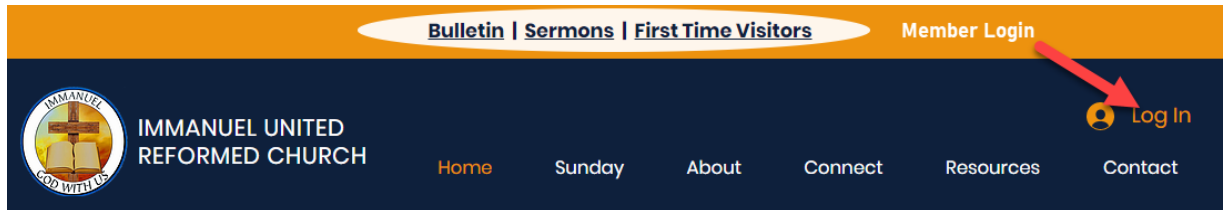
National Bible Bee: "Memorizing scripture changed the way I pray. Now I am able to draw on the Word of God so much more, instead of my own little words."~ participant of the Bible Bee. **You are invited** to join in the National Bible Bee on an 8-week adventure through the Scriptures. This year's theme is: WITNESS. Register your children (7-18 years of age, and beginners 4-6 years old) for the summer study at Biblebee.org. I would be delighted to host your family June 7- August 12! For more information or questions contact Renee Anema. Kranema3@gmail.com or 219-987-3829

Men's Bible Reading and Teacher Training Group: It is not just preachers who need to know how to read and teach the Bible. If you are a young man who will lead a family in Bible reading, lead a Bible study, or interested in the ministry, you will want to check out this new small group forming to learn the fundamental principles for studying and teaching the Bible. Using Simeon Trust's First Principles online course, participants will do some work on their own and meet together eight times, once every 3 weeks to get feedback from each other on their homework. If you are interested, speak to Dana Perkins (207-712-2301) and check out the details on our website: (immanuelurcdemotte.org/FirstPrinciplesTraining).

Word & Deed - Indonesia Disaster Relief: Cyclone Seroja inflicted torrential rains, flash flooding, and intense winds onto the southern Indonesian islands on Easter morning where Word & Deed's partner, Children of Light, has numerous schools. More than 100 lives have been lost and thousands of homes have suffered extensive damage. Word & Deed has sent an initial \$10,000 to assist in relief efforts. We covet your prayers at this time for our partner and all those impacted by this cyclone. Much rebuilding will be necessary. For more information or to donate visit wordanddeed.org

Men of A-Chord is pleased to announce their annual “Night of Song”. The concert will be on Saturday May 15 at 7:00 pm at the First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland located at 16248 South Park Ave., South Holland, IL. The concert this year will include the Lakeside Artists Guild from Northwest Indiana. Each group will provide musical numbers separately and some songs together. There will be plenty of audience participation as well the favorites you love to sing! Make your plans now for a great evening of praise to our great God. A free will offering will be taken. For more information please see our website at www.menofachord.org.

From our Web Manager, Dana Perkins: Immanuel’s new website is going live this week!



Our new website is so much easier to use! It has a new modern look where first-time visitors and members will find it simpler to find what they need. When it goes live on Wednesday, April 14, it will have the same address as the current website. Would you pray that first-time visitors to the new website will be encouraged to worship with us?

A good number of you have created log-ins to the member area of the website. Unfortunately, privacy laws require you to create a new login to the members-only area on the new website. This easy one-time process is the same as the old site, and there will be sign-up instructions on the new site and in the Immanuel Connect email next week. I think you will like the changes made to the Members Only area!

School Announcements are in your mailbox.

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: Rev. Ken Anema
Bookkeeper: Elaine Dyke
Building & Grounds (B&G): Rob Buiters
Bulletin: please contact Administrative Assistant
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: Mary Vander Molen
Helping Hands: Andrea Cornwell

Kitchen: Beth Kingma
Librarian: Maggie Bakker
Men's Bible Study: Rudy Tolkamp
Nursery: Jessica Colanese
Sound & Video System: Rudy Tolkamp
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

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