

Welcome to

IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Sunday, December 3, 2023

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: 48A:1-4, 6.....Great Is the LORD Our God

GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Confession & Assurance: 80B:1-4, 6.....Great Shepherd Who Leadest Thy People

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts:General Fund and M.I.N.T.S. (Norlan De Groot)

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 294.....Song of Zechariah

Reading of the Word:Luke 1:26-38 (p. 1016)

Sermon: THE CHILD WILL BE GREAT

God's People Respond

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application: 300.....Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

GOD 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.....Apostles' Creed

*Hymn of Praise: 145D.....God, My King, Thy Might Confessing

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 27 (p. 543)

Singing of the Psalm: 27A.....The Lord's My Light

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts:General Fund and M.I.N.T.S. (Norlan De Groot)

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Hymn of Preparation: 175:1-5Your Law, O God, Is Our Delight

Reading of the Word:Matthew 5:21-26 (p. 963)

Sermon: GOD FORBIDS ALL FORMS OF MURDER

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application: 534..... Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My 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:

Coffee Fellowship after the morning worship service.

Nursery AM: Kirsten DeBoer and Sophie Bakker

PM: Sue DeBoer and Abrielle Brummel

On-call Nursery Attendant: Lydia Rossi

Sound System: Peter Brummel

Greeters AM: Steve & Patti Ryken (South), Ross Hoek Family (North), Cody Stegenga (Elevator)

Greeters PM: Joe Cox Family (South), Brian Kingma Family (North), Max Vander Molen (Elevator)

Song Service: Cade Walstra; **Songs:** 227, 446, 459

Monday: Baby Shower at 6:00 pm.

Tuesday: Consistory meets at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday: Ladies' Bible Study and Story Hour meet at 9:00 am. **Snack:** Sarah Kuiper

Youth meet at Bakkers at 6:30 pm. GEMS meet at church at 6:30 pm. Cadets meet at DMCGS at 6:30 pm.

Friday: Christmas Caroling at 6:30 pm. Fellowship time afterwards.

Saturday: Men's Bible Study at 7:00 am. Christmas Caroling at 6:30 pm.

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: DECEMBER 10

Fellowship meal after the morning worship service.

Nursery AM: Elizabeth DeJong and Liv Cox

PM: Abby Dyke and Emmelene Dyke

On-call Attendant: Mandy Verduin

Sound System: Reagan Ryken

Cookies: Brenda Ridder, Carrie Rossi, Janell Rottier, Patti Ryken

Greeters AM: Jon & Laureen Hoek (South), Rudy & Stacey Tolkamp (North), Jacob Dyke (Elevator)

Greeters PM: Elias Martin (South), Thomas Bousema (North), Derek Ipema (Elevator)

Song Service: Derek Terpstra

UPCOMING DATES:

December 10: Fellowship Meal after morning worship.

December 11: Deacons meet at 7:00 pm.

December 13: Prayer meeting at 7:00 pm.

December 17: Sunday School children sing before morning worship.

December 19: Council meets at 7:00 pm.

January 28: Cadet Sunday

Congregational Care

- Cade & Sydnie Walstra
- Carolyn Woldt
- Jim Kuiper
- Expectant mothers: Cami Stegenga, Leanna Bakker, Sydnie Walstra, Nicole Hoek and Amanda Staley
- Teen Mother Choices (TMC)

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. Cagdas Coskun is a missionary in Izmir, Turkey.

- Please pray for our transition to the new church building; may the Lord bless us and use us for the glory of His name.
 - Pray our endeavors to serve disaster victims; may the Lord show mercy to our people and bring forth the light of the Gospel in the darkest time of our history.
 - Pray our preparation to publish Westminster Standards; may the Lord help us and guide us as we edit and make final touches.
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Deacon Report

Our offering next Sunday, December 10, will be for the General Fund and DeMotte Food Pantry. Thank you for your faithful giving; for the remaining 4 weeks of 2023, we need to average \$9,841 per week in collections to meet the budget. If you have any questions, please reach out to the deacons.

General Announcements

Bookmarks for **December 2023 Bible Reading Schedule** are on the tables near the bulletins.

GEMS: Our GEMS Christmas Party is this Wednesday, December 6, from 6:30-8:00 pm. We'll celebrate Christ's birth, make crafts to give as Christmas gifts, sing carols, enjoy snacks & more! Please bring a grab bag gift valued at \$5.00 (or less). Don't forget to wear your favorite Ugly Christmas Sweater or anything red and green! See you there!

Neighborhood Christmas Caroling will continue this Friday and Saturday evening. Please see the schedule on the sign-up table in the fellowship hall. If you didn't sign up yet, but would like to join us, please contact Donna Hamstra.

Our **Fellowship Meal** will be next Sunday, December 10. Families of 1-2, please bring a main dish, and families of 3+, please bring a main dish and one side dish. **Clean-up:** Parishes 3 and 4 (Ipema-Zeilenga).

Youth Group will meet this Wednesday, December 6, at 6:30 pm, at the Bakkers. We will be collecting toys again for the ANEW Mama's Market. Please bring a toy for a boy or girl. We are doing this instead of a gift exchange. **Devotions:** Tanyon Bakker. **Snack/drink:** Wendy Hager. Then on December 13 we will be helping as a youth group at ANEW Mama's Market. Please be at the First Church of Hebron between 5:30-5:45 pm. If you would like a ride to the church, please meet at Bakkers at 5:20 pm. We will be done by 8:00 pm. Girls will be helping in nursery, rocking babies, playing with toddlers or reading stories and doing crafts with preschoolers. Boys will be helping bring toys to the mom's cars and loading up and helping set up different games all night. It will be a great night for the youth to show the love of Christ. Any questions please reach out to a leader.

On Wednesday, December 13, from 6:00-8:00 pm, Anew Ministries is hosting a **Mama's Christmas Market** at First Church in Hebron. This event will provide a wonderful opportunity to show the love of Jesus to young mothers in this area. Each young mother will get to shop, purchase, and wrap her own gifts for her child, giving her the dignity of being a part of providing Christmas gifts for her child. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering or purchasing toys for this event, please visit anewministries.org for more information!

All **Young Adults** are invited for a time of fellowship and food at John & Donna Hamstra's after evening service on December 17. Please bring a drink or dessert.

Save the Date: Thursday, December 28, at 7:00 pm to attend a musical fundraiser for **Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary**. We are pleased to announce "A Musical Celebration of Christmas and the New Year" featuring the Lakeside Artists Guild, a quartet made up of Christian musicians with ties to the OPC and URC communities. The concert will be held at Redeemer United Reformed Church, 10681 Park Place, St. John, Indiana. This concert and sing-a-long will be a family event featuring traditional Christmas music, hymns, and congregational singing. Bring your children! Gifted students of the Lakeside Artists Guild will also use their musical gifts. A free will offering will be taken, and desserts and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Attention post-high singles and married couples ages 18-30. Lord willing, RYS will be hosting our **Winter LOGOS Retreat** January 4-6 at Cedar Lake Ministries in Cedar Lake, Indiana. Rev. Ken Anema will be speaking on the theme of prayer "I called. God Answered". Registration is now open on our new website, <https://reformedyouthservices.org/>. Cost is \$260.00 per person and \$480.00 per married couple. The deadline to sign up is December 18.

Cornerstone URC's 27th Women's Conference is scheduled for March 15-16, 2024, featuring Megan Hill who will be speaking on "*God's Grace in Seasons of Change: Finding Certain Hope in Uncertain Times*". Watch for more information to come! Contact the Women's Conference Committee at curcwc@gmail.com if you have any questions.

School Announcements

Moms in Prayer: A Community-wide Prayer Group—DeMotte Christian Schools is excited to partner with the local community and offer this wonderful opportunity! Moms in Prayer is for anyone and everyone who wishes to come pray for our local schools, students, teachers, and staff. We have organized monthly prayer topics and prayer requests. We hope you'll join us the first Thursday of each month at Cup of Joy Cafe in DeMotte from 8:15-9:15 am. Feel free to reach out to [Amber Donnowitz](mailto:AmberDonnowitz@dmcscommunications@dmcsemail.org) at dmcscommunications@dmcsemail.org for more information! Our next meeting will be December 7.

Carrying on the Promise—As you know, growing the ministry of DMCS requires the faithful effort and support of many people. All the ways you lift up DeMotte Christian Schools are valued and vital to the growth of our student body and, in turn, God's kingdom. One way that we are seeking immediate support is through financial gifts toward our annual Carrying on the Promise campaign. This campaign helps us to continue fulfilling the promise of Christian education to God's covenant children.

Our goal this year is to raise \$90,000 through the **Carrying on the Promise** campaign. We are seeing a large influx of families inquiring about DMCS. More and more parents are wanting quality, Biblically-based education for their children. Our school is now at capacity, so we are in need of increased resources to adequately provide the best education and space we can. We are extremely blessed to be able to minister to future generations and shape their Biblical worldview. We'd be so grateful for your support during this season of growth! If you would like more information on the Carrying on the Promise Campaign, feel free to contact our Finance Manager, Shelley Dexter, at 219-987-3721 ext. 112.

Important Dates:

December 12: DMCM/HS Winter Band & Choir Concert

December 19: DMCGS K-5 Christmas Program

December 22 - Jan 5: Christmas Break – No school

Our Council:

ELDERS:

President: Jon Hoek (24) Parish 2
Vice President: Russ Vander Molen (24) Parish 4
Clerk: John DeBoer (25)
Steve Ryken (23) Parish 3
Mark Van Der Molen (25) Parish 1

DEACONS:

President: Jim Zeilenga (25) Parish 2
Vice President: Nathan De Jong (25) Parish 3
Secretary: Justin Colanese (23) Parish 4
Treasurer: Joshua Hubers (24)
Asst. Treasurer: Ray Vander Molen (24) Parish 1

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: Rob Buiters
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

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