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# IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

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Sunday, January 14, 2024

Worship Services: 10:00 am & 5:00 pm

Rev. Roberto Rossi, Pastor  
Rev. Ken Anema, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Nathan Brummel, Associate Pastor

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# MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

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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: 147B:1-4.....O Praise the LORD, for It Is Good

## GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Confession & Assurance: 454.....I Lay My Sins on Jesus

Installation of Office Bearers.....Forms and Prayers (p. 80)

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts: .....General Fund and DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc.

## GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

\*Song of Preparation: 121B.....To the Hills I Lift My Eyes

Reading of the Word: .....1 Peter 5:1-11 (p. 1206)

## Sermon: HUMBLE YOURSELVES

Prayer of Dedication

\*Song of Preparation: 543.....Fight the Good Fight

## 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.

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# EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

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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

\*Song of Praise: 145A:1-4.....I Will Exalt You, O My God and King

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 15 (p. 534)

Singing of the Psalm: 15B.....Who, O Lord, with Thee Abiding

Offering of Tithes & Gifts: .....General Fund and DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc.

## GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

\*Song of Preparation: 172.....Speak, O Lord

Reading of the Word: .....Ephesians 4:17-32 (p. 1161)

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 43.....*Forms and Prayers* (p. 250)

## Sermon: GOD FORBIDS ALL FORMS OF FALSE TESTIMONY

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn 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.

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## THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

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Installation of office bearers. Coffee fellowship after morning worship.

**Nursery AM:** Jessica Colanese and Claire Bakker

**PM:** Carrie Rossi & Remie Bakker

**On-call Nursery Attendant:** Tina Dyke

**Sound System:** Peter Brummel

**Greeters AM:** Tim Verduin Family (South), Brent & Val Dykhuizen (North), Jacob Dyke (Elevator)

**Greeters PM:** Pastor Anema Family (South), Lauren Vermeer (North), Calvin Eenigenburg (Elevator)

**Song Service:** Tim Stegenga; **Songs:** 299, 338, 367

**Wednesday:** Ladies' Bible Study and Story Hour at 9:00 am. **GEMS & Cadets** meet at 6:30 pm.

**Devotions/snack:** Norah Kuiper

**Thursday:** Teen Mother Choices meets at 6:00 pm.

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

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## NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: JANUARY 21

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Coffee Fellowship after morning worship.

**Nursery AM:** Christy Post and Sophie Bakker

**PM:** Amanda Staley and Abrielle Brummel

**On-call Attendant:** Jessica Eenigenburg

**Sound System:** Thomas Bousema

**Greeters AM:** Tim & Laurel Stegenga (South), Ray Vander Molen Family (North), Max VM (Elevator)

**Greeters PM:** Pastor Anema Family (South), Clarence & Patty Oudman (North), Reagan Ryken (Elevator)

**Song Service:** Dana Perkins

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## UPCOMING DATES:

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**January 22:** Hoosier Scholars 4H Club meets at 10:30 am.

**January 28:** Cadet Sunday

**February 7:** Cadet Spaghetti Dinner at Immanuel URC.

**February 11:** Communion Service. Fellowship meal after morning worship.

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## *Congregational Care*

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- Dawn DeGraff
- Jim Kuiper
- Expectant mothers: Leanna Bakker, Nicole Hoek, Amanda Staley, Elizabeth DeJong & Jessica Colanese
- Teen Mother Choices (TMC)

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## *Apostles' Creed*

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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

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## *United in Prayer-Missionary Prayer Requests*

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Rev. Brian Zegers is a home missionary in Ajax, Ontario, Canada.

- Thank the Lord for ongoing interactions we are able to have with two of the three Muslim families who have moved onto our street. Pray for opportunity to share the Gospel with them.
  - We co-hosted a new interfaith event with representatives of an Islamic organization called Bridging Communities Canada. Pray for the Lord's blessing upon the seeds planted and thank the Lord for the opportunity to organize a subsequent event this spring.
  - Pray that the Spirit will work in the hearts of the men and women we have established ongoing relationships with over the past many years and move them to faith in Christ.
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## *Deacon Report*

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Our offerings next Sunday will be for the General Fund and CLIR (Rev. Bill Green).

All cash donations not placed in an envelope and designated will go to the second offering cause.

Our weekly amount to meet budget for 2024 is \$8,160.

## Consistory Announcements

With joy and thanksgiving to God, we welcome Titus and Abbie Martin along with their baptized children, Silas, Thea and Nora, into the membership of Immanuel today. There is a short bio about the Martin family in your mailboxes.

**Installation:** Today we have the joy of installing Derek Terpstra to the office of Elder and Ross Hoek to the office of Deacon. We thank the Lord for the faithful service during the past three years of our outgoing office bearers, Steve Ryken and Justin Colanese.

## General Announcements

A list of Special Services for 2024 along with an Explanation of Special Services is in the church mailboxes.

**GEMS** and **Cadets** will meet this Wednesday at church at 6:30 pm. **Devotions/snack:** Norah Kuiper.

**Youth Group** will meet at DeMotte Christian High School this Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 pm for soup making.

Our Immanuel **Cadets** will be holding their Annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on 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.

Save the date for the **Annual Cadet Pinewood Derby** and **GEMS Bake Sale** on March 6 at DeMotte Christian Grade School. Anyone who wants to enter a car for the open class, please sign-up at the Cadet Bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Hager.

Our next **Fellowship Meal** will be February 11. **Clean-up:** Parishes 1 & 2 (Anema-Hubers).

**Dinner with Rev. Paul Murphy:** You are invited to a dinner at Community URC of Schererville this Thursday, January 18, at 6:30 pm to hear what God is doing in New York City! Rev. Paul Murphy, recently retired from being the lead pastor at Messiah's Reformed Fellowship Church in New York City, is taking on a new full-time position of Pastor of Evangelism for MeRF. He will speak and entertain your questions. Please contact Community United Reformed Church at (219) 365-9260 to RSVP if you plan to attend.

Cornerstone United Reformed Church announces its **Annual Women's Conference** entitled *God's Grace in Seasons of change: Finding Certain Hope in Uncertain Times*, to be held on Friday-Saturday, March 15 and 16, 2024, with main speaker, Megan Hill. Brochures detailing the conference are available on the table in the narthex. This year's conference price is \$40.00 and includes refreshments on Friday evening and coffee bar and lunch on Saturday. Early registrations post-marked by March 1<sup>st</sup> qualify for a reduced rate of \$30.00. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to fellowship with sisters in the faith as we glorify God together and grow in the knowledge of His Truth. For more information, contact Cornerstone URC, Hudsonville, Michigan, by visiting [www.cornerstonewomensconference.com](http://www.cornerstonewomensconference.com) or by calling (616)669-2190.

**Word & Deed Urgent Prayer Request**—The country of Ecuador has had a growing problem with gangs in the last two years. The new President recently promised to fight against the drug cartels. In the last few days, gang leaders escaped prison and there have been prison riots. Gangs have taken to the streets across the country, vandalizing towns and the government has responded by mobilizing the army. Word & Deed's partners Mission San Lucas (children's afterschool programs & medical clinic) in Quinde and the MINTS Leadership Training in Quito are not operating this week but are safe at this time. Please pray for this country, Word & Deed's partners, and other Reformed missionaries & ministries in Ecuador.

**New in the Library** this month:

**Adult Fiction:**

Beautiful Star of Bethlehem by Lori Copeland

Lost and Found by Suzanne Woods Fisher

The Heirloom by Beverly Lewis

The Letter Tree by Rachel Fordham.

**Adult Non-Fiction:**

Do Not Be True to Yourself: Countercultural Advice for the Rest of Your Life by Kevin DeYoung

Echoes of Eden: Reflections On Christianity, Literature, and the Arts by Jerram Barrs

Elizabeth Elliot: A Life by Lucy Austen,

Encouragement for the Depressed by C. H. Spurgeon

Endless Grace: Prayers Inspired by the (Psalms 76-150) and

Sheltering Mercy (Psalms 1-75) by Ryan Whitaker Smith and Dan Wilt

Finishing Our Course with Joy: Guidance from God for Engaging with Our Aging by J. I. Packer,

**Juvenile:**

Charles Haddon Spurgeon (Christian Biography) by Simonetta Carr.

**Teen:**

God's Great Story: A Daily Devotional for Teens

Street Smarts: Using Questions to Answer Christianity's Toughest Challenges by Gregory Koukl

The Expulsive Power of a New Affection by Thomas Chalmers

The Life of God in the Soul of Man by Henry Scougal

Weakness Is the Way: Life With Christ Our Strength by J. I. Packer.

God Is Still Good by Katie Faris

The Stories We Tell: How TV and Movies Long For and Echo the Truth by Mike Cosper

## 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: No school - Teacher in service/Makeup Day

March 14: Required Senior Service Week Meeting @ 7 pm

March 16: Service Brunch Fundraiser 6 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: No school - Makeup Day April 22-26: DMCHS Service Week

April 29: 9-12 e-learning, PK-8 in session

## *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: 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

## *Church Contact Information:*

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