

Welcome to

IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Sunday, December 1, 2024

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: Give thanks to the Lord of hosts, for the Lord is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

Congregation: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

*Salutation

*Song of Praise: 299.....Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Confession & Assurance:The Old Rugged Cross

Sacrament of Baptism

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts:General Fund and Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Hymn of Preparation: 243:1-4, 6.....How Firm a Foundation

Reading of the Word:John 1:1-18 (p. 1053)

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 14.....Forms and Prayers (p. 215)

Sermon: THE WORD BECAME FLESH

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application: 319.....O Come, All Ye Faithful

GOD'S 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: Give thanks to the Lord of hosts, for the Lord is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

Congregation: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

*Salutation

GOD'S PEOPLE OFFER PRAISE

*Confession of Faith.....Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1

*Hymn of Praise: 46C.....God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

Psalms Reading.....Psalm 48 (p.558)

Singing of the Psalm: 48B:1,2,5.....The LORD Is Great and Greatly Praised

Preparatory Exhortation to the Lord's Supper

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts:General Fund and Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 517.....I Know Whom I Have Believed

Reading of the Word:1 Peter 5:6-11 (p. 1206)

Sermon: BEWARE OF THE ADVERSARY

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Application: 513:1-3, 5.....Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

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

No Coffee Fellowship after morning worship due to Thanksgiving break.

Nursery AM: Jennie Terpstra and Sophie Bakker **PM:** Stacey Tolkamp and Naomi Dyke

On-call Nursery Attendant: Kate Buiters

Sound System: Amos Terpstra

Greeters AM: Derek Terpstra Family (South), John & Donna Hamstra (North), Elias Martin (Elevator)

Greeters PM: Pastor Anema Family (South), William Green Family (North), Max Vander Molen (Elevator)

Song Service: Peter Brummel; **Songs:** 251, 247, 409

Tuesday: Consistory meets at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday: Ladies' Bible Study and Story Hour meet at 9:00 am. GEMS Christmas Party at 6:30 pm.

Youth Group meets at the parsonage at 6:30 pm.

Thursday: TMC meets at 6:00 pm.

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

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: DECEMBER 8

Communion Service in the morning. Coffee Fellowship after morning worship and evening worship.

Commissioning of Pastor Rossi following the evening service.

Nursery AM: Josie Vander Molen and Abrielle Brummel **PM:** Tessa Vander Molen and Nolan Dyke

On-call Attendant: Mary DeBoer

Sound System: Carson Bakker

Greeters AM: Cody Stegenga Family (South), Jim & Cathy Kuiper (North), Amos Terpstra (Elevator)

Greeters PM: John Dyke Jr. Family (South), Tim Dyke Family (North), Sam Terpstra (Elevator)

Cookies: Jennie Terpstra, Stacey Tolkamp, Margo Van Der Molen, Bruce Van Duyn

No Song Service

UPCOMING DATES:

December 9: Deacons meet at 7:00 pm.

December 13: Christmas Caroling.

December 17: Council meets at 7:00 pm.

December 29: Fellowship Meal after morning worship.

January 12: Installation of office bearers.

Congregational Care

- Elaine Dyke
- The Woldt Family
- The Stegenga Family
- The Green Family
- Tony Vissers
- Jack DeVries
- Expectant mother: Kyra Hoek

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

United in Prayer-Missionary Prayer Requests

Rev. Yi Wang is a church-planter in Anaheim, California.

- Pray for the growth and unity of CCRC (Chinese Congregation), for the settling of the newcomers.
- Pray for more servant leaders, elders, and deacons for this congregation.
- Pray for John Li and his future ministry opportunities.

Deacon Report

Our offering next Sunday will be for General Fund and Classical Church Assistance Fund.
All cash donations not placed in an envelope and designated will go to the second offering cause.
Our weekly amount to meet budget 2024 is \$8,160.

General Announcements

Today we have the joy of witnessing the baptisms of Jovie Sarah Martin, daughter of Titus and Abbie, and Kayla Mae Kingma, daughter of Brian and Stephanie. We welcome all of our visitors who are here to witness the baptisms!

Please note: the Administrative Assistant will be away from the church office from December 3-13. Bulletin announcements can still be sent to immanuelurcsecretary@gmail.com.

Ladies' Bible Study and Story Hour will resume this Wednesday, December 4, at 9:00 am. Group 1 has snack and clean up. Copies of Lesson 12, *Anger*, are on the table near the mailboxes.

GEMS: Our Christmas Party is this Wednesday, December 4, from 6:30-8:00 pm! Please wear something festive (red, green, ugly Christmas sweater, etc.) For our Christmas gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift (valued at \$5 or less). Snacks & devotions will be provided by the GEMS leaders. We hope to see you there!

Youth Group will meet this Wednesday, December 4, at the parsonage from 6:30-8:00 pm. We will eat supper and have an opportunity to hear more about Pastor Rossi's call to the Navy Chaplaincy. We will also be meeting Wednesday, December 11. We will be helping at the ANEW Momma's Christmas Market from 6:00-8:00pm. It will be at First Church in Hebron. More details to come, but please add this to your calendar.

Men's Bible Study will resume this Saturday, December 7, at 7:00 am studying Mark 6:30-Mark 7:23.

Please note the change of date: Christmas Caroling will be held on December 13 only. Please sign up **today** at the Events Table in the fellowship hall or on the document in the weekly email.

GEMS Leader/Helper Opportunity: GEMS needs an additional leader to join us for the months of February - April, which will help us while Amber is in Costa Rica (Feb-March) and when Carrie leaves (end of March/April). Our GEMS program currently has 19 girls. You will be blessed by the girls, their love for the Lord and their enthusiasm for Gems like we have! Training will be provided. Please consider joining us for this short season! Questions? Talk to one of our current GEMS leaders: Carrie Rossi, Amber Green, Angie Rosenthal or Sydnie Walstra.

Our next **Prayer Meeting** will be on Wednesday, December 11, at 7:00 pm.

Sunday School children will sing before morning worship on December 15.

Our next **Fellowship Meal** will be Sunday, December 29. This will be Pastor Rossi's last fellowship meal before he leaves for officer training. **Please sign-up** at the Events Table in the fellowship hall (or in the document in the weekly email) if you are planning to attend the meal. This will help the custodians know how many tables to set up. **Families of 1-2:** please bring a main dish, and **families of 3+,** please bring a main dish and one side or dessert. **Clean-up:** Parishes 1 & 2, Anema-Hubers.

Redeemer United Reformed Church in St. John, IN, is looking to hire a part-time Administrative Office Manager. This is an approximately 28-hour per week position that requires a candidate with a heart for supporting the ministry and mission of Christ's church and who can fulfill various duties in correspondence, facilities management, record keeping, scheduling, and finances. If you are interested in filling this position, please contact Don Hammer at donhammer89@gmail.com for a more detailed job description and application instructions.

Illiana Oratorio Society cordially invites you to attend their annual presentation of Handel's *Messiah*. The concert will be held next Sunday December 8, at 2:00 pm at First Orthodox Presbyterian Church of South Holland, Illinois, located at 16248 South Park Avenue, South Holland, Illinois. Please join us for the Christmas season as we present this marvelous work to God's praise!

Come celebrate the Christmas season with song! The Men of A-Chord cordially invites you to join them in their **Christmas Candlelight Musicale** on Saturday, December 14, at 7:00 pm at First Church of South Holland located at 16248 South Park Ave. in South Holland, Illinois. Come join the singing with the Carols and Songs of the Season celebrating Christ's birth! Betsy Archer will be our soprano soloist and the men will be telling the story of Christmas through Lessons and Carols. A free-will offering will be taken.

School Announcements

DeMotte Christian Schools loves to keep in touch with our school community. If you would like to be included in these email communications, please contact Amber Donnowitz at communications@dmcsemail.org with your name and email to be added to the list! Thank you!

DeMotte Christian Schools will be opening enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year FOR ALUMNI tomorrow, December 2, and for NEW FAMILIES on January 6. Preschool and kindergarten spots will be reserved first come, first serve while grades 1-12 will be automatically waitlisted. Further details can be found in the Admissions section of our website. You can also reach out to us at admissions@dmcsemail.org for more information.

Calendar:

Dec 10: K-3 Concert 6:30 @ DMCGS Gym

Dec 10: DMCHS Winter Concert 7:30pm @ Church Campus

Dec 17: 5th Grade Band & DMCMS concert 7 pm @ UC Aux Gym

Dec 21: Christmas break start

Jan 6: Students return

Our Council:

ELDERS:

President: Mark Van Der Molen (25) Parish 1
Vice President: Russ Vander Molen (24) Parish 4
Clerk: John DeBoer (25)
Derek Terpstra (26) Parish 3
Jon Hoek (24) 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: Jim Zeilenga
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
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: Derek Terpstra
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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