

Welcome to

IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Sunday, January 5, 2025

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

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: 145C..... I Will Extol You, O My God

GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Confession & Assurance: 459.....My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

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

Congregational Prayer

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

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Hymn of Preparation: 79B.....Remember Not, O God

Reading of the Word:Acts 6:1-7 (p. 1086)

Sermon: THE APOSTLES ORDAINING SEVEN DEACONS TO CARRY OUT CHRIST'S MINISTRY OF MERCY

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application: 103D.....The Tender Love a Father Has

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.....Apostles' Creed

*Hymn of Praise: 222:1-4,7.....O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Psalm Reading..... Psalm 90 (p. 588)

Singing of the Psalm: 90A.....Lord, You Have been Our Dwelling Place

Congregational Prayer

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

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

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

Reading of the Word:Philippians 3:13-16 (p. 1166)

Sermon: PRESSING ON TOWARD THE GOAL

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Application: 245.....Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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

Sunday School and Catechism classes meet at 9:00 am. Coffee Fellowship after morning worship.

Nursery AM: Leanna Bakker and Genny Hubers

PM: Kate Buiten and Levi Hubers

On-call Nursery Attendant: Mandy Verduin

Sound System: Reagan Ryken

Cookies: Mandy Verduin, Janet Vissers, Sydnie Walstra, Judy Warsing

Greeters AM: Titus Martin Family (South), Dave Bosgraaf (North), Sam Terpstra (Elevator)

Greeters PM: Steve Rottier Family (South), Dave & Brenda Long (North), Jacob Dyke (Elevator)

Song Service: Derek Terpstra; **Songs:** SF 22, 51, 72

Tuesday: Consistory meets at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday: Ladies' Bible Study and Story Hour resume at 9:00 am. Prayer Meeting at 7:00 pm.

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

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

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: JANUARY 12

Sunday School and Catechism classes meet at 9:00 am. Coffee fellowship after morning worship.

Nursery AM: Sue DeBoer and Nora Kuiper

PM: Mary DeBoer and Hope Terpstra

On-call Attendant: Sydnie Walstra

Sound System: Peter Brummel

Cookies: Karen Woldt, Bonnie Zeilenga, Faith Anema, Maggie Bakker

Greeters AM: Carson Bakker Family (South), Sue DeBoer (North), Derek Ipema (Elevator)

Greeters PM: Pastor Brummel Family (South), Tim & Laurel Stegenga (North), Max Vander Molen (Elev.)

Song Service: Noah Anema

UPCOMING DATES:

January 13: Deacons meet at 7:00 pm.

January 15: GEMS, Cadets and Youth Group meet at 6:30 pm.

January 21: Council meets at 7:00 pm.

February 5: Cadets' Spaghetti Dinner.

March 5: GEMS Bake Sale/Cadets Pinewood Derby Races.

Congregational Care

- The Anema Family
- The Woldt Family
- The Green Family
- Tony Vissers
- Jack DeVries
- Expectant mothers: Leanna Bakker and Kyra Hoek

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

Pastor Matt Van Dyken is a missionary in Tepic, Mexico.

- Please pray for the time of transition in the church in Tepic.
- Please pray for Wilfredo, the intern whom the church potentially could call as a pastor.
- Give thanks for the many blessings in the congregation in 2024 and blessing on plans for 2025.

Deacon Report

Our offering next Sunday will be for General Fund and DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc. All cash donations not placed in an envelope and designated will go to the second offering cause.

General Announcements

We want to thank the congregation for your love and support throughout the past 6 years of ministry at Immanuel! It's been a joy to get to know you and your families and to serve the Lord alongside you. We have been so blessed to be part of the family of God here, and we will miss you very much! Thank you, too, for the generous monetary gift. We greatly appreciated your generosity and thoughtfulness!
In Christ's love, Pastor Rossi, Carrie and Lydia

We are grateful to have our associate pastor, Rev. Nathan Brummel, lead us in worship this morning. Rev. Brummel is an instructor with Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary. Rev. John Vermeer will preach this evening. Rev. Vermeer is Pastor Emeritus and served in various congregations in the URCNA. Most recently he emeritated from Doon URC in Doon, Iowa.

Bible Reading Plan Schedules for 2025 are on the tables by the bulletins.

Ladies' Bible Study and Story Hour will resume this Wednesday, January 8, at 9:00 am. Group 2 has snack and clean up. Copies of Lesson 15, *Love Your Enemies*, are on the table near the mailboxes.

Our **Prayer Meeting** will be this Wednesday, January 8, at 7:00 pm.

GEMS: Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 15, from 6:30-8:00 pm. Anya Johnson has snack and devotions. See you then!

GEMS needs your help! We still NEED one additional leader for each of these meetings: **Feb. 5, Feb. 19, March 5 (Cadet Derby/Bake Sale), March 19, April 2, April 16 and possibly April 30** for the Awards Night/Family Dinner. You can sign up for one week or all of them! If you're willing to serve the Lord at GEMS, please contact Carrie Rossi ASAP. Thank you!

Cornerstone United Reformed Church, Hudsonville, Michigan, invites you to the **28th Cornerstone Women's Conference** – March 14 & 15, 2025! Women of all ages are invited to this year's conference entitled "Unquenchable Faith" with guest speaker, Carol Kent, author of [When I Lay My Isaac Down](#). Registration and details can be found at cornerstonewomensconference.com

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 on December 2 and for NEW FAMILIES on **January 6**. Preschool and kindergarten spots will be reserved first come, first serve while grades 1st - 12th 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.

Council:

ELDERS:

President: Mark Van Der Molen (25) Parish 1
Vice President: Derek Terpstra (26) Parish 3
Clerk: Rudy Tolkamp (27)
John DeBoer (25) Parish 2
John Hamstra (27) Parish 4

DEACONS:

President: Nathan Bakker (27) Parish 4
Vice President: Jim Zeilenga (25) Parish 2
Secretary: Nathan DeJong (25) Parish 3
Treasurer: Ross Hoek (26)
Assistant Treasurer: Reagan Ryken (27) Parish 1

Associate Pastors:

Rev. Ken Anema, Instructor, Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary
Rev. Nathan Brummel, Instructor, Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary
Rev. Roberto Rossi, Missionary Chaplain, United States Navy

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: TBD
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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