

Welcome to

IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Sunday, March 23, 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: 29B.....Now unto Jehovah, Ye Sons of the Mighty

GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Confession & Assurance: 483.....Loved with Everlasting Love

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts:General Fund and Mid-America Reformed Seminary

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 78:1-4.....O My People, Hear My Teaching

Reading of the Word:Matthew 27:27-31 (p. 991)

Sermon: THE DISHONORING OF THE KING

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application: 346.....O Thou, Eternal Son of God

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: 216.....Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 5 (p. 529)

Singing of the Psalm: 5.....Hear My Words, O LORD

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts:General Fund and Mid-America Reformed Seminary

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 119Q.....Wonderful Are Your Statutes, LORD

Reading of the Word:Psalm 103:1-14 (p. 594)

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 21; Question 56.....Forms and Prayers (p. 223)

Sermon: THE GRACIOUS WAYS OF GOD

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Application: 219:1,2,4,5.....O Worship the King

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 spring break.

Nursery AM: Dana Vander Molen and Evelyn Kuiper **PM:** Margo Van Der Molen and Simeon Terpstra

On-call Nursery Attendant: Claire Bakker

Sound System: Amos Terpstra

Greeters AM: Steve & Patti Ryken (South); Jerry Hager Family (North), James Blom (Elevator)

Greeters PM: Brent & Val Dykhuizen (South), Nathan Bakker Family (North); Jacob Dyke (Elevator)

Song Service: Justin Colanese; **Songs:** 277, 22C, 148B

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

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: MARCH 30

Coffee Fellowship after morning worship.

Nursery AM: Mary Vander Molen and Ella Rottier **PM:** Sydnie Walstra and Lucy Rottier

On-call Attendant: Sophie Bakker

Sound System: Carson Bakker

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

Greeters PM: Calvin Eenigenburg Family (South), Carson Bakker Family (North), Max Vander Molen (Elev.)

Song Service: Noah Anema

UPCOMING DATES:

April 18: Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm.

May 1: National Day of Prayer Service at 7:00 pm.

May 3: Third Annual First Responders Appreciation Breakfast.

Congregational Care

- Jessica Eenigenburg has not experienced any seizures recently.
- Wendy Hager will have follow-up blood tests this week.
- Jon Hoek will have macular hole repair eye surgery on March 31.
- The Green Family
- The Rossi Family
- Expectant mother, Leanna Bakker

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. Adam Kaloostian is a church planter in Ventura, California.

- Pray for a household newly attending every week for the last month. The wife was raised Roman Catholic, and the husband is not religious. Their oldest child is a good high school friend of the boys in our church.
 - Pray for Mrs. P., newly attending mother/grandmother of a family in the church who is meeting with pastor for catechism.
 - Pray also for the two families we are seeing almost weekly, one coming back to us, another new to us, all very encouraging. Pray for the progress we are seeing with them connecting not only with the pastor but with others in the church family.
 - Pray for the Lord's encouragement to those downcast with health concerns, Mr. D and Mr. C.
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Deacon Report

Our offering next Sunday will be for General Fund and The Women's Center of Northwest Indiana. All cash donations not placed in an envelope and designated will go to the second offering cause.

Consistory Announcements

We are grateful to have Rev. John Vermeer lead us in worship today. Dr. Mark Beach will be preaching at Immanuel next Sunday, March 30.

The membership of Kirsten Zandstra has been transferred to Cornerstone Protestant Reformed Church in St. John, Indiana. We pray for God's blessing on Ryan and Kirsten as they worship at Cornerstone.

General Announcements

The congregation is cordially invited to attend the wedding ceremony of Lauren Vermeer and Derek Hillemonds at 2:30 pm on Saturday, March 29, at Oak Glen United Reformed Church, located at 2244 Indiana Avenue in Lansing, Illinois.

New in the Library: ADULT FICTION: Shattered Sanctuary by Nancy Mehl, and The Beijing Betrayal by Joel Rosenberg. ADULT NON-FICTION: Acts of Synod, Escondido 2024.

From the Webmaster: To better engage with the sermons, a new resource page on our website now makes available Discussion and Leadership Guides for the previous Sunday Sermons. They are good for personal and family devotions. The link is on the main menu under Resources/Sermon Resources.

Our 3rd Annual First Responders Appreciation Pancake Breakfast will take place on Saturday, May 3. This year we are planning to have an expanded "Touch a Truck" display for the children in our west parking lot. If you have a tractor or truck you would like to enter, please speak with Derek Terpstra. Sign-up sheets for helping cook food or serve at the breakfast are in your mailboxes. This breakfast has been a blessing to our first responders and community the past two years. Church members and regular attenders are welcome to serve. If you would like to donate eggs or butter for the breakfast, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet.

Men's Bible Study will meet this Saturday, March 29, at 7:00 am.

Ladies' Bible Study and Story Hour will resume on Wednesday, April 2, at 9:00 am. Group 1 has snack and clean up. Copies of Lesson 26, *Do Not Be Anxious About Your Life*, are on the table near the mailboxes.

Young Adults will meet after evening worship next Sunday, March 30.

TMC Childcare: A few more nursery workers are needed for April 17, May 1, May 8, May 15 and May 22. Please sign-up at the Events Table in the Fellowship Hall or speak with Mary Vander Molen.

Our next **Prayer Meeting** will be April 9.

The Sunday School children will sing before morning worship on April 13.

Our next **Fellowship Meal** will be April 13. **Clean-up:** Parishes 1 & 2, Anema-Hubers.

The church is seeking a volunteer, or volunteers, to fill the position of 'Kitchen Coordinator' (description below) to aid in keeping the kitchen clean & organized. Please prayerfully consider whether you are called to serve in this position. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Dave or Dawn DeGraff.

Position: Kitchen Coordinator, **Reports to:** Custodian

Duties:

- Clean Kitchen Cabinets, inside & out twice a year.
- Clean Stove & Oven twice a year.
- Clean inside of Refrigerator twice a year and throw away old and outdated items
- Keep Kitchen Cabinets and Drawers clean & organized
- Make sure Kitchen is clean & tidy after Fellowship Meals, (done within the week following the meal).

Lifewise Academy Update: Carolyn Hager met with Principal Ribicki of DeMotte Elementary school this week. The meeting went great! The Principal and Vice Principal will sit down with class schedules and find as many slots as possible for 2nd AND 3rd grade to go to LifeWise. They were thankful we are doing this and see a great need.

Spring Conference: Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary is hosting a spring conference to be held at Rockville Correctional Facility on April 25-27. You are invited to join us for one or all the sessions. For more information or to sign up, please contact John Hamstra (219) 296-9389 or johnmhamstra@gmail.com. A simple background check will have to be done by April 14.

Having served our Lord as a pastor for over thirty-three years, Rev. Ed Marcusse will be retiring from full-time ministry in May of this year. Rev. Marcusse and Denise have faithfully served six different congregations over the years with pastoring, preaching countless sermons, providing excellent musical guidance, ministering to our covenant youth and evangelism. Therefore, the Oak Glen URC is inviting all who may wish to attend, to a retirement dinner in Rev. and Denise's honor, to be held on Saturday, April 26 at Lansing Christian School in Lansing, Illinois. Punch is at 5:30 with dinner at 6:00 pm. If you plan to attend, please contact Fred Colvin by email at facolvin@msn.com, or call/text him at 708-341-9902 by March 30.

Reformed Mission Services News:

Please pray for the Disaster Response volunteers heading to Bat Cave, NC this week. The team will assist communities devastated by a hurricane last year.

Additional opportunities to serve! RMS has additional Ministry Development Trips coming up, and we would love for you to join. In Costa Rica (April 22–May 1), participants will support Rev. Bill Green's ministry. Then, in Peru (May 12–21), a group will assist in constructing a church building. Want to get involved? Visit rms.org/trips or contact Steve at steve@rms.org for more details!

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 Nathan Brummel
Bookkeeper: Kirsten Zandstra
Building & Grounds: Jim Zeilenga
Bulletin: please contact Administrative Assistant
Cadets: Jerry Hager
Custodians: Dave and Dawn DeGraff
Education: Derek Terpstra
Evangelism & Outreach: Derek Terpstra
Fellowship: Wendy Buiters
Funerals: Mary DeBoer and Dana Vander Molen
GEMS Club: Angie Rosenthal
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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