

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel

Pastor Kevin Muyskens

May 17, 2020

Morning Worship: Morning Worship: What are your favorite smells? Lilacs? Cinnamon rolls? A certain perfume? Compare those to some of the worst like ammonia or sour milk. In 2 Corinthians 2 the Apostle Paul compares those who bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ (by the way, that is all believers) with an aroma that is for some the fragrance of life but for others the smell of death. This is a tremendous responsibility and also explains some of the varying reactions Christians receive.

The service will also be presented at 9:00 a.m. Sunday at <https://immanuelchurch.churchonline.org>. It will be posted for later viewing posted on our church website, <http://immanuelsheldon.com/> under the connections tab, and on Pastor Kevin's youtube page – go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and type in “Kevin Muyskens”. After the service ends we will make the video available on Facebook as well.

Worship Plans: We are returning to in person worship this Sunday. Households A & B are invited for a 9:00 a.m. service and Households C & D for a 10:45 service. Please adhere to the written guidelines (attached) and to directions given by council members. We will be filling the sanctuary from the front to the back and dismissing from the back to the front to minimize the need for people to pass by one another. Seating areas are marked off by bibles and hymnals. Please leave them where they are set to reduce surfaces that require cleaning between services. Bulletins will be placed in the pews.

Kids in Worship: Shannon will present the children's sermon. Children in the sanctuary will remain in their seats. In order to help encourage children's participation we will continue delivering prizes for those who fill out the outline, word tally, or pictures and submit them to Jenna or on the Immanuel Facebook page.

From the Deacons: We want to express great thanks to the Immanuel congregation for your faithful giving. In your generosity you gave more than the monthly budget for April. Due to restricted spending our expenses have only exceeded our income by \$2,000 year to date, however, there is still a present need as we are approximately \$14,000 behind our budget and many of the delayed expenditures will need to be made.

Giving:

- Our offering this week is for the General Fund and for CES. If you are not attending in worship, consider giving general fund donations via <https://www.crcna.org/ChurchGiving> or dropping off a check at Iowa State Bank or the church office.
- The CES committee sent out communication last week and they still stand in need of approximately \$18,000 to complete our commitments and that they are not planning to reschedule the Action Auction which would normally cover this amount. CES donations (for those not attending worship) may be put in Kim Heemskerck's mailbox or brought to the church office.

Following 9:00 a.m. Worship Jenna is going to convene a zoom meeting to discuss the message. This will allow real-time face to face feedback and discussion. You may follow this link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75061551913?pwd=L2E5Nnl5VEdqY0xyd1NaZjhhUjFsQT09> We are now required to use a password. The password is **Immanuel**.

Opportunity to Radiate Christ's Love: Immanuel has taken on the ministry of distributing food boxes to Sheldon residents on behalf of Upper Des Moines. This takes place every other week and involves a trip to Primghar with a large vehicle to pick up the boxes and deliveries to approximately 25 addresses in Sheldon. Thanks to Dane and Kerri Buren who have taken over leadership of this ministry. Our next delivery will be during the week following May 17.

Love INC Update: In lieu of our annual banquet, we are excited to debut an online VIDEO SERIES EVENT! Hear stories of impact from both church volunteers and clients the week of May 18-22. The first video will debut Monday, May 18 at 3:00 p.m. To view on Facebook, search for Love In the Name of Christ of Greater O'Brien County or go to our website: www.sheldon-loveinc.org.

Prayer Concerns:

Pray for Roger Poppema who is in Sanford Senior Care and sleeping most of the day. Pray for Donna as she is separated from him and preparing to make the move to the Christian Retirement Home. Ask for God's peace that passes understanding as they face this difficult situation.

Pray for Shelly Miedema as she continues to recover from her broken bones. She is healing and working on physical therapy, but she still has a long way to go.

Pray for Blake Snieder who continues to struggle with back pain. He received further treatment this week. Pray for that to be effective because the next step is consultation with a surgeon.

Pray for Emmie De Jong who was hospitalized this week to receive treatment for her hip and leg pain and weakness. She was hoping to return to her room in the nursing home Thursday.

Pray for Rod Vande Brake who continues to struggle with pain and with fluid retention. Pray for his comfort and also his ability to handle the isolation of this season.

Pray also for many others who are facing isolation either in their own homes or care facilities. Consider giving someone a call today.

IMMANUEL MINISTRIES

Contact Persons

IN

Staff: Jenna Hernandez
Leadership Team: Chris Dykstra
Sunday School: Jena Dykstra
Small Groups: Jenna Hernandez
Work Groups: Deanna Wood
Beverage Coordinator:
 Marcia Vaandrager
Cookie Coordinator:
 April Woudstra
Library: Krista Van Bruggen

UP

Staff: Pastor Kevin Muyskens
Leadership Team: Larry Meyers
Worship: Pastor Kevin Muyskens
Communion: Larry Meyers
Sound: Klint Tatsumi
Head Usher: Don Beltman
Children & Worship:
 Rachel Rosenboom
Decorations: Shelly Miedema
Nursery: Elissa De Jong
Prayer Ministry:
 Cindy Vande Brake

OUT

Staff: Jenna Hernandez
Leadership Team: Krista Hanenburg
GEMS: Melissa Wiersma
Cadets: Tom Schemper
Youth Group: Jeff & Jill Schemper
 Dane Buren
Love INC Personal Supplies Closet:
 Teresa Hoekstra

OTHER

Leadership Team Secretary:
 Zack Wolf
Treasurer: Shawn Wassenaar
Building & Grounds: Duane Haack
Safety Team: Marion Baker
Christian Education Society Board:
 Jeff Schemper

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Elders

Cliff Bootsma, Vice Pres (B)
Larry Meyers, Clerk
Bart Peters (C)
Brad Kraayenbrink (A)
Lynn Vande Brake (D)
Steve Holz, Youth Elder

Deacons

Scott Schmidt, Pres (D)
Zack Wolf, Secretary
Micah Schreurs (C)
Justin Rosenboom (A)
Ray Hernandez (B)

Household of Faith Ministry Partners

Group A: Dianne Schemper
Group B: Sharla Vander Pol
Group C: Sue Meyers
Group D: Arlene Scholten