

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel

Pastor Kevin Muyskens

May 24, 2020

Morning Worship: With our recent experience of restrictions we know what it is to be cut off. Some have experienced being cut off from people and services. Access to hair stylists seems to be a big deal this week; even men can notice some of the transformations. We are still looking forward to unrestricted access to people and services when we are no longer separated by masks, sneeze guards, six-foot distances and prohibitions against shaking hands. Today's text from 2 Corinthians 3 is all about restoring to human beings freedom and unrestricted access to God.

The service will be presented at 9:00 a.m. Sunday at <https://immanuelchurch.churchonline.org>. It will be posted for later viewing first on Pastor Kevin's YouTube page, then on Immanuel's Facebook page and our church website, <http://immanuelsheldon.com/> under the Connections tab.

Worship Plans: We are continuing in person worship according to the same guidelines. 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 and 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; please take them with you at the end of the service.

Kids in Worship: Dianne 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.

Giving: Our offering this week is for the General Fund and for CES. The CES committee sent out communication a couple weeks ago that they 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. If you are not attending in worship, consider dropping off a check at church office or give via <https://www.crcna.org/ChurchGiving>.

With this being a holiday weekend there will be no Zoom meeting following the 9:00 a.m. worship today.

Immanuel Family: Many of you have come to love Sam and Ellen alongside of us and the Snieders these last 20 months. We want to provide you with an update on their situation. At the end of May they will be moving to live with the Pastor Paul and Courtney Van Maaren family in Sheldon. The Van Maarens have helped us care for the kids - they are a licensed foster family - and everyone is cautiously excited about this next step. It is important for Sam and Ellen to know that their Immanuel family has not forgotten about them, so if you see them around town, please make an effort to say hi, ask them how they're doing, let them know you still care and are still their friends. Also, please pray for abundant love, grace, patience and wisdom for Paul, Courtney, Hannah, Olivia, and Ella as they open up their home to a new, challenging normal. And of course, pray for Sam and Ellen, that God's will be done in their lives through this transition, and that he would prove his mercy in providing them a permanent place and a promising future as His children! Thank you, friends, for helping us radiate Christ's love to these kids. ~ Micah and Shannon Schreurs family

From Michelle Maly: *The cards mailed in January and February arrived here in Ukraine with no problems. Thank you so much for remembering the children on their birthdays! We are still not able to visit the kids in the orphanages because of coronavirus quarantine, but I am hopeful that may change soon. This week some restrictions were lessened and at the end of the week a few more things will be opening up. We will see what that means for orphanages. In any case, when I am able to visit the kids, I know they will be happy to get their cards and birthday presents even if a little late.*

Prayer Concerns:

Pray for Donna Poppema as she settles into her new place and new routine at the Christian Retirement Home. Thursday, she moved into room 151.

Continue to pray for Jerry and Linda Van't Hul. Jerry is doing well and is making slow improvements. Pray that this will continue and that they will soon be able to renew contacts with friends and family.

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