

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel

Pastor Kevin Muyskens

May 31, 2020

Morning Worship: Today we celebrate Jesus' ascension to heaven which took place 40 days after Easter. While Ascension Day doesn't get the attention of Easter, Christmas, or even Pentecost, Jesus' rise to the Father's right hand in the heavenly court is very important to the Christian faith. Jesus assures us that human beings are welcome in the presence of God and that we have an advocate in the center circle of universal authority. This morning we will consider what it means to set our hearts and minds on "things above, not on earthly things." Consider this: Because we are in Jesus Christ we are also present at the right hand of God the Father.

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 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. Every other bench is open, but please maintain at least six feet between groups and do your best to avoid singing directly behind other people. The guidelines are again attached to this email; please review them before Sunday.

Giving: Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU! Due to your generous giving our general fund is now very healthy. With that being said, CES is still in need of approximately \$14,000 to pay the schools. Donations received in place of the Action Auction so far have totaled close to \$6,000. Our offering this week is for the General Fund and for CES. In June the deacons will begin again receiving offerings for outside causes (refer to the new deacons page in your mailbox). Please consider this as you prepare your weekly offerings.

Attention Immanuel congregation: We are looking for adults and/or high schoolers to help distribute food Boxes from Upper Des Moines to families in the Sheldon area within the week of June 1st and June 15th. We will especially need extra help within the week of June 1st due to a large number of families to deliver food boxes to. If you think you are interested or want more information on this process please contact Kerri or Dane Buren for more details. Thank you for considering helping others out during this time of need.

Michelle's Orphans: You are invited to join in Immanuel's ministry to Ukrainian orphans by contributing birthday cards to one or more of the girls on this list: Dasha, who will turn 14 on July 4; Masha, who will turn 10 on July 5; and Alina, who will be 15 on July 27. Cards will be removed from the birthday bag on the community table on June 8.

Michelle suggests that we also encourage and celebrate Tanya V, girls transition home mom, and Ira, transition home mom to boys. Tanya's birthday is on July 14, and Ira's is on July 30.

Sheldon Christian SCRIP orders will be every other week. SCRIP will be picked up at school, First CRC, and Immanuel CRC every Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. You may pick up your SCRIP on Thursday mornings at Julie Jacobsma's home (1411 Oak Street, Sheldon). Contact Julie for anything you need (712-230-2372) including any SCRIP "on hand" gift cards. **The next order date is tomorrow, June 1.**

Prayer Concerns:

Pray for the Poppema family and especially Donna as Roger passed away Sunday, May 24. The funeral was Thursday at Immanuel. Pray for the Lord's peace on Donna as she mourns the loss of her partner of over 50 years and as she works through this change along with her move to the Christian Retirement Home. Donna's new address is 1414 Elm St.; Apt 151; Sheldon.

Pray for the health and welfare of the members of our congregation and the broader community as we will face continued instances of illness due to COVID-19. Pray that individuals and leaders will be wise in our use of preventative measures. Remember especially school officials who need to formulate and submit plans for returning to school in the fall.

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