

**Offering Schedule:** (baskets will be labeled as you enter/exit)

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Today: AM: Love INC  
PM: Hope Haven

July 19: AM: Justice for All and Benevolence  
PM: Christian Education Society

**Ushers:** Don Beltman, Mark Vander Pol, Ron Smit

**Nursery Schedule:**

Today: Stacie S, Mollie S

July 19: April W, Aidyn S

**Praise Team:**

Today: Deb & Bart Peters, Pastor Kevin  
Pianist: Kathy Wieringa

July 19: Tyler Schemper family  
Pianist: Lori De Jong

**Audio:**

Today: Katey W

July 19: Jarace

**Video:**

Today: Charlie W

July 19: Colton

**PowerPoint:**

Today: Lorna K

July 19: Jackie H (a.m.) / Macy W (p.m.)

**This Week at Immanuel: July 12 - 18**

SUN: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

*Welcome to Worship at Immanuel*

**Pastor Kevin Muyskens**

**July 12, 2020**

**Morning Worship:** "We are Christ's ambassadors." That amazing statement is the basis of our message this morning. An ambassador is the highest ranking official of a foreign power. Jesus has established the church as the embassy of heaven on earth and his followers as ambassadors extending his authority on earth.

*The service will also be presented at 9:30 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 by Tuesday on our church website <http://immanuelsheldon.com/> under the Connections tab.*

**Evening Worship:** Harmony is usually a good thing. In music it provides the beauty of different notes and voices working together to provide a richness that cannot be accomplished by unison or a single voice. Yet not all harmony is to be desired. "What harmony is there between Christ and Belial?" Tonight we'll explore the sticky question of the relationships between followers of Jesus and those who don't share that commitment. Jesus does not call his people out of the world, yet neither does he expect full cooperation or harmony.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Communion:** We are overjoyed to announce that we will be sharing the sacrament of the Lord's Supper next Sunday morning. You are asked to spiritually prepare yourself by examining your relationships with Christ and with fellow believers and by seeking full reconciliation in all those relationships. There will also be some different physical preparations for next week's celebration. Those participating in communion next Sunday are asked to pick up an all-in-one communion cup from the offering table as you enter the worship area. They are packaged in such a way that you peel off the bottom to expose the gluten free wafer and then peel the top layer to expose the juice. For those who will be worshipping online you may prepare your own elements or pick up an all-in-one package from the bulletin table after 3:00 p.m. on Thursday. In the midst of changing circumstances we as the church are continually challenged to find appropriate ways to be the church.

**The Kids Fest Team is excited to announce that we are having KIDS FEST 2020!** However, this year Kids Fest will look a bit different. The event will take place at Immanuel CRC and First CRC this year to allow for social distancing between our groups and to allow for more children to participate. Unfortunately, we will not be providing our meals nor having a block party this year, but look forward to doing it again in the future. Our dates will now be **Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> through Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>.** The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. and close at 8:15 p.m. at both locations.

**Registration for Kids Fest will begin TOMORROW, July 13.** Go to the link on Immanuel's Facebook page or copy and paste the link from Immanuel's website: [immanuelsheldon.com](http://immanuelsheldon.com). There are extra waivers and agreements to read through this year due to COVID before you can complete the registration for each child. We are also still looking for volunteers to help with registration.

Currently, we are looking to borrow sewing machines, child-sized putters and disc golf baskets for our activities. We are also looking for 2 liter pop bottles (empty and clean) that will not be returned. If you are interested in volunteering to help with registration or have supplies, please contact Kristina Wolf at 712-451-8100. Above all, we ask that our churches hold this event up in prayer as we minister to the children in our community.

**Food Box Deliveries:** We are looking for adults and/or high schoolers to help distribute food boxes from Upper Des Moines to families in the Sheldon area on Thursday, July 16. We are no longer doing it twice a month but now once a month. This means the list of families in need will be larger so we could use the extra help distributing the food boxes. We will meet in the church parking lot as usual around 4:30 and then distribute the food boxes and lists from there. If you are interested or want more information on this process please contact Kerri (348-5992) or Dane Buren (348-0515) for more details. Thank you for considering helping others out during this time of need.

**Love In the Name of Christ is looking for Christian volunteers to shop with local students** for back-to-school clothes as we partner with the Sheldon Police Department to offer the Shop With A Cop Program! If you are available during the evening of Tuesday, July 21 or Wednesday, July 22 and you are interested in this service opportunity, please contact the Love INC office at (712) 324-9707!

**Just wanted to say THANK YOU once again to our Immanuel church family.** It has been a year of many trials, but through it all we feel God's presence with us. Thank you for the many prayers you've prayed for us, for all your visits before COVID, and your phone calls and cards after. There have been so many kind things done for us! I want to thank our Household group for coming out, singing and wishing me a Happy Birthday. That made my day special along with all the beautiful birthday cards. Whatever you have done: food, flowers, keeping our lawn mower in shape, mowing, snow removal, and all of your help...we are so grateful!  
- Jerry & Linda Van't Hul

### **PRAYER PRAISES & CONCERNS:**

**Linda Beltman** was to have surgery Friday. Pray that the surgery will have the desired results and that her recovery will be timely and complete.

**Sarah Vander Pol** had a same-day surgery Wednesday. Praise the Lord the surgery went well. Pray for the recovery as well.

**Pray for Stacy Klein** who is looking forward to carpal tunnel surgery on July 22. Ask that the surgery will relieve her pain and restore strength to her arms and hands.

**Pray also for several in our congregation** who are undergoing tests and consults seeking answers to physical difficulties.

**Pray for the new marriages within our congregation.** Remember Karissa (De Jong) and Jake Johnson and Samantha (Hoekstra) and Cobi Jones who have recently tied the knot. Pray also for Corrie Jansen and Caleb Groot and Emily Postma and Ben Kuyper who will be wed in August. May the Lord bless these new families with loving relationships built on the foundation of faith in Christ.

# HEAVEN'S AMBASSADORS

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Ambassadors

I. Jesus was made sin so \_\_\_\_\_ made righteous.  
*God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. -2 Corinthians 5:21*

II. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ Christ's work, you \_\_\_\_\_ a new creation.  
*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! -2 Corinthians 5:17*

\_\_\_\_\_ for your role in the \_\_\_\_\_.

III. Then you \_\_\_\_\_ an \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.  
*We are therefore Christ's ambassadors. -2 Corinthians 5:20a*

The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them.  
-2 Corinthians 5:18-19a*

Minister\_\_\_\_ Righteous\_\_\_\_ Ambassador\_\_\_\_ Servant\_\_\_\_ Immunity\_\_\_\_