

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel

Pastor Kevin Muyskens

September 6, 2020

Morning Worship: Are you feeling a bit crusty lately? The tensions around us whether politics, racial tensions, or dealing with COVID have hardened many of us in our treatment of others. Having a hard heart is looked at in the Bible as an extremely undesirable condition. Our text today speaks of how God softens hearts by pouring his love into them. His love makes our hearts pliable and us useful in his service. The LORD is constantly pouring his love into our hearts; will you receive it?

The service will be presented at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at our host site: <http://immanuelsheldon.online.church>. It will be posted for later viewing first on Pastor Kevin's youtube page, and by Tuesday on our church website, <http://immanuelsheldon.com/> under the Connections tab.

Evening Worship: This evening we will join with the churches of the Sheldon community for our annual Labor Day Weekend worship service. We will gather at 6:00 p.m. around the gazebo in the city park. Jacob Sandholm, pastor of Archer United Methodist, and youth pastor at Sheldon United Methodist will be preaching. Dave and Jody Van Kley are in charge of music.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Youth Group (9th-12th graders) will be having their kick-off this Wednesday, September 9 at Hills Park. Come to hang out at 6:00 p.m.; supper and games to follow at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioning: Our programs for children and youth are a vital part of our congregation's discipling of the next generation. GEMS and Cadets are already off to a good start. Those who teach and lead deserve our prayers, encouragement, and appreciation. Next Sunday, September 13, marks the beginning of Children & Worship, Sunday School, and Catechism and youth group begins Wednesday, so we will commission and pray for those teachers and leaders in our morning service next week.

Sunday School will be starting September 13. We want to inform parents that the classrooms in the church do not allow for social distancing. Please use this information as your family sees fit.

Parents please mark your calendars! We will have a mandatory parents meeting during Sunday school on September 13. One parent from each family with children in Preschool to 8th grade should be present.

Children & Worship will begin Sunday morning, September 13. Children age 3 through kindergarten are invited and will be dismissed during the worship service. We are excited to again offer this age appropriate teaching and experience of worship. Please note that children will sanitize their hands entering and leaving the Children & Worship room and that carpet squares on which children are seated will be spaced. Parents should still use good judgment in deciding whether their child should attend. Please be extra cautious about avoiding sending children with any signs of illness in our current circumstances.

Singing for both Sunday School and Choir will tentatively resume in October (with hope of having Lessons & Carols in December).

CES Annual Meeting was held last week Sunday. Tracy Wieringa was elected as vice president and Tyler Woudstra as secretary.

From Building & Grounds: Thank you to all of the volunteer painters who helped in lightening and brightening up the basement walls this summer. It was a huge improvement!

***We would like to thank the church** for the cards prayers and words of encouragement after the recent deaths of Lynn's two brothers.*
- Lynn & Cindy Vande Brake

PRAYER PRAISES & CONCERNS:

Pray for our local colleges as they attempt to return to in person learning and many living on campus. Pray for safety of students, faculty, and staff. Pray also for wisdom for those who will continue to make decisions regarding the manner of classes, gatherings, and extra-curricular activities in our current situation.

Christa Longkumer writes: *We will be driving up to Vientiane on Monday for the birth of our baby. He is due on the September 22. Please remember us as we have this baby in Laos where healthcare is not the best. We are trusting God for a safe delivery and healthy baby. And so excited to meet him soon!*

IMMANUEL MINISTRIES

Contact Persons

IN

Staff: Jenna Hernandez
Leadership Team: Chris Dykstra
Sunday School: Sandy Muyskens
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, Jevon Klyn
Youth Group: Dane & Kerri Buren
 Klint & Raeanne Tatsumi
 Seth & Shelby Irmiter
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
Brad Kraayenbrink (A)
Bart Peters (C)
Lynn Vande Brake (D)
Jeff Schemper, Youth Elder

Deacons

Justin Rosenboom (A)
Dan Jacobsma (B)
Micah Schreurs (C)
Joel Gesink (D)
Zack Wolf, Secretary

Household of Faith Ministry Partners

Group A: Teresa Hoekstra
Group B: Sharla Vander Pol
Group C: Sue Meyers
Group D: Arlene Scholten