

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

Today: AM: SCS Foundation and Camp Autumn  
PM: F Street Church  
Nov 8: AM: Mission Faith Promise  
PM: Back to God Ministries

**Ushers:** Wade Heemskerk, Kyler Heemskerk, Roger Boer

**Praise Team:**

Today: Jeff Schemper, Dave Vande Brake, Dylan Hanenburg  
Pianist: Jill Schemper  
Nov 8: Kristina Wolf, Shonna Wassenaar  
Pianist: Shannon Schreurs

**Nursery:**

Today: Katie Wieringa, Sammie Holz  
Nov 8: Shelby Irmiter, Aidyn Schemper

**Audio:**

Today: Zack  
Nov 8: Kyler

**Video:**

Today: Colton  
Nov 8: Stephen

**PowerPoint:**

Today: Lorna  
Nov 8: Jackie H (a.m.) / Macy W (p.m.)

**Children & Worship:**

Today: Shonna W, Melissa W, Macy W, Michael W  
Nov 8: Tami S, Melissa W, Mollie S, Cody S

**This Week at Immanuel: November 1 – 7**

SUN:	9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
WED:	7:00 p.m.	GEMS and Cadets
	7:15 p.m.	Young Peoples

*Welcome to Worship at Immanuel*

**Pastor Kevin Muyskens**

**November 1, 2020**

**Morning Worship:** Teaching and learning is a process of everyday life. It happens not only in schools but in our homes, work places, teams, and organizations. Sometimes that teaching can be especially challenging as it is in our Scripture today where the governor, Nehemiah, teaches his nobles and officials what God says about their financial practices, confronts them with their bad behavior, and challenges them to bring their methods in line with God's laws. How will they respond to this challenge? How do we respond to teaching that calls us to change our ways?

*The worship 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:** Genesis 2 presents us with an intimate picture of the LORD's creation of the first human. In language akin to an artist molding clay Genesis says "the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground." Then it speaks of the mysterious passing of "the breath of life" from creator to creature. What does this homely picture teach us about humanity and our relationship to the LORD God?

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Baptism:** This morning we have the privilege of welcoming a new member to Immanuel as Adam and Jaiden Tebben present their son, Jax Dean for baptism. We will join our promises to Adam and Jaiden's to raise Jax to know and love Jesus and we will celebrate the promise of God to mark this child as a part of his family.

**Children & Worship will dismiss this morning.** The lesson will be "Isaiah Preached About the Messiah". All children age three through kindergarten are welcome.

**Next Sunday** we welcome Pastor Steve Breen for both our morning and evening services as Pastor Kevin and family attend a niece's wedding in Michigan. Please welcome Pastor Steve warmly and show appreciation for his willingness to lead us by presenting the Word of God.

**Anybody want to feed some fish?** We will be offering “Peter Fish” banks to families who would like to take them home and “feed” for the next three weeks. Take home a fish today (or as many as you want to feed) and join the effort of World Renew’s World Hunger campaign to work with our hungry brothers and sisters worldwide. This year’s theme “Every Table” emphasizes our God, the provider, who gives us food for the body and food for the spirit. He has a place for all of us at His table. There are also devotionals for adults and children available on the Connections table.

**Michelle’s Orphans:** This is the last opportunity in 2020 to send a birthday greeting to a child in a Ukrainian orphanage! Kostya, a 12-year old boy, will have a birthday on December 1. Michelle would also like us to encourage the house dad in the girls’ transition home. Misha’s birthday falls on November 15. Cards will go out on November 2 (tomorrow).

**The children of Wilma De Boer** would like to have a card shower for her 95th birthday which is on Tuesday, November 3. Please send cards to 221 N. 7th Ave., Sheldon, IA 51201.

**Hospers Christian Reformed Church invites you to our Annual Soup & Pie Supper** on Tuesday, November 3. Serving will be in the church basement from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with drive-through to go orders available from 4:30-6:00 p.m. under the south carport. Please enter from the East alleyway to give your order. Enjoy soup, sandwiches and homemade pie! Freewill donation for the Christian Education Unit.

**Coats for Kids:** Bubbles and the Sheldon Ministerial are again sponsoring Coats for Kids. Children’s Coats in good condition may be dropped off to Bubbles **until November 6**. Bubbles will clean and do minor repairs. Please do not overload them with adult coats or items in poor condition. Coats will be distributed from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 14 at Immanuel Christian Reformed Church.

**Steve and I would like to thank the congregation** for all the prayers for us during my hospitalization and quarantine. We would also like to thank our household of faith for the many meals that were brought. Your kindness was greatly appreciated.

- Steve & Helen Van De Berg

## **PRAYER PRAISES & CONCERNS:**

**Pray for Our Election Process:** Pray that all will go smoothly in the election process this week. Pray that the LORD may raise up leaders who seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before him. Pray also that peace and unity will reign in the aftermath of this hotly contested election.

**Continue to pray for those struggling with COVID in our community.** Pray for those who are ill that the LORD may restore them to health. Pray for those who are isolated that the LORD will provide care and comfort in their lives. Pray for those in positions of leadership who must make daily decisions regarding mitigation strategies that the LORD will grant them wisdom and courage to do what is right for their particular situation.

**Christa Longkumer writes:** *We just had a Coffee Talk English Club on Saturday with our ARDA students. It was quite relaxed and fun and we were able to spend lots of time with them. Please pray that the Lord would use us in their lives. They asked questions about Halloween and we were able to share how we aren't afraid of ghosts because we have the Holy Spirit living in our hearts. Pray that these and other truths would cause them to think more about their own lives and gently push them towards Jesus.*

**Ministry Update from Michelle Maly:** *Ministry here in Ukraine has significantly slowed down during COVID. Since March we have not been able to make our regular weekly trips to the Pishana orphanage. For many months I was also not able to visit the kids in two orphanages here in Odessa, although in the last couple of weeks that has changed, and I can visit once a week for which I am very thankful. The two transition homes are still up and running although the girls' home has changed more into a foster home for the moment, as social services called the parents and asked them to take three younger foster children who needed emergency placement.*

*As far as health, the house parents and most of the kids in the girls' /foster home were sick in August with COVID. They are all healthy and recovered now. But just last week the house parents and two kids in the boys' transition home were sick with COVID-like symptoms. We don't know for sure if it was COVID (getting tests here in Ukraine is quite expensive) but they are all feeling better now.*