

Prelude

Gathering Song: "How Marvelous" (I Stand Amazed)

Welcome

*Call to Worship (select verses from Psalms 95 & 96)

*Song of Worship: "Build My Life"

*God Greet Us

*We Greet One Another

*Song of Praise: "Come Thou Fount" (Above All Else)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*Song of Assurance: "Turn Your Eyes"

Community Connections

(Children may be dismissed to Children & Worship)

Offering: Mission Faith Promise

Mission Spotlight: Vida en Abundancia in Jalapa, MX

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Luke 3:1-15 (pg. 994)

Message: *Penitent Presence*

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: "Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me" vs. 1, 2, 4

*Parting Blessing

*"It's Yours" (The Lord's Prayer)

Postlude

Prelude

Welcome

*God Greet Us

*Call to Worship: Psalm 100

*Hymnsing

*Statement of Faith: Apostles Creed

Prayers of the People

Scripture: Ephesians 3:1-13 (pg. 1134)

Message: *Calling: Real or Counterfeit*

*"Beautiful Savior" #461 vs. 1-3

*Parting Blessing

*"Beautiful Savior" #461 vs. 4

Postlude

The evening offering baskets will not be passed during the worship service. You may place your offering in one of the baskets in the fellowship hall as you enter or exit.

IMMANUEL MINISTRIES

Contact Persons

IN

Staff: Autumn Dauer
Leadership Team: April Woudstra
Sunday School: Sandy Muyskens
Small Groups: Autumn Dauer
Work Groups: Deanna Wood
Beverage Coordinator:
Sharon Holz
Cookie Coordinator:
April Woudstra
Library: Sue Meyers

UP

Staff: Shonna Wassenaar
Leadership Team: Mark Vander Pol
Worship: Pastor Kevin Muyskens
Communion: Mark Vander Pol
Sound: Klint Tatsumi
Head Usher: Steve Geels
Children & Worship:
Rachel Rosenboom
Decorations: Jaiden Tebben
Nursery: Jessica Gesink
Choir: Jack Schreurs
Prayer Ministry:
Lee & Arlene Scholten

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Elders

Lyle Hoekstra (A)
Dane Buren, VP (B)
Wade Wassenaar (C)
Matt Hanenburg (D)
Ray Hernandez, Youth Elder
Mark Vander Pol, Clerk

Household of Faith Ministry Partners

Group A: Deb (Bart) Peters
Group B: Roz Geels
Group C: Gail Anderson
Group D: Jill Coulander

OUT

Staff: Autumn Dauer
Leadership Team: Krista Hanenburg
GEMS: Melissa Wiersma
Cadets: Jevon Klyn, Tyler Schemper
Youth Group:
Autumn & Brody Dauer
Klint & Raeanne Tatsumi
Cliff & Sherri Bootsma
Todd & Deanna Wood
Love INC Personal Supplies Closet:
Teresa Hoekstra

OTHER

Leadership Team Secretary:
Tyler Schemper
Treasurer: Treyton Schemper
Building & Grounds: Mike Coulander
Safety Team: Todd Wood
Christian Education Society Board:
Rachel Rosenboom, Pres
Tracy Wieringa, VP
Krista Hanenburg, Treasurer
Jill Schemper, Secretary

Deacons

Brian Wieringa, VP (A)
Shawn Wassenaar, Pres (B)
Lorna Kraayenbrink, Secretary (C)
Cobi Jones (D)
Tyler Schemper,
Leadership Team Secretary

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel

Pastor Kevin Muyskens

October 1, 2023

Morning Worship: This morning we continue our fall series, "Witness." This morning we will look at the message of John the Baptist and how he called people to be present in their communities. We will also hear from Dr. Jose & Laura Guererro, founders of Vida en Abundancia. VAM provides a Christ-inspired presence in a poverty-stricken section of Jalapa with educational tutoring, medical and dental services, a nutrition program, and a church. We will see how simply we can be the presence of Christ in the places we live.

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 on the Immanuel Church of Sheldon Iowa YouTube page and on our church website, <http://immanuelsheldon.com/>.

Evening Worship: Tonight Pastor Kevin will lead us through the first part of Ephesians 3. We will look at this passage in the light of Paul's calling as the Apostle to the Gentiles and of the calls that are placed on our lives. We will look at how we can discern between true and counterfeit callings and how we can be confident we are following the Lord's call on our lives.

Announcements

Children & Worship will dismiss during the morning service and meet downstairs. The lesson will be "Jesus Chooses His Disciples". All children age 3 through kindergarten welcome!

Church Potluck: Dr. Jose and Laura Guererro from Vida en Abundancia will be with us in worship this morning. We look forward to hearing about the ministry in Jalapa. We will share a congregational meal with them at noon today. For families who want to attend, last name ending in A – M bring a hot dish; N – Z bring a cold side dish or salad.

Youth Group this Wednesday: We plan to head out for an amazing adventure to a local corn maze. Meet at church at 6:15 p.m.

Youth Group Snacks: Youth Group is looking for volunteers to provide snacks each Wednesday. Find more information and sign up on the Connections Table.

CES Apple Pie Project: Mark your calendars for October 25-28 to help make some delicious apple pies for which Immanuel CRC is well-known. Order forms are on the Connections table. There is also an order link posted on Immanuel's Facebook and Instagram pages.

Immanuel's Best Contest is happening this Fall on Wednesday, November 8 at 6:00 p.m. This year we are on the hunt for Immanuel's best soup or chili! If you would like to enter the competition, contact Jill Schemper or Autumn Dauer **by Sunday, October 15.**

Coats for Kids: The Sheldon Ministerial Association will be offering coats for kids again this fall! Your donations of clean children and youth size coats in good condition are needed! Donations can be dropped off at Love INC (611 Park Row) between now and October 27. Distribution events will be held on Monday, October 2 and Monday, November 6 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in connection with the food bank distribution night at Living Water Church.

Prayer Praises & Concerns

Donna Poppema continues to slowly make progress in her recuperation but is struggling to gain strength. Pray for Donna's patience and for the doctors as they look at therapy options in the coming days to help restore Donna's strength.

Michelle Maly was traveling to Odessa just over a week ago right about the time the city was subject of air raids. Pray for her safety and that she will be able to bring the light and love of Jesus to her teammates, the children, and the orphanage graduates.

Lee Schemper was to have finished the intensive chemo yesterday. Pray for peace and a calm spirit as they face the uncertainty of what is ahead. Pray for the treatments to be effective and that Lee will continue to be guarded from the worst of side effects.

"At the Well and beyond" is happening next weekend. Chris Dykstra, Dianne Schemper, Lorna Kraayenbrink, and Jackie Mulder will participate in a team God has chosen to enter the women's prison in Pierre, SD. They will share the story of God working through Moses to confront Pharaoh and bring the people of Israel out of Egypt and across the Red Sea. The team's hope is to share our need to trust God, to seek forgiveness, and to fight our "Pharaohs."

Offering Schedule:

Today: AM: Mission Faith Promise
PM: Love INC
Oct 8: AM: Christian Education Society
PM: Love INC

Safety Team:

Today: AM: Butch A, Dan W
PM: Butch A, Adam T
Oct 8: AM: Brody D, Todd D
PM: Dan W, Todd D

Nursery: (The library is available during the service as a private space for nursing moms)

Today: Alyssa P, Mollie S, Caitlyn F
Oct 8: Michelle DK, Macy W, Chris F

Morning Praise Team:

Today: Kristina Wolf, Shonna Wassenaar
Guitars: Ray Hernandez, Dan Robinson
Drums: Janet Pan
Pianist: Trey Schemper
Oct 8: Melissa Wiersma, Matthew Wiersma, David Wiersma
Pianist: Kathy Wieringa

Audio:

Today: Cobi
Oct 8: Jarace

Video:

Today: Brody
Oct 8: Clint (Joey)

PowerPoint:

Today: Autumn (Sam W)
Oct 8: Eddie

Children & Worship

Today: Tami S, Cody S, Annie S
Oct 8: Tami S, Mollie S, Cody S, Annie S

Coffee Servers:

Today: Jeff Schemper family, Roger Boer
Oct 8: Todd & Deanna Wood, Steve & Helen Van Den Berg

This Week at Immanuel: October 1 - 7

SUN:	9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School & Catechism
	11:00 a.m.	Choir
	12:00 p.m.	Church Potluck
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Leadership Team
MON:	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
WED:	6:15 p.m.	Youth Group (meet @ church)
	7:00 p.m.	GEMS at Immanuel Cadets at First CRC

Witness: Lesson 2: Be Present (September 24 sermon)

Watch the *Present* video, found at: resonateglobalmission.org/witnessvideos

Icebreaker: What is one place or thing of beauty in your neighborhood (outside of your home or yard)?

Read: Luke 19:1-10

Discussion Questions:

- Jesus was simply “passing through” Jericho on the way to Jerusalem, where he would begin the week leading up to his crucifixion. Jericho was one of the busiest and most powerful cities at the time, and Jesus’ most important work lay ahead of him in Jerusalem. But then he delays his plans to stay at Zaccheaus’ house. What are the reasons why Jesus might have simply continued with his original plan, rather than stopping to spend time with Zaccheaus?
- Use your five senses to imagine yourself in Jesus’ sandals as he enters Zaccheaus’ home. What do you see? What do you hear? What might you taste? How does it make you feel?
- What do you think Jesus did while he was present In Zaccheaus’ home? What do you think he learned from spending time there?
- What keeps us from being present in our own neighborhoods and communities?
- Do you think relationships develop slower or faster today, compared to in the past? Why? What does that mean for the gospel witness practice of being present?
- READ Luke 19:1-10 again. Slowly. Reflectively. Believe that this is God’s word to you today.
 - What words or phrases capture your imagination? What might God be saying to you through them?
- What assumptions did people make about Zacchaeus?
- What assumptions have you made about your neighbors and your neighborhood?
- What do you think God might see when God sees your neighbors and your neighborhood?

Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. -Luke 3:8a

Witness: Penitent Presence

Luke 3:1-15

Name: _____

The _____ in the _____

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar ... Luke 3:1a

_____, Christians are a _____ for _____.

I. _____
Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. -Luke 3:8a

Christians embody _____ and _____.

II. _____
“What should we do then?” the crowd asked. -Luke 1:10

Christians _____ in _____ the Way for the Lord.

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Christ. -Luke 13:15

Today ___ Stop Light ___ Wilderness ___ Forgive(ness) ___ Fruit ___