

Offering Schedule:

Today: AM: World Renew & Benevolence
PM: Center for Financial Education
Jan 21: AM: Katelyn's Fund
PM: Christian Education Society

Safety Team:

Today: AM: Dan W, Don B
PM: Mike C, Don B
Jan 21: AM: Dan W, Mike C
PM: Don B

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

Today: Rebecca S, Karlee D, Sammie H
Jan 21: Jena S, Macy W, Evie R

Morning Praise Team:

Today: Kim Heemskerk, Kolby Heemskerk, Nate Muyskens,
Samantha Jones
Pianist: Kathy Wieringa
Jan 21: Tyler Schemper family
Pianist: Shonna Wassenaar

Audio:

Today: Klint
Jan 21: Adam

Video:

Today: Landan
Jan 21: Kolby

PowerPoint:

Today: Dylan
Jan 21: Cody

Children & Worship

Today: No Children & Worship
Jan 21: Jill C, Addison J, Wyatt C

Coffee Servers:

Today: Tim Holz family
Jan 21: Lee & Arlene Scholten, Linda Kreykes

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL: JANUARY 14 - 20

SUN:	9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
WED:	7:00 p.m.	GEMS at Immanuel Cadets at First CRC
	7:15 p.m.	Youth Group
THU:	7:00 p.m.	Small Group Leaders Meeting

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT IMMANUEL

Pastor Kevin Muyskens

January 14, 2024

Morning Worship: With war in Palestine many people are wondering about Israel's role in the end times. In the big picture we see the church as the recipient of the promises to Israel as the people of God – thus in Galatians Paul says, “Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation. In Romans, Paul talks about the ethnic people of Israel alongside the church hoping for his people's salvation and suggesting that even as broken branches they can be grafted back in. What is clear is that all who are saved are saved by faith in Jesus Christ for their salvation.

Evening Worship: Issues of Revelation, Israel, and the end times raise a lot of questions for Christians. We'll take some time to ask and attempt to answer some questions. We'll conclude with looking at the church as the bride of Christ. This evening we'll walk through that image from Revelation 21, Ephesians 5, and Jesus' parables.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Profession of Faith: This morning Matthew Wiersma will share in his public profession of faith. We thank God for his faithfulness in guiding Matthew to this step of faith and pray that he will continue to discern and follow God's call on his life.

Communion: This morning we will share in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This is a covenant meal where we receive Christ and his benefits through faith. If you know Jesus as your Lord and Savior and have confessed that publicly through a profession of faith, confirmation, or believer's baptism in a church that teaches Jesus Christ as the only means of salvation you are welcome to participate. Please note that all elements are gluten-free.

Prayer Team will meet next Sunday at 8:45 a.m. in the northeast classroom. Anyone is welcome to offer prayer or to be prayed for!

Youth Group Snacks: Sign up on the Connections table if you are willing to provide a snack and drink for one of their weekly meetings.

Next Sunday:

- Dr. John Hartog, president of NCC and regular guest preacher at many churches in the region, will be preaching for both of our morning and evening services. It being Sanctity of Human Life Sunday he will touch on this topic from Psalm 139.
- Representatives from Katelyn's Fund Orphan Ministry will be providing an overview of their ministry during the morning service. Following the service, a more detailed presentation with a time of Q&A will be available to all at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. We look forward to understanding more about this organization we support regularly!

Small Groups: Our next small group sermon series will begin January 28. Leaders, please connect with your groups to make plans to meet. Those looking for a group please contact Autumn or Pastor Kevin. They will do their best to find a good fit. **Group Leaders are asked to gather** for direction, feedback, and introduction to the winter material at 7:00 p.m. this Thursday, January 18 in the council room. Spouses are welcome and dessert will be served.

Looking for fun and fellowship? Want to move confidently into the purpose God has for you? Join us for our Women's Bible Study as we "Don't Look Back", a study by Christine Cane on "getting unstuck and moving forward with passion and purpose". All ages are welcome and we would love to have you join us. Contact Deb Peters if you have any questions or if you plan to attend (712-441-6847). We plan on having an informal gathering on Monday, January 29 at 6:30 p.m. @ Breu Haus for those who plan on attending or would like to see more of what this study is about. The Bible study dates will be Mondays on February 12 & 26, March 11 & 25, and April 8.

The annual community Service of Christian Unity will be held at the Crossroads Pavilion on Sunday, February 11 at 2:00 p.m. A community choir is being assembled and you are welcome to participate. Rehearsals will be at the Pavilion and **start today** at 2:00 p.m. and then each Sunday leading up to February 11.

Save the Date for Youth Group's Valentine's Dinner Fundraiser on Friday, February 16!

Service opportunity: We are invited to join worship and serve a meal after the 5:00 p.m. worship service on Sunday, February 25 at Freedom's Gate Church in Sioux falls (4800 S Tomar Rd). Freedom's Gate is a church recently formed by Pastor Jason Wiersma and largely serve those who have been released recently from prison. They have about 100 people attending each week. If you are over the age of 18 and would like to participate by serving and or contributing funds, contact Brad Kraayenbrink (712-635-7753).

Thank you to those of you who contributed in any way to the Mathias Warne Benefit. The family will be blessed by your love. Donations will continue to be taken for the Warne family at any time via Venmo @miracles4mathias. - Micah & Sarah Jones

Considering Our Mission: *If you want to have an effective witness for the gospel in your town, then you can't have a strong opinion about everything. If the non-Christians in your life see you as opinionated and critical ... they'll probably have a hard time listening to your opinions about the gospel. (Morrow, Small Town Mission, 40)*

PRAYER PRAISES & CONCERNS

Pray for high school and college students as they begin their second semesters. May they apply themselves to their studies and through classes, relationships, and experiences. May they grow in faith, ability, and confidence to serve the LORD.

Pray for the presidential election process that officially kicks off this week with the Iowa Republican Caucus. May the LORD guide this process and may the American people raise up a leader who will pursue God's purpose in our nation.