

IMMANUEL MINISTRIES

Contact Persons

IN

Staff: Autumn Dauer
Leadership Team: April Woudstra
Sunday School: Sandy Muyskens
Small Groups: Autumn Dauer
Work Groups: Vacant
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

December 3, 2023

Morning Worship: Zechariah is one of the more interesting characters of the Christmas story. He is a priest visited by an angel and struck mute for his failure to believe the angel's message. The song we are highlighting today is Zechariah's song, his first recorded words after at least nine months of not speaking. This song speaks of the path of peace we will walk following the rising sun from heaven – Jesus. Zechariah's unlikely son, John the Baptist, will be the prophet who goes before Jesus to smooth the path for him and all who will follow, including today's Christians.

Evening Worship: In the final verses of Ephesians 4 Paul turns his attention to the connections between the members of the community of faith, the church. He addresses our words, emotions, and actions. The expectation for followers of Jesus is that we speak, act, and even think in ways that cherish the church community and our connections with other members.

Announcements

There will be no children's and students' ministries next Sunday, December 10. (Sunday school, catechism, Children & Worship). Their final meeting of 2023, on December 17, will include a Christmas party.

Support our Missionaries: As we celebrate Christmas, we want to remember our missionaries who are celebrating in other countries and teaching about the true meaning of Christmas. Christmas cards are available on the Connections table for each of our missionaries. Please take some time to sign them as a way to let them know we are thinking of them and encouraging them during the holiday season.

The Giving Tree is empty! Thank you for taking all the gift tags this year! Please return the **unwrapped** gift by this Wednesday, December 6. To help fill the empty tree, we invite you to hang your family Christmas card on the Giving Tree for our church family to enjoy.

Upcoming Worship Schedule:

- Lessons and Carols has been a long-standing tradition for Immanuel. This celebrative service is scheduled for the morning of December 10. We are modifying the format a bit. We will still include children's songs and a couple of choir presentations, but we will focus more on congregational singing. This is a great service to invite friends; postcard invitations are available on the Connections table.
- Christmas Service – Sunday, December 24 @ 9:30 a.m.
- Christmas Eve Service – Sunday, December 24 @ 6:00 p.m.
- No services on Monday, December 25

New Member Classes: Pastor Kevin will be offering a new members class on the Thursday evenings, December 7 and 21. Please contact him at 712-348-4077 if you are interested.

Congregational Meeting: The congregational meeting to consider our annual budget has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13. Please plan to attend as we seek to agree together on a spending plan that will support our ministries for 2024. Copies of the proposed 2024 budget are in your mailbox; extras copies may be found on the Connections table.

GEMS, Cadets, & Youth Group Christmas Parties will be on Wednesday, December 20. Please keep in contact with your child's leaders for more information.

Support our College Students: Thank you to all who help stuff the gift bags for our college students.

Considering Our Mission: *Have a dessert and coffee night with one of your Christian friends from your small group and one of your friends who isn't a Christian. This is a great way to get out of the house, spend time with friends, build friendships with people who aren't Christians, and have fun eating and laughing. Pray about it ahead of time and have mission be a key motive of why you're doing it. (Morrow 92)*

Prayer Praises & Concerns

Jayne Meintsma has been hospitalized this week in Sioux Falls with several different issues. Pray for her healing and that she will soon be able to return home.

Offering Schedule:

Today: AM: Love INC
PM: Justice For All
Dec 10: AM: Christian Education Society
PM: Justice For All

Safety Team:

Today: AM: Butch A, Brody D
PM: Butch A, Brian W
Dec 10: AM: Dan W, Adam T
PM: Dan W, Adam T

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

Today: Abby S, Mollie S, Kolby H
Dec 10: Marla W, Ella W, Landan H

Morning Praise Team:

Today: Nate Muyskens, Samantha Jones
Pianist: Trey Schemper
Dec 10: No Praise Team

Audio:

Today: Adam
Dec 10: Klint

Video:

Today: David
Dec 10: Brody (Collin)

PowerPoint:

Today: Matthew
Dec 10: Autumn (Sam)

Children & Worship

Today: Jill C, Eddie W, Asher W
Dec 10: No Children & Worship

Coffee Servers:

Today: Roger Boer, Jerry & Alyssa Postma
Dec 10: Kevin Muyskens family

This Week at Immanuel: December 3 - 9

SUN:	9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School & Catechism
	11:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
WED:	7:00 p.m.	GEMS at Immanuel
		Cadets at First CRC
	7:15 p.m.	Youth Group