

## Welcome to Worship at Immanuel

Pastor Kevin Muyskens  
January 8, 2023

### Offering Schedule:

Today: AM: World Renew and Benevolence  
PM: Center for Financial Education  
Jan 15: AM: Katelyn's Fund  
PM: Christian Education Society

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

Today: Abby S, Karyss M, Eddie W  
Jan 15: Sherri B, Ashley S, Kendra H

### Morning Praise Team:

Today: Tyler Schemper family  
Pianist: Kathy W  
Jan 15: Jeff Schemper, Dave Vande Brake,  
Dylan Hanenburg, Aidyn Schemper  
Guitar: Ray Hernandez  
Pianist: Jill Schemper

### Audio:

Today: Adam  
Jan 15: Jarace

### Video:

Today: Charlie  
Jan 15: David

### PowerPoint:

Today: Cody  
Jan 15: Matthew

### Coffee Servers:

Today: Cobi & Samantha Jones, Brody & Autumn Dauer  
Jan 15: Matt & Krista Hanenburg, Linda Kreykes

### Children & Worship:

Today: Jill C, Addison J, Evie R  
Jan 15: Jill C, Addison J, Evie R

### This Week at Immanuel: January 8 – 14

SUN:	9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School & Catechism
TUE:	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
WED:	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting followed by Deacons and Elders Meetings
	7:15 p.m.	Youth Group

**Morning Worship:** It's a new year. We make goals and plans and have expectations for the new year. What are your spiritual expectations and plans? Have you made the appropriate preparations? This morning Pastor Kevin will lead us through the Bible's description of the armor of God given from Ephesians 6. God gives us everything we need to stand firm in our faith and to advance His purposes in our lives.

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:** In Romans 4, the Apostle Paul turns to Abraham, the founder of the Jewish nation, as an example of one who was saved by faith. According to Jesus and Paul, the children of Abraham are not his genetic descendants but those who follow his example of faith.

### Announcements

**Communion:** This morning we celebrate the Lord's supper. Christ meets us in the bread and wine and we receive the benefits of his presence through faith. We ask that all who participate have a faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord and are members of a church that teaches this doctrine. All communion elements are gluten free.

**Children & Worship, Sunday School and Catechism** will resume this morning. Choir rehearsal will resume on January 15.

### Youth Group News:

- THANK YOU to those who have blessed the Youth group by providing snacks and drinks in 2022! If this is something that you are able to do again or would like to contribute for the first time, a new sign-up sheet is on the Connections table.
- The Youth Group Service Trip will be on July 16-21, 2023. Please Contact Autumn and pay \$100 trip deposit by January 30.

**Valentine's Dinner:** You are invited to dress up and come to Immanuel for fancy date night or fun supper with friends on Friday, February 10! Immanuel's Youth Group would love to serve you dinner from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Come and go as you wish. Childcare will be available in Immanuel's nursery and basement. Tickets are on sale now for \$40 per person until Sunday, February 5; after this date tickets will be \$50 and will be available at the door. Purchase tickets from a Youth Group member or the church office. All proceeds will go to Immanuel's Youth Service Trip to Rapid City, SD this July.

**Women of Immanuel:** Join us for a study on Esther by Max Lucado titled, "You Were Made for this Moment". It's a 5-week study and we plan to meet every two weeks beginning Monday, February 13. Please contact Leah Schoonhoven or Deb Peters for more details and if you're interested in joining us.

**Looking Ahead:**

- **Small Group Sermon Series** will begin on Sunday, January 15 and will continue through the end of March. Let Autumn or Pastor Kevin know if you would like to lead or are looking to be a part of a small group.
- **The Western Chamber Singers** will be worshipping with us the evening of Sunday, January 22. This will be a combined service with First CRC.
- **Cadet Sunday** is Sunday, January 29. We will celebrate this joint ministry with a combined worship service at Immanuel at 6:00 p.m.
- **Community Service of Christian Unity** will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 12. There will be no evening service at Immanuel.

**Interested in serving in the Church Safety Team ministry?** Talk to Todd Wood or Don Beltman for more information.

**Food Bank** of Sheldon will be from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at Living Water Community Church in Sheldon on Monday, January 9 (rescheduled from January 3).

**Love INC will be offering a new session of classes** from January 12 – March 30. Classes are from 6:30-7:30 on Thursday evenings and are free of charge. Class offerings include Faith & Finances, Positive Parenting, Embracing Life, and Bible Study. Please call (712) 324.9707 to register!

**Free Sheldon Area Unity Meal** will be on Monday, January 16 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Living Water Community Church. The meal is served buffet style. Come and go as you need. After the meal there are free groceries bagged and ready to take home.

**Prayer Praises & Concerns**

**Pray for Melissa Wiersma and her family:** Her father, Cliff Wynia, passed away suddenly Tuesday. Visitation is today from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with the funeral at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, both at Sibley CRC.

**Aidyn Schemper** had surgery to remove a cyst on Thursday morning. She was hoping to return home that same day. Pray for her speedy recovery.

**Pray for families with Young Children:** There has been a lot of illness going around with several spending time in the hospital. Pray for the health of children and the resources of parents who are stretched thin.

**Continue in prayer** for those who are recovering from surgery, illness, and those who are awaiting tests and treatment plans. May they experience the care and comfort of the LORD in their situations.

**Pray for those who work outdoors or on the roads** as we continue to deal with the difficulties of winter weather.