

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel

Pastor Kevin Muyskens

December 25, 2022

Morning Worship: It's Christmas! We gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Redeemer of the world. For the Advent season we have looked at Jesus in the offices of Prophet, Priest and King as seen in characters from the Old Testament. This morning we will let Moses be the lens through which we view Jesus. Jesus leads us out of slavery of sin into life in the promised land. But, this is not all about us, the purpose of the church as was the purpose of the nation of Israel, is to allow Jesus Christ to be born in this world.

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: There will be no evening service tonight. Enjoy time with your loved ones.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Children & Worship, Sunday School and Catechism this morning. These ministries will resume on Sunday, January 8.

Next Sunday Dan Tracy will be presenting both our morning and evening messages. Pastor Kevin and family are enjoying a week of vacation while schools are on break.

Results of the Congregational Meeting: The proposed budget for 2023 was passed as presented. A brief discussion was held regarding the possibility of constructing a facility to house medium size groups and a couple break-out rooms. A survey regarding the possibility of an adult mission trip was distributed and collected. If you would like to give input regarding either of these issues surveys are available on the Connections table and should be returned to the church office.

GEMS and Cadets will have their Christmas Party at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 4 (postponed from December 21). Meet at Immanuel, not First CRC.

Youth Group News:

- Christmas Party: Postponed to Wednesday, January 4 at 7:15 p.m. at the Covenant House. Each student should bring a gift (\$5 or less) that is wrapped for a gift exchange.
- The Youth Group Service Trip will be on July 16-21, 2023. Please contact Autumn by January 30 if your high school student would like to attend or if you would like more information.

Share your family Christmas card with us by adding one to the Giving Tree on the Connections table! We would love to have the smiling faces of our church family on display to share with each other this Christmas Season!

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

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!

SCS SCRIP: There will be no SCRIP orders the weeks of December 26 and January 2.

2 Corinthians 9:7 says, "God loves a cheerful giver." It's within that context that the Luke Society expresses our gratitude to Immanuel Christian Reformed Church for your recent gift to our ministry. Your cheerful gifts are helping to build Christ's kingdom across the world by supporting important medical work and even more important evangelistic efforts. May your gifts be multiplied as we witness the spread of the Gospel to all peoples on earth.

Prayer Praises & Concerns

Pray for Steve Geels as he recovers from his knee replacement surgery. Pray that his pain will continue to lessen. Pray for increased stability, strength, and mobility.