

## IMMANUEL MINISTRIES

### Contact Persons

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#### IN

Staff: Kurt Van Noord  
Leadership Team: April Woudstra  
Sunday School: Abby Schemper  
Small Groups: Pastor Kevin  
Funeral Team: Leah Schoonhoven  
Beverage Coordinator:  
Sharon Holz  
Cookie Coordinator:  
April Woudstra  
Library: Sue Meyers

#### OUT

Staff: Kurt Van Noord  
Leadership Team: Jackie Freese  
GEMS: Melissa Wiersma  
Cadets: Jevon Klyn, Tyler Schemper  
Youth Group:  
Kurt & Jen Van Noord  
Klint & Raeanne Tatsumi  
Cliff & Sherri Bootsma  
Jake & Lauren Thorson  
Love INC Personal Supplies Closet:  
Teresa Hoekstra

#### UP

Staff: Shonna Wassenaar  
Leadership Team: Tom Wibben  
Worship: Pastor Kevin Muyskens  
Communion: Tom Wibben  
Sound: Klint Tatsumi  
Welcome Team: Vacant  
Children & Worship:  
Rachel Rosenboom  
Decorations: Jaiden Tebben  
Nursery: Jessica Gesink  
Choir: Jack Schreurs  
Prayer Ministry:  
Lee & Arlene Scholten

#### OTHER

Leadership Team Secretary:  
Cobi Jones  
Treasurer: Treyton Schemper  
Building & Grounds: Mike Coulander  
Safety Team: Todd Wood  
Christian Education Society Board:  
Wade Heemskerk, President  
Tyler Schemper, VP  
Jessica Gesink, Treasurer  
Zack Wolf, Secretary

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### COUNCIL MEMBERS

#### Elders

Bart Peters (A)  
Steve Geels, VP (B)  
Brad Kraayenbrink (C)  
Dave Vande Brake (D)  
Ray Hernandez, Young Adult Elder  
Tom Wibben, Clerk

#### Deacons

Brian Wieringa, VP (A)  
Wade Heemskerk (B)  
Julie Jacobsma, Sec (C)  
Tyler Woudstra, Pres (D)  
Cobi Jones,  
Leadership Secretary

#### Household of Faith Ministry Partners

Group A: Deb (Bart) Peters  
Group B: Kim Heemskerk  
Group C: Chris Dykstra  
Group D: Sandy Muyskens

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT IMMANUEL

PASTOR KEVIN MUYSKENS

November 16, 2025

**Morning Worship:** Today we come to the conclusion of our Joshua series on the LIFE of a Disciple. In chapter 24 Joshua is facing the end of his time as Israel's leader and his imminent death. Before riding into the sunset he again calls Israel to renew the Covenant with the LORD. Israel is challenged to choose as their God the LORD who has chosen them. Christians are also chosen by the LORD, and we are called each day to chose to follow him as disciples.

**Evening Worship:** This evening is our third Praise & Worship service. The theme for the service is "Refuge" taken from Psalm 46: *God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear ...* Come and worship the LORD our Refuge. Hear from the Word and a testimony. Let someone pray for you in your time of struggle. If you'd like to join in fellowship and football at the Lighthouse after worship, bring an appetizer to share.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Women of Immanuel CRC and friends:** We would love to have your company at Ladies Night Out this Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Come sample some amazing chocolate desserts and meet some new friends!

**YOUTH GROUP will meet Wednesday** at the Lighthouse at 7:00 p.m. We will have a meal together and celebrate all we are thankful for. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Bring your Bible and a friend.

**Thanksgiving Offering:** Today you will find an envelope in the bulletin listing causes that our deacons have chosen to support through our Thanksgiving offering this year. Prayerfully consider what you would like to give towards. Bring your marked envelope back on Wednesday, November 26 for our Thanksgiving Eve worship service. The causes this year include Christian Education Society, General Fund, Mission Faith Promise, Resonate Global Mission, World Renew, and Love INC.

**The Congregational Meeting** to consider the 2026 budget has been set for Wednesday, December 10 @ 6:30 p.m. Please plan to come to be informed on this important part of our ministry plan and to participate in the approval process.

**The Giving Tree for Love INC is set up on the Connections table!**

Each of the tags is a gift for someone or a family who is specifically connected to Love INC. This year, on the reverse side of the tag is additional information about the individuals/families. This information was given as a way to connect and pray for those in need. Feel free to take a tag and remember to sign your name on the sheet. Please return the unwrapped gift by Monday, December 8. Talk to Kurt Van Noord or Jenna Hernandez if you have any questions.

**Advent Devotional:** For Advent this year Pastor Kevin is going to be working from a 25-day devotional called Waiting for Jesus by Rich Villodas. If you would like a copy to assist you on this journey you can order from Amazon (hard cover, audiobook, or kindle) or contact the church office to order you a hard cover for \$16-18. The book is not necessary for the series, but would provide an invitation to prayer and renewal as we prepare for the coming of the Savior.

**Membership Matters:**

- This morning we officially welcome Loren and Holly Kamstra as members of Immanuel church. They are joining us from Faith Community Church, and we are thankful they have found a church home here. Please welcome them warmly as they commit to making this journey with the Immanuel family.
- At their meeting Wednesday the council approved the transfer of the membership of Tessa (Schoonhoven) Klatt to First Presbyterian Church of Spirit Lake. We ask God's blessing on Tessa and her husband as they establish a new church home.

**Faith Challenge:** In a word, how would you describe who God is to you? We are gathering a new type of testimony from our congregation. We invite all age groups. Find Nate Muyskens after the service for your 5 second interview. "You will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

**The Sheldon Area Unity Meal** will be tomorrow evening, November 17 at Living Water Church in Sheldon. A free meal will be served from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. A free bag of groceries will also be offered after the meal.

**CALLED:** Full-time ministry is an extraordinary calling and great privilege, and is critical for the purposes of God in this world. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. But "how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?" If you have ever wondered if God is calling you to serve Him vocationally, whether as a pastor, missionary, chaplain, or something else; if you have questions about what ministry is like; if you wonder if it is worth it; if you don't know the next steps or process – please join us at Dordt University on Saturday, November 22 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. for "CALLED". Leaders will encourage you, talk with you, answer your questions, and explore if God is calling you. The event is free of charge and is for people of all ages, from high school to those nearing retirement, who are exploring full or part-time ministry. For more information and to register, go to <https://forms.gle/Sg6Zh4Jx6cbPDiE9A>. For questions email [pastor@firstcrcoc.org](mailto:pastor@firstcrcoc.org).

**Upcoming Worship Services:**

- Wednesday, November 26 @ 7:00 p.m. – Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service focusing on "Gratitude from the Vine" using scripture from John 15:1-17
- Sunday, December 14 @ 9:30 a.m. – Lessons & Carols Service featuring choir songs, children's songs, carols, and lessons from scripture
- Sunday, December 14 @ 6:00 p.m. – "God With Us" Christmas Praise & Worship. Fellowship and snacks to follow.

Sunday, December 24 @ 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Worship

**PRAYER & PRAISES**

**Lee Schemper** was hospitalized Wednesday. As of Thursday morning he was feeling better and hoping to return home. Pray for Lee's physical health as the cancer is taking a toll. Pray for Lee and Judy and their family as they walk this challenging road together. May they know God's presence and peace.

**Jack Schreurs'** brother Roy passed away November 8<sup>th</sup> in Cedar Grove, WI. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, November 19, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Sheboygan at 11:00 a.m. Pray for Jack and Kathy and for Roy's family as they mourn his passing. May the LORD be their comfort in their season of grief.