

**Offering Schedule:**

Today: AM: Tuition Help Fund  
PM: KNWC Radio (96.5 FM)  
Jan 29: AM: Sheldon Cadet Club  
PM: Cadets (National)

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

Today: Jessica G, Macy W, Caitlyn F  
Jan 29: Rachel J, Aidyn S, Cody S

**Morning Praise Team:**

Today: Trey & Abby Schemper, Samantha Jones  
Pianist: Shonna Wassenaar  
Jan 29: Kim Heemskerk, Kolby Heemskerk, Melissa Wiersma,  
David Wiersma, Matthew Wiersma  
Pianist: Trey Schemper

**Audio:**

Today: Zack  
Jan 29: Klint

**Video:**

Today: Kolby  
Jan 29: Charlie

**PowerPoint:**

Today: Dylan a.m.  
Eddie p.m.  
Jan 29: Lorna a.m.  
Eddie p.m.

**Coffee Servers:**

Today: Mark & Chris Dykstra, Stacy Klein, Marla Sas  
Jan 29: Lynn & Cindy Vande Brake, Greg & Starla Geels

**Children & Worship:**

Today: Katie W, Melissa W, Eddie W  
Jan 29: Rachel R, Tracy W, Joey W

*This Week at Immanuel: January 22 - 28*

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

*Welcome to Worship at Immanuel*

Pastor Kevin Muyskens  
January 22, 2023

**Morning Worship:** The Holy Spirit is the breath of God. This morning we focus on breathing in the fruit of Joy and breathing out counterfeit joys that lead to addiction. We know of addictions to drugs and such that lead to needing more and more of a substance to experience the same effect. Addiction is also a pathway in our minds that leads us to seek counterfeit experiences that can never satisfy instead of the complete joy of the Lord which is our strength.

**Small Group Material:** For this series we will be using material produced by Faith Alive. It has an introductory lesson and a single lesson on each of the 9 fruits. Each group will work out how to use the material. Group leaders will pick up material for their groups. The material can also be used on your own, so if you are not part of a participating small group feel free to pick up material from the Connections table. We will be glad to order more if we run out.

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/>.

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**Evening Worship:** This evening we welcome the Chamber Singers from Western Christian High School as they lead us in worship. Since their purpose is to lead worship they ask that we refrain from applause. Also please welcome the congregation from First CRC as they join us in this evening of worship and song. Pastor Kevin will be continuing his series on Romans as we look together at *Major League Grace* from Romans 5:1-11.

## Announcements

**The Prayer Team** will gather after worship this morning in the council room. Grab your coffee and a friend and join them. This prayer time is a unique opportunity to pray together for the needs of our congregation, community, and world. You are invited to come and go as needed.

**Notes from Council:** The council requests your assistance in welcoming families with young children. Changing tables have recently been installed in both men's and women's restrooms on the main level. The council also asks that the back two pews be reserved for families who may have need to take children out during worship.

**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.

**Valentine's Dinner:** You are invited to 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.

**From the Deacons:** As the Bible tells us in 2 Corinthians 9:11 "You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." This passage reminds us that the incredible blessing of giving is not to reward ourselves (our church, our causes, etc.), but to reflect God's great generosity towards us. Keeping this in mind, this is not praise to you or us as deacons, but as a thanksgiving to God. We, as deacons, would like to thank you for reflecting God's love onto Immanuel CRC in the past year. All of our 2022 budget obligations have been met, we finished the year with a small surplus of funds from the general fund giving. Thanks be to God for His great gifts to Immanuel!

**Youth Group Snack Sign Up** is on the Connections table. There are several meeting dates with openings for volunteers to sign up and provide a snack and drink for Youth Group's weekly meetings.

**Baked Potato Supper** Sheldon Christian invites the community to their annual baked potato supper to be held on Monday, January 23 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the school gym (1425 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street). Loaded baked potato, lettuce salad, fruit cup, homemade dessert, and beverage will be served. A free-will donation will be taken to support the school.

**Homecoming at Unity:** On Friday, January 27 Unity Christian High School will celebrate Homecoming beginning with a chapel at 1:30 p.m. in the Knight Center. Alumnus from the Class of 2013, Lincoln Rus, will be the featured speaker. Homecoming Royalty will be presented following the chapel, after which the student body will vote for the 2023 Knight and Lady. Announcement of the 2023 Knight and Lady will take place at the evening's basketball games. Alumni, friends and family of UCHS are invited to attend the evening festivities. Make plans to come and join us!

## Looking Ahead

- **Next Sunday Evening** we will host our annual Cadet service. The Cadet Corp will help to lead our worship and present highlights of their ministry. Rev. Brian Dunn will present the message as First CRC will be joining us for this service celebrating the Cadet ministry.
- **Community Worship Service of Christian Unity** will be held February 12 at 2:00 p.m. at Crossroads Pavilion. Rev. Jesse Walhof will be preaching. There will also be a **community choir** which will practice at the Pavilion from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Sundays now until the event. All are welcome to join.

## Prayer Praises & Concerns

**Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is today.** Pray for God's life-sustaining provision for all children. Lament the incidence of poverty that would force some parents to choose between caring for their born and unborn children. Ask God's forgiveness for our collective condition that results in the unborn not having the necessities of life, despite historic economic abundance. Praise God for the praise of children.