

## *Easter People: John the Baptist*

John 1:29-34; 3:22-36

*There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. -John 1:6-7*

### Easter People:

"We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!" - Pope John Paul II, *Angelus*, November 30, 1986.

### John the Baptist

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*And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins. -Luke 1:76-77*

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*The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! -John 1:29*

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*You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Christ but am sent ahead of him.' .... He must become greater; I must become less. -John 3:28-30*

### Our Story as Easter People:

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*For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit. -John 3:34*

*Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him." -John 3:36*

## *Welcome to Worship at Immanuel*

**Pastor Kevin Muyskens**

**January 9, 2022**

**Morning Worship:** As Christians, just who are we? We have celebrated the coming of Jesus and done so in light of his death and resurrection. We are an Easter people. We do not stick our heads in the sand and pretend that everything in life is always good. We know darkness and death, poverty and pain. But we also know that Jesus has defeated sin and death and has passed through his own pain to the glory of resurrection. We'll spend the next several weeks considering people from the Gospels who were transformed by Jesus and using them to explore how we live as Easter people. This week, the mysterious John the Baptist.

*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 first on Pastor Kevin's YouTube page, and by Tuesday on our church website, <http://immanuelsheldon.com/>; click on the top Media menu, then "Browse Sermons".*

**Evening Worship:** The next few Sunday evenings we'll consider three questions the church must answer: Aren't we better off without religion? Doesn't Christianity crush diversity? How can you say there is only one true faith? We'll seek to find answers that are both Biblically based and persuasive for those who don't acknowledge the Bible as an authority. Tonight, Pastor Kevin will lead us in looking at Psalm 1 which answers the first question with the strong statement, "Blessed is the one ... whose delight is in the law of the LORD."

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**This morning** we have the privilege to officially welcome Brody and Autumn Dauer as members at Immanuel. Autumn has been serving faithfully as our ministry coordinator for seven months. Today they will publicly affirm their faith in Jesus Christ in morning worship. We praise God for this step in their faith and in their connection to Immanuel Church.

**Today** Pastor Kevin will begin his morning sermon series that will take us to Easter. The small group material will begin shortly with the first small group sessions expected for January 23 or 30.

**Classes resume today** for Children & Worship, Sunday School and Catechism.

**New Year...New Sign-Up Sheets on the Connections Table!**

- Volunteers are needed to provide snacks and beverages for the youth group for their weekly meetings. More information can be found on the sign-up sheet.
- Consider having your family or your group of friends sign up to help serve coffee and juice on a Sunday morning. There are many openings through mid-March. 3-4 people are needed to help things run smoothly.

***We are again and again grateful** to be part of Immanuel family. We want to thank each of you for your love, thoughtfulness, and encouragement during this difficult time on the loss of Lorna's mother, Winifred Van Veldhuizen. We cannot thank you enough for gathering around us. The extent of your impact on our lives through messages of love through cards, flowers, food, prayer, a simple hug, sharing our tears, and listening to our mom stories is a great example of your love for our heavenly Father and for us. We treasure this verse as it is one of Lorna's mother's favorite as we walk this path: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." (Prov. 3:5) – Lorna & Brad Kraayenbrink*

**PRAYER PRAISES & CONCERNS**

**Karen Boer's sister, Alice Den Hartog**, passed away last Sunday and was laid to rest on Friday. Please pray that even though the family will mourn her loss, that they may also celebrate her life as she had continuously radiated Christ's love and was a diligent prayer warrior.

**Dawn Freese**, mother of Ryan, is in stable condition and continues to struggle daily with the effects of COVID. She was put back on a ventilator this past week. Please pray for her condition to improve, healing, and strength.

**From Danny & Christa Longkumer:** *We wanted to thank everyone at Immanuel for your continued support for our work in Laos and for remembering us in your prayers. Our English classes at Arda are starting soon. Please pray that we will be able to meet in person and not online!*

**Offering Schedule:**

Today: AM: Mission Faith Promise  
PM: Village Northwest Unlimited  
Jan 16: AM: Building Fund Maintenance & Benevolence  
PM: Christian Education Society

**Ushers:** Steve & Roz Geels, Mike Coulander

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

Today: Kristina W, Addison J, Mollie S  
Jan 16: Teresa H, Macy W, Ashley S

**Praise Team:**

Today: Tyler Schemper family  
Piano: Shonna Wassenaar  
Jan 16: Heemskerk and Wiersma families  
Piano: Shannon Schreurs

**Audio:**

Today: Kyler/Brody  
Jan 16: Jarace

**Video:**

Today: Charlie  
Jan 16: Stephen

**PowerPoint:**

Today: Lorna  
Jan 16: Shonna/Macy

**Children and Worship:** (Set up is 9:15 a.m. downstairs)

Today: Shannon S, Shea D, Mason/Avery D  
Jan 16: No Children & Worship (Communion)

**Coffee Servers:**

Today: Melanie Post, Stacy Klein, Teresa Hoekstra  
Jan 16: Scott & Alyssa Schmidt, Melissa & Matthew Wiersma

**This Week at Immanuel: January 9 – 15**

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

# IMMANUEL MINISTRIES

## Contact Persons

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### IN

Staff: Autumn Dauer  
Leadership Team: Chris Dykstra  
Sunday School: Sandy Muyskens  
Small Groups: Pastor Kevin Muyskens  
Work Groups: Deanna Wood  
Beverage Coordinator:  
    Sharon Holz  
Cookie Coordinator:  
    April Woudstra  
Library: Vacant

### OUT

Staff: Autumn Dauer  
Leadership Team: Krista Hanenburg  
GEMS: Melissa Wiersma  
Cadets: Jevon Klyn, Tyler Schemper  
Youth Group: Dane Buren  
    Autumn & Brody Dauer  
    Seth & Shelby Irmiter  
    Klint & Raeanne Tatsumi  
Love INC Personal Supplies Closet:  
    Teresa Hoekstra

### UP

Staff: Pastor Kevin Muyskens  
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: Vacant  
Nursery: Jessica Gesink  
Prayer Ministry:  
    Cindy Vande Brake

### OTHER

Leadership Team Secretary:  
    Tyler Schemper  
Treasurer: Gene Van Bruggen  
Building & Grounds: Mike Coulander  
Safety Team: Todd Wood  
Christian Education Society Board:  
    Tracy Wieringa, President  
    Jena Dykstra, Vice Pres.  
    Krista Hanenburg, Treasurer  
    Tyler Woudstra, Secretary

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## COUNCIL MEMBERS

### Elders

Mark Vander Pol, Clerk  
Brad Kraayenbrink (A)  
Dane Buren (B)  
Wade Wassenaar (C)  
Lynn Vande Brake (D)  
Jeff Schemper, VP and Youth Elder

### Deacons

Micah Schreurs, Pres (C)  
Zack Wolf (A)  
Dan Jacobsma (B)  
Joel Gesink (D)  
Tyler Schemper, Secretary

### Household of Faith Ministry Partners

Group A: Teresa Hoekstra  
Group B: Sharla Vander Pol  
Group C: Sue Meyers  
Group D: Jill Coulander