#### Offering Schedule:

Today: AM: Sioux City Gospel Mission

PM: Proclamation Aviation Ministries

Oct 3: AM: Christian Education Society

PM: Hope Haven

Ushers: Duane Haack, Randy ledema, Ron Smit

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

nursing moms)

Today: Jessica G, Avery D, Kolby H Oct 3: Teresa H, Mollie S, Landan H

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

Today: Rachel R. Marla W, Ella W Oct 3: Rachel R. Marla W, Ella W

Audio: Video: PowerPoint:

Today: Kyler Today: Sammie Today: Jackie H
Oct 3: Klint (Brody) Oct 3: Stephen Oct 3: Dylan

## <u>This Week at Immanuel: September 26 – October 2</u>

SUN: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

10:30 a.m. CES Annual Meeting

10:45 a.m. Sunday School & Catechism

11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal5:00 p.m. Prayer Ministry6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

WED: 7:00 p.m. Fuel for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders

7:15 p.m. Youth Group

# Welcome to Worship at Immanuel

## Pastor Kevin Muyskens September 26, 2021

Morning Worship: "That there may be no discord in the body, but that the members of the body may have the same care for one another" (1 Corinthians 12:25 RSV). In his wonderful illustration of the church as a body the Apostle Paul makes clear the need for both diversity and unity within the congregation. He highlights what is needed from the body as a whole for several different types of parts. The purpose of the illustration is found in vs. 25 from which we get our title for today, "Care for One Another."

The worship service will be presented at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at our host site: <a href="http://immanuelsheldon.online.church">http://immanuelsheldon.online.church</a>. It will be posted for later viewing first on Pastor Kevin's YouTube page, and by Tuesday on our church website, <a href="http://immanuelsheldon.com/">http://immanuelsheldon.com/</a>; click on the top Media menu, then "Browse Sermons".

**Evening Worship:** In a post-classis pulpit exchange, Rev. Phil Westra from Sanborn CRC will be preaching for us as Pastor Kevin fills the pulpit at Calvary CRC in Orange City. Pastor Phil will present a message called "Hospitality Surprises" based on the Scripture reading Genesis 18:1-15.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CES Annual Society Meeting** will take place this morning immediately following worship. A financial update will be given along with upcoming project information. Also, at this meeting the society will be electing officers. The nominees for Vice President are Brian Wieringa and Jena Dykstra. The nominees for treasurer are Krista Hanenburg and Deanna Wood.

**Prayer Gathering:** Immanuel's prayer ministry will meet this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. (note time) in the classroom next to the restrooms. Anyone is welcome to come pray. Our purpose in meeting is to just sit and pray together over anything and everything that is brought up. Come and go as you're able.

Congregational Meeting: The congregational vote last Sunday returned a split decision as motion to approve opening the office of deacons to women passed, but the motion to open the office of elder/pastor failed. The council would like to thank the congregation for their attention to this issue and for their guidance. We now continue the task of moving forward together to be the Immanuel Church that the LORD has called us to be.

Classis Heartland met Wednesday at Sibley CRC. We are thrilled to share the Ben Wiersma sustained his classical exam and will be ordained and installed at Sibley CRC October 10<sup>th</sup>. The classis also unanimously approved an overture from Sanborn CRC to Synod 2022 "to adopt all the recommendations from the report from the Committee to Articulate a Foundation-laying Biblical Theology of Human Sexuality." If you would like to hear more details from the meeting reach out to Deacons Zack Wolf and Micah Schreurs, Elder Brad Kraayenbrink, or Pastor Kevin who were our delegates.

**Fuel** is a new opportunity for **6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders** to come together and dive deeper into their faith. Sam and Cobi Jones will be leading a study where middle schoolers will be encouraged to take a deeper look at their Bible and see how God is working in their lives right now. This will take place at Immanuel on the following Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m.: <u>September 29 (this Wednesday)</u>, <u>October 13</u>, <u>October 17</u>, and <u>November 10</u>.

Opportunity for Children: Bethel Reformed Church has been promoting our GEMS and Cadets programs in their congregation. They have also reached out to us with an invitation to children in K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade to join them for their Wednesday evening educational programming held at Living Water on Wednesdays from 6:15 – 7:30. They use the Lifeway curriculum, which is a Faith Alive publication, and meet in small groups of mixed grades. 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to attend on the weeks that GEMS and Cadets do not meet. Please go to http://bethelsheldon.org/ministry-children/ for more information.

**CES Pop Can Shed:** The Christian Education Society is looking for individuals, a family, or a group who would be willing to take care of our pop cans for CES. It can easily be done every 2 weeks or however often you would like (just so it's not overflowing). This may be a perfect opportunity for those of you who would like to support our church in this way but can no longer join the crews on the silage piles! Please contact Kim Heemskerk at 348-2923 or Tracy Wieringa at 441-5091 or the church office with your wonderful willing heart.

**SAVE THE DATES:** Apple Pie Project dates are October 27-30!

**We would like to thank the congregation** for cards, visits, and prayers during Larry's recent surgery and recovery. God is good!

- Larry & Sue Meyers

### **PRAYER PRAISES & CONCERNS**

Continue to pray for Renea De Kam who was admitted to Sanford Sioux Falls this week. On Wednesday, she received several units of blood and had her spleen removed. As of Wednesday evening, Renea was out of surgery and awake. Pray for no further complications and for continued recovery. Pray also for Wade and the family as they continue to care for her.

Pray for the ministry of Brothers in Blue and specifically for Lee & Arlene Scholten and Tom Schemper who are spending this weekend inside the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield, SD. Approximately 80 inmates will join in this spiritual retreat. After COVID restrictions, there is a great hunger for spiritual food among the inmates. Please ask Lee, Arlene, and Tom about their weekend and when the next retreat will take place. They would love to see more folks from Immanuel participate in this program that is offered several times a year in various prisons; do know that it takes approximately three weeks' notice to gain clearance into the prison.

Michelle Maly forwarded us several prayer requests. They were attached, along with an article to the bulletin email sent out by our secretary. As you have opportunity, please read that attachment; printed copies can be found on the Connections table. Here are her prayer requests:

- 1. For my health. Although I am feeling better now, I have been sick the last two weeks and have two busy weeks coming up.
- 2. For my ministry partner Audrey's visit to Odessa over the next few weeks. We will be discussing several important aspects of ministry and organizational structure and making some big decisions about how we would like to see the ministry move forward.
- 3. For the Building Project as we finalize blueprints, hire contractors, and start building. There are a lot of details to decide, things and people to consider, and we also want to complete the homes as soon as possible.
- 4. For Misha and Tanya's family (our foster home) as the house they are renting may soon be sold and we would need to find other housing until our homes are built.
- 5. For my sister Rachel and her family as she continues treatment for breast cancer.