

Offering Schedule:

Today: AM: Christian Education Society
PM: Crossroads Bible Institute
Sept 15: AM: Katelyn's Fund and Benevolence
PM: Crossroads Bible Institute

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

Today: Alyssa P, Sydney H, Wyatt C
Sept 15: Marla W, Ella W, Lucas J

Children & Worship:

Today: Katie W, Marla W, Ella W
Sept 15: Katie W, Rebecca S, Karlee D

Morning Praise Team:

Today: Shonna Wassenaar, Kristina Wolf
Guitars: Dan Robinson, Chad Hamill
Drums: Janet Pan
Pianist: Treyton Schemper
Sept 15: Tyler Schemper family
Pianist: Shonna Wassenaar

Audio:

Today: Cobi
Sept 15: Klint

Video:

Today: Landan (Hallie)
Sept 15: Joey

PowerPoint:

Today: Lorna (Annie)
Sept 15: Cody

Coffee Servers:

Today: Bart & Deb Peters
Sept 15: Melane Post, Tom & Dianne Schemper

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL: September 8 - 14

SUN:	9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School & Catechism, Choir
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
WED:	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting followed by Deacons & Elders Meetings
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group Kick-off @ Heemskerks

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT IMMANUEL

Pastor Kevin Muyskens
September 8, 2024

Morning Worship: Teach Us to Want – Our fall series will lead us in training our desires to want the things of God. Jesus says in the Sermon on the Mount that “The eye is the lamp of the body.” In other words, how we see the world affects everything. So, instead of negatively training our eyes not to look at certain things (“Thou shalt not”), we will use the Ten Commandments and the Lord’s Prayer to positively focus our eyes on the good things God wants us to want.

Evening Worship: This evening Pastor Kevin will continue in Galatians. In Galatians 5:1 the Apostle Paul writes, “It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.” The natural state of human beings is actually to be enslaved to something. Freedom is an incredible challenge. Yet it is in grace given freedom that we are actually able to fulfill the purpose of God’s directions for our lives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Ministry Season is Here! Today will mark the beginning of our Sunday morning programming: Children in Worship, Sunday School, Catechism, and Choir will all begin following morning worship. New for this fall: Sunday School and Catechism classes will dismiss at 11:30 a.m. An informational letter was sent via email with updates and expectations.

The Fall Small Group Sermon Series is here and will run through November 17. This fall we will look to Scripture and the Gratitude section of the Heidelberg Catechism in a series called “Teach Us to Want.” If you are looking for a small group, please reach out to Pastor Kevin as soon as possible.

Youth Group Kick Off is Wednesday, September 11 @ 6:30 p.m.

- Meet at Heemskerks’s outdoor space! (3425 Monroe Ave). Come and go as you need! Supper, games, and snacks will be provided.
- Snack & Drink Sign Up: The Youth Group is looking for volunteers to help provide snacks for their weekly meetings. Sign up on the Connections table.

Welcome to Immanuel: To make entering church on a Sunday morning as welcoming as possible (especially for newcomers) we are looking for volunteers (both men and women) to serve as greeters. In the near future we are going to introduce a "welcome table" with information for guests. We will need greeters for both south doors and for the welcome table which could be staffed by a husband-and-wife team. We will set the schedule on a two-week basis so you can know when you are expected. Karl Dryfhout will be contacting people over the next few weeks. To sign up, please contact him at 360-477-0106 or kcdryfhout@gmail.com with your preference to serve at the doors or welcome table or with any questions.

Multi-Purpose Building Update: The building team has been meeting the last couple of months and making decisions for interior and exterior details. Dirt work has begun in hopes that most of the foundation work will be completed by the end of September with framing to follow. The building team is continuing to work with Wade Heemskerk on finalizing what is necessary to keep things moving forward and hopes to have input taken from the Youth Group regarding the space that they will be utilizing. If anyone has questions on the project, contact the building team: Shawn Wassenaar, Todd Wood, Tyler Schemper, Jill Schemper, Marla Wibben, or Lora Vande Brake. In a couple of weeks, a revised layout and floor plan will be on display.

The Women's Monday Night Bible Study will be starting again Monday, Sept 30 at 6:30 p.m. The study is titled "Now and Not Yet" by Ruth Chou Simons. Waiting on the Lord for direction, strength and answers can be challenging. In this study Ruth Chou Simons guides to see how God meets us while we wait. Bible study nights will be September 30, October 7 & 21, November 4 & 18, December 2. All women are invited to join us in this study. Contact Leah Schoonhoven or Deb (Bart) Peters if you have questions about this group, the study topic, and to let us know if you're planning to attend.

The Sheldon Ministerial will be offering Coats for Kids again this year! Coats will be given away on October 10 and November 14 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at Living Water Community Church in Sheldon. Coat donations are needed! Coats can be dropped off at Love INC (611 Park Row, Sheldon) anytime between now and November 14.

Find Your Fit – Opportunities to Serve!

- **Coffee Servers:** Please sign up on the Connections table if you are willing to serve coffee/juice after morning worship in the coming months. A minimum of 3 people is needed per Sunday.
- **Immanuel's Safety Team** is looking for new members to join their team. Contact Todd Wood (712-324-1915) for more information.

Justice For All is offering the following service trips in 2025: Juarez in January, Jackson, MS (two times in February), Kentucky in March, and Hildale, UT in early April. Anyone interested in learning more is invited to attend a Service & Learning trip meeting on Monday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the JFA office in Rock Valley. More information may be found in the fall JFA newsletter located on the Connections table or on their website: www.jfa-nwiowa.org.

Apple Pie Project 2024: Save the Dates! This year's project will run from October 30 – November 2.

PRAYER PRAISES & CONCERNS

Pray for our Children & Worship, Sunday School and Catechism programs. The education we provide for our children on Sunday mornings is a very important part of fulfilling our baptism vows. Pray for teachers that they will be able to receive children with love and present clearly the Bible stories and doctrines in our curriculum. Pray for children to be excited to learn the important elements of our faith. Pray for families to prize regular attendance and to follow up with their children about what they are learning.

Youth Group kicks off this week. Pray that the youth and their leaders will build solid relationships that will allow them to help one another grow in their walk with Christ. Pray also for the transition as Kurt comes on board in the next couple weeks.

Kurt Van Noord has accepted our offer to join us as Ministry Coordinator here at Immanuel. Kurt has tentative plans to officially begin on September 22. Kurt and Jen also were able to purchase a house in Sheldon. We praise God they will be able to move in near the end of October. Pray for them as they continue this period of big transitions.