

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT IMMANUEL

Pastor Kevin Muyskens

May 12, 2024

Offering Schedule:

Today: AM: Christian Education Society
PM: No evening worship at Immanuel
May 19: AM: Justice For All and Benevolence
PM: Christian Education Society

Safety Team:

Today: AM: Don B, TBD
PM: No evening worship at Immanuel
May 19: AM: Dan W, Todd W
PM: TBD

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

Today: Melissa W, Cody S, Sammie H
May 19: Rebecca S, Karlee D, Kolby H

Morning Praise Team:

Today: Kristina Wolf, Shonna Wassenaar
Pianist: Kathy Wieringa
May 19: Jeff Schemper, Dave Vande Brake,
Dylan Hanenburg, Aidyn Schemper.
Guitars: Dan Robinson, Ray Hernandez
Drums: Janet Pan
Pianist: Trey Schemper

Audio:

Today: Klint
May 19: Cobi

Video:

Today: David
May 19: Brody (Dan W)

PowerPoint:

Today: Eddie
May 19: Autumn

Children & Worship

Today: Rachel R, Evie R, Nina R
May 19: No Children & Worship

Coffee Servers:

Today: Roger Boer, Marlin & Leah Schoonhoven
May 19: Dan Wiersma family

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL: May 12 – 18

SUN: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Ascension Day Worship @ First CRC

Morning Worship: The prophet Ezekiel is in exile in Babylon with many of God's people. In this difficult place he picks up many of the themes of the Good Shepherd from Jeremiah and from Psalm 23. Ezekiel's prophecy adds a new element: The LORD, the good shepherd, will judge between good sheep and bad sheep, who not only eat and drink their fill, but keep others from enjoying the LORD's provision. How do we fare when examined in this light?

Evening Worship: Tonight, we gather at First CRC in Sheldon at 6:00 p.m. to celebrate Christ's ascension to his heavenly throne. We will be joining First, Sibley and Ocheyedan CRCs. Pastor Brian Dunn will be preaching. Plan to join for refreshments and fellowship following the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Sunday School today for Mother's Day, but PreK-5th grade Sunday school will be having an end of year celebration next Sunday, May 19.

Congregational Meeting Results

- Elected were: Tom Wibben as clerk, Steve Geels elder of Household B, Brad Kraayenbrink elder of Household C, Tyler Woudstra deacon of Household D, and Sandy Muyskens ministry partner for Household D. We thank those who were willing to let their nominations stand for these important offices.
- The multi-purpose building project passed with a 76% majority including a stipulation that there would be \$60,000 cash on hand before the project would start. The goal is to have the funds to begin by July 1.

Update from CES: We are \$10,000 short on our year-end goal. Our goal would be to have funds by May 19 so we can pay our schools by the end of the school year, otherwise another fundraiser will be needed. Please consider giving generously to clear up our commitment to our schools and students for this year!

Next Sunday, Joel De Witt from Justice For All will join us in worship. He will share about JFA's ministries, focusing on their service trip opportunities. Joel will be available for questions after the service. Our morning offering will be taken for JFA.

Prayer Team will be meeting next Sunday at 8:45 a.m. in the northeast classroom. All are welcome to present any prayer requests and to pray over current events.

Youth Group Pizza Ranch Night! Join us at Pizza Ranch for supper on Wednesday, May 29 to support our youth group. A percentage of all sales that evening and tips will go towards supporting the youth group and our youth service trip to Accompong, Jamaica.

Household of Faith B: Please be looking for a flyer in your mailboxes with details about an upcoming potluck on Sunday, June 2. Questions? Contact Roz @ 712-631-9651.

Ministry Coordinator Search: With Autumn stepping down in July, Immanuel is looking for a new ministry coordinator. The job currently includes oversight of outreach ministries, oversight of discipleship and fellowship ministries, and leading the youth group. These can be combined as a full-time position or divided into two or three pieces. If you have questions or would consider all or part of this position, please reach out to Pastor Kevin for further information and a job description.

Funeral Team: As work groups have been used for less and less every year—now only being used for funerals at our church—we would like to transition fully away from work groups and create a team of about 15 people who are willing to help serve food and clean up at funerals. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please contact Autumn Dauer (507-383-0744).

Introducing the Bible: Tuesdays, beginning June 12, Pastor Kevin will be offering a class introducing the Bible. If you are new to the Bible and want an introduction to this sometimes mystifying gathering of God-inspired writings, or if you have read it your whole life and would like more insight on how the different books work together, join us Tuesday evenings this summer. More details and a sign up will come in the next couple weeks.

Considering Our Mission: *Are you a mom with young children who love to go to the park in the summer? Consider starting a regular play date and picnic a couple of times a month with other moms and their children. Invite a few Christian friends and some non-Christian friends so you can be purposeful and on mission together.* (Morrow 92).

PRAYER PRAISES & CONCERNS

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of motherhood. Today, we celebrate the loving sacrifice of mothers, both biological and spiritual, who nurture and guide us in Your ways. Bless them with joy, strength, and love to continue their selfless devotion. May they feel deeply appreciated and honored not just today, but every day. Amen.

Even as we celebrate mothers and motherhood today, we want to remember in prayer those who have more difficult stories to tell.

Pray for healing for those who have endured broken and difficult relationships with mothers or children. Pray for those who struggle to have children that the LORD may fulfill their lives with good things according to his good plan. Pray for those who are separated from their children that the LORD would remove obstacles and open doors for reconnection.

Today we also want to pray for those among our Immanuel family who are expecting children.

May the LORD bless mothers and children with good health, prepare homes to receive children in love, and bring about healthy and timely births.

We celebrate the LORD's faithfulness to Tom & Dianne Schemper who celebrated 50 years of marriage this past week. Cake is being served after this morning in honor of their anniversary. From Tom & Dianne: *We praise God for 50 years of marriage and how He has richly blessed us with our family and our church home. Psalm 127:1 says, "Unless the LORD builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted. Unless the LORD protects a city, guarding it with sentries will be no good."*

Pray for those who are graduating in the next few weeks. For all it is a time of transition to new things. Pray for those seeking employment that the LORD will open doors for work that provides and is fulfilling. For those moving on to a new school or a new stage of education pray that the LORD will prepare them for what is next and allow them to find a place to belong. We pray that they may celebrate the milestone of graduation and be encouraged by this accomplishment.