

Prelude

Opening Song: "No Other Name"

Welcome

Community Connections

*God's Greetings

*Mutual Greeting

*Call to Worship from Psalm 145:5-7

*Songs of Worship:

"How Great is Our God" with "How Great Thou Art"

"O Praise the Name" (Anastasis)

Call to Confession

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*"I Love to Tell the Story" #530 all 3 vs.

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Christian Education Society

Offertory

Children's Message

(Children may be dismissed to Children & Worship)

Scripture: Mark 1:9-15

Message: *Witness: Prepare*

Prayer of Response

*Song of Response: "Build Your Kingdom Here"

*Parting Blessing

*"Build Your Kingdom Here" chorus

Postlude

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

1. Joyful joyful we adore Thee

God of glory Lord of love

Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee

Opening to the sun above

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness

Drive the dark of doubt away

Giver of immortal gladness

Fill us with the light of day

2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee

Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays

Stars and angels sing around Thee

Center of unbroken praise

Field and forest vale and mountain

Flowery meadow flashing sea

Chanting bird and flowing fountain

Call us to rejoice in Thee

3. Thou art giving and forgiving

Ever blessing ever blest

Wellspring of the joy of living

Ocean depth of happy rest

Thou our Father Christ our Brother

All who live in love are Thine

Teach us how to love each other

Lift us to the joy divine

4. Mortals join the mighty chorus

Which the morning stars began

Father love is reigning o'er us

Brother love binds man to man

Ever singing march we onward

Victors in the midst of strife

Joyful music lifts us sunward

In the triumph song of life

It is Good to Sing Your Praises

1. It is good to sing Your praises

and to thank You, O Most High,

showing forth Your lovingkindness

when the morning lights the sky.

It is good when night is falling,

of Your faithfulness to tell,

while with sweet, melodious praises

songs of adoration swell.

2. You have filled our hearts with gladness; at the works Your hands have wrought;

You have made our lives victorious; great Your works and deep Your thought.

You, O LORD, on high exalted, reign forevermore in might; all Your enemies shall perish, sin be banished from Your sight.

3. But the good shall live before You, planted in Your dwelling place, fruitful trees and ever verdant, nourished by Your boundless grace.

In His goodness to the righteous, God His righteousness displays; God, my Rock, my Strength and Refuge, just and true are all Your ways.

To God Be the Glory

1. To God be the glory, great things he has done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,

who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord,

Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son and give him the glory, great things he has done!

2. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son, but purer and higher and greater will be our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

IMMANUEL MINISTRIES

Contact Persons

IN

Staff: Autumn Dauer
Leadership Team: April Woudstra
Sunday School: Sandy Muyskens
Small Groups: Autumn Dauer
Work Groups: Deanna Wood
Beverage Coordinator:
Sharon Holz
Cookie Coordinator:
April Woudstra
Library: Sue Meyers

UP

Staff: Shonna Wassenaar
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: Jaiden Tebben
Nursery: Jessica Gesink
Prayer Ministry:
Lee & Arlene Scholten

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Elders

Lyle Hoekstra (A)
Dane Buren, VP (B)
Wade Wassenaar (C)
Matt Hanenburg (D)
Ray Hernandez, Youth Elder
Mark Vander Pol, Clerk

Household of Faith Ministry Partners

Group A: Deb (Bart) Peters
Group B: Roz Geels
Group C: Gail Anderson
Group D: Jill Coulander

OUT

Staff: Autumn Dauer
Leadership Team: Krista Hanenburg
GEMS: Melissa Wiersma
Cadets: Jevon Klyn, Tyler Schemper
Youth Group:
Autumn & Brody Dauer
Klint & Raeanne Tatsumi
Cliff & Sherri Bootsma
Todd & Deanna Wood
Love INC Personal Supplies Closet:
Teresa Hoekstra

OTHER

Leadership Team Secretary:
Tyler Schemper
Treasurer: Treyton Schemper
Building & Grounds: Mike Coulander
Safety Team: Todd Wood
Christian Education Society Board:
Rachel Rosenboom, Pres
Tracy Wieringa, VP
Krista Hanenburg, Treasurer
Jill Schemper, Secretary

Deacons

Brian Wieringa, VP (A)
Shawn Wassenaar, Pres (B)
Lorna Kraayenbrink, Secretary (C)
Cobi Jones (D)
Tyler Schemper

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel

Pastor Kevin Muyskens

September 10, 2023

Morning Worship: This morning we begin our fall series titled "Witness" with the message, "Prepare." Pastor Kevin will teach from Jesus' preparation for ministry through his baptism and temptation in the wilderness from Mark 1:9-15. Study questions are on the back of the sermon outline. Our questions are taken from the Resonate Global (the CRC missions agency) study. The full study is available on the Connections table for anyone who would like it.

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/>.

Evening Worship: This evening we will gather outside on the east lawn for an evening of worship and fellowship. A shortened worship service will be followed by hot dogs, yard games, and s'mores. Bring a lawn chair and let's enjoy our Immanuel family.

Announcements

Children & Worship will dismiss during the morning service and meet downstairs. All children age 3 through kindergarten welcome!

Fall Programming will begin this morning with Children & Worship, Sunday school, Catechism, and Choir starting up. Today's message will also be the first sermon of our fall series with accompanying small group material.

Communion: Next Sunday morning we will share the Lord's Supper together. During this week we are asked to examine our relationship with Jesus and with our fellow church members seeking reconciliation before we proclaim our trust in Jesus and unity with one another through him.

CES Apple Pie Project: Mark your calendars for October 25-28 to help make some delicious apple pies Immanuel CRC is well-known for. Pies will be sold for \$17 this year. Order forms in your mailboxes and on the Connections table.

Check out the Church Library! Many new books have been added over the past few months for people of all ages! Featured book: Becoming a Welcoming Church by Thom Rainer from the church library. The leadership team is currently reading this book together as we focus on what guests experience when they visit Immanuel. (Rainer is the Author of I Am a Church Member that we used for our small group study a few years back.)

Considering Our Mission: *Guests are often uncomfortable sitting in the sanctuary the few minutes before worship begins. "Make the effort to greet and speak to someone already seated before the service begins ... Guests are most often overlooked in the few minutes right before the worship services. No one speaks to them or sits with them." (Rainer 20)*

Thank you to my Immanuel family for all the prayers, phone calls, meals, and visits after my knee procedure. It was greatly appreciated!

Prayer Praises & Concerns

Donna Poppema moved to a swing bed at Sanford Sheldon just over a week ago. Pray for her continued progress as she works diligently at physical therapy.

Stacy Klein had neck surgery Tuesday which went as planned. She returned home Wednesday. Currently talking is difficult and she is very sore so she requests no visitors. Pray for her recovery and reach out to her with a text or card.

Ed Griffioen asked for prayers as he shared that he has prostate cancer that has spread. His process has moved quickly, and he is being treated at Mayo. Pray for Ed and Arlene as they adjust to this new situation. Pray for Ed's health as he walks through the treatments.

All of Immanuel's fall ministries have started. Pray for a strong start to the year and for the many volunteers who lead in various ways.

Offering Schedule:

Today: AM: Christian Education Society
PM: Genesis House
Sept 17: AM: Mission Faith Promise & Benevolence
PM: Christian Education Society

Safety Team:

Today: AM: Brody D, Dan W
PM: Don B, Todd W
Sept 17: AM: Brody D, Dane B
PM: TBD

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

Today: Kristina W, Kolby H, Sydney H
Sept 17: Sam J, Aidyn S, Annie S

Morning Praise Team:

Today: Jeff Schemper, Dave Vande Brake,
Dylan Hanenburg, Aidyn Schemper
Pianist: Jill Schemper
Sept 17: Kim Heemsker, Kolby Heemsker,
Sam Jones, Nate Muyskens
Pianist: Kathy Wieringa

Audio:

Today: Jarace
Sept 17: Klint

Video:

Today: Autumn
Sept 17: David

PowerPoint:

Today: Landan
Sept 17: Matthew

Coffee Servers:

Today: Brad & Lorna Kraayenbrink, Don & Elaine Damstra
Sept 17: Dennis & Doris Kreykes, Wade & Kristi Wassenaar

This Week at Immanuel: September 10 - 16

SUN: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship
10:45 a.m. Sunday School & Catechism
11:00 a.m. Choir
6:00 p.m. Outdoor Evening Worship & Fellowship
WED: 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting followed by
Deacons and Elders Meetings
7:15 p.m. Youth Group

September 10, 2023
IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*THE CHURCH OFFICE is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Please submit all bulletin and announcement materials by 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning.*

Sheldon Christian

- **FAMILY FUN NIGHT!** Come eat and enjoy fun and games for the whole family! Family Fun Night is a great opportunity to fellowship and get to know our school family.
 - When??? Tuesday, September 12 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. (9/19 rain date)
 - Where??? SCS Playground and north parking lot
 - What's to eat??? Hot dogs will be served!
 - Activities??? Games, bouncy houses, 9-square and more!
 - **Grade Leve Game:** Starting at 5:30 p.m. with preschool, each grade level will have a time to play a game led by Mr. Schreur and Mr. Schoonhoven (around 10 minutes/grade)
 - **Music Makers:** This class will stimulate your child's emotional, social, and intellectual growth! This fall class is for 3 – 6 year-olds and will be held on six consecutive Mondays starting October 9. There are two time slots available. 3 – 4 year-olds will meet from 10:45-11:25 a.m. and 4 – 6 year-olds will meet from 11:30-12:10 p.m. This class will be held at Sheldon Christian School. Cost is \$30 per child. Register by calling 324-2429 or stopping in the school office.

Community Announcements

Looking for Christ-centered work? Love INC of Greater O'Brien County is hiring an Administrative Assistant and Spanish Ministries Coordinator. Job descriptions and application details can be found by visiting www.sheldon-loveinc.org/employment.

Sheldon MOPS is looking for mentor moms and childcare volunteers! If you are a seasoned mom or grandma and would like to nourish the next generation of moms with their lives, knowledge, and support, you are who we are looking for! This can be anyone 8th grade and older who loves kids, needs volunteer hours, or just wants to help. If this interests you or you would like more information, please contact Brianna at bfvdz22@gmail.com.

Kingdom Boundaries Prison Aftercare Benefit: The 9th Annual Fall Benefit is coming up on Thursday, September 14 at Carmel Reformed Church (2801 360th St, Rock Valley, IA 51247). This is a great evening of fellowship and raising money for Kingdom Boundaries. The silent auction will run from 5:00-6:00 p.m. followed by dinner. The program and live auction will begin at 7:00 p.m. To register contact Rhonda at by phone (305-695-0059) or email (rhonda.h@kingdomboundaries.org). Online registration is also available at www.kingdomboundaries.org/events.

From the Dordt University Music Department:

- ∞ You are invited to join the Dordt University Music Department on Friday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium as we kick off the fall semester of concert offerings with the annual Instrumental Pops Concert. This year's concert will feature music from Broadway – you will hear works from famous Broadway shows such as West Side Story, The Music Man, Les Miserables, and more! The Dordt Mass Band and Chamber Orchestra will delight the ears! The concert will also be livestreamed at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.
- ∞ The annual Dordt University Honors Recital will take place on Friday, September 22 at 3:00 p.m., in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Performers in the honors recital have all received named music scholarships made possible by Dordt University donors. All are welcome to a reception honoring the performers in the lobby of the auditorium following the recital.

Hope Haven Talsma ATV & Horse Ride Benefit: Ready for an adventure? Bring your ATVs, side-by-sides, dirt bikes, or horses and joy Hope Haven to their Talsma Benefit Ride at Talsma's Trail Park on Saturday, September 16. For more information and to sign-up go to www.hopehaven.org/events.

Warrior Run: Inspiration Hills will hold their 8th Annual Warrior Run on Saturday, September 16. This adventure is a 1 mile or 5K run for any skill level using the marked trails at Inspiration Hills. Register online at www.inspirationhills.org/warrior-5k.

Coffee for Sale: Danny and Christa Longkumer have speciality organic Pilgrim's Coffee for sale. They roast it at their coffee shop in Laos and it's a big part of their work and ministry. If you would like to support them by buying a 17-ounce bag for \$18 dollars, please email Christa at christalongkumer@gmail.com or text her at 712-348-0297.