**Offering Schedule:**

Today: AM: Katelyn’s Fund and Benevolence

 PM: Crossroads Bible Institute

Sept 22: AM: Mission Faith Promise

 PM: Christian Education Society

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

 for nursing moms)

Today: Marla W, Isabella H, Lucas J

Sept 22: Twyla S, Chris F, Ella W

Children & Worship:

Today: Katie W, Rebecca S, Karlee D

Sept 22: Tami S, Mollie S, Annie S

**Morning Praise Team:**

Today: Tyler Schemper family

 Pianist: Shonna Wassenaar

Sept 22: Kim Heemskerk, Kolby Heemskerk, Sam Jones

 Pianist: Kathy Wieringa

**Audio: Video: PowerPoint:**

Today: Klint Today: Joey Today: Cody

Sept 22: Jarace Sept 22: Collin (Asher) Sept 22: Eddie (Addison)

**Coffee Servers:**

Today: Melane Post, Tom & Dianne Schemper

Sept 22: Lyle & Teresa Hoekstra, Lee & Judy Schemper

**THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL: September 15 – 21**

SUN: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

 10:45 a.m. Sunday School & Catechism, Choir

 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

MON: 7:30 p.m. Leadership Team

WED: 7:00 p.m. GEMS @ Immanuel

 Cadets @ First CRC

 7:15 p.m. Youth Group @ Living Water

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT IMMANUEL**

Pastor Kevin Muyskens

September 15, 2024

**Morning Worship: Teach Us to Want -** After his resurrection, Jesus asks Peter, “Do you love me more than these?” This is the question of the first commandment, “You shall have no other gods before me.” As we seek to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in training our wants we are challenged with the fundamental question, do we want God more than the gifts God gives us?

 **Communion –** During morning worship today we have the privilege to share in the Lord’s Supper where we proclaim Jesus’ death as our only hope of forgiveness and eternal life. All who believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior and who have publicly claimed that belief through membership in a Christian church are invited to participate. All elements are gluten free.

**Evening Worship:** Galatians presents the Christian life as a battle between the flesh (our human nature) and the spirit (God’s Holy Spirit at work transforming believers from within). Winning the war within requires relying not on ourselves but on keeping in step with the Holy Spirit which is submitting to God’s leadership in our lives.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Youth Group Announcements**

* Meet at Living Water this Wednesday @ 7:15 p.m.
* 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.

**Membership Matters:** Davis and Faith (Kamanda) Kasule joined the council to reaffirm their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. On Sunday, October 6 we will hear their reaffirmation as we receive Davis, Faith, and Myles. That Sunday we will also have the privilege to participate in the baptism of their infant daughter, Mariana Sifa.

October 6 will also be the baptism date for Waylon Bradley, infant son of Benjamin and Melanie Geels, and Reggie Ray, infant son of Joel and Jessica Gesink.

 *Nathan Broek was accepted as a member of Immanuel after we received his membership papers from Doon United Reformed Church. Nathan is more regularly able to join us at the evening services. Welcome him warmly when you have the opportunity.*

**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, contact Carl 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, September 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 us 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.

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

**PRAYER PRAISES & CONCERNS**

**Praise the Lord with Nichole and Rob Sigafus.** Their son, Adrian James, was born at 1:42 a.m. Wednesday morning. He weighed in at 6lbs 4oz and was 19 inches long. Pray for this family as they adjust to their first child; may they raise him to know and love the Lord. Pray for continued health for Nichole and Adrian.

**Pray for those who are involved in fall farming** activities and for safety in transportation. Pray for those operating equipment and for God’s protection over the weeks ahead. We are reminded of the many hands and feet that come together to cover silage piles and the busyness of the harvest season. Praise the LORD for blessing our area with bountiful crops!

**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.