

## IMMANUEL MINISTRIES

### Contact Persons

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Staff: Autumn Dauer  
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Small Groups: Autumn Dauer  
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Staff: Shonna Wassenaar  
Leadership Team: Mark Vander Pol  
Worship: Pastor Kevin Muyskens  
Communion: Mark Vander Pol  
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Head Usher: Steve Geels  
Children & Worship:  
Rachel Rosenboom  
Decorations: Jaiden Tebben  
Nursery: Jessica Gesink  
Choir: Jack Schreurs  
Prayer Ministry:  
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### 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  
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Building & Grounds: Mike Coulander  
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Tracy Wieringa, VP  
Krista Hanenburg, Treasurer  
Jill Schemper, Secretary

#### Deacons

Brian Wieringa, VP (A)  
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## Welcome to Worship at Immanuel

Pastor Kevin Muyskens

December 17, 2023

**Morning Worship:** Today we light the candle of Love! This morning we look at the angels' song promising good news of great joy for all people. In Bethlehem the love of God is truly on display as the eternal Son of God – God himself – took on humanity through a humble birth celebrated by unwashed shepherds straight from the fields. Praise God for his self-sacrificing love for us.

**Evening Worship:** As followers of Jesus, we are to be wise making the most of every opportunity. We are called to make music with our words and our thoughts as we interact with one another and as we communicate with our Lord. Those are wonderful words; this evening we'll seek to apply them to our everyday living.

### Announcements

**Sunday school, Catechism, Children & Worship** will meet today for their final meeting of 2023.

**Congregational Meeting:** The 2024 budget was approved with solid support. We thank the congregation for the great financial support in 2023 as we are poised to end the year in the black both in relation to budgeted income and in relation to actual expenses.

**GEMS & Cadets Christmas party** will be Wednesday beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Immanuel. Donations for the party are due TODAY and may be brought to the labeled tub in the fellowship hall.

**Chicago Refugee Support:** Thousands of refugees have arrived in Chicago (and other US cities) with very few possessions and unprepared for cold weather. We are supporting ministries by local churches (St. Augustine's Episcopal Church of Wilmette, IL and Immanuel Lutheran Church of Evanston, IL) as they put together survival packs for these displaced people. A list of items we can add to our Christmas shopping has been placed in church mailboxes. Donations are due by December 24 and will be transported to Chicago the next week.

**The Giving Tree is empty!** To help fill the empty tree, we invite you to hang your family Christmas card on the Giving Tree for our church family to enjoy.

**Christmas Worship:** With the 24<sup>th</sup> being a Sunday, we are going to have our "Christmas morning" service at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup>. That evening we will share a more traditional Christmas Eve service at 6:00 p.m. These are great times to invite classmates, co-workers, neighbors, and friends. Invitation cards are available on the Connections table. There will be no services on Monday, December 25.

**Support our Missionaries:** As we celebrate Christmas, we want to remember our missionaries who are celebrating in other countries and teaching about the true meaning of Christmas. Christmas cards are available on the Connections table for each of our missionaries. Please take some time to sign them as a way to let them know we are thinking of them and encouraging them during the holiday season.

**Considering Our Mission:** *Invite a friend, neighbor, or co-worker to come to one of our Christmas services next Sunday.*

### Prayer Praises & Concerns

**Renaë De Kam** continues here radiation treatments in Rochester Monday through Friday until December 29. Pray for her as she spends this time away from her family. Praise God that to this point she has been generally feeling well. Pray for her general health as the treatments will likely begin to take a toll.

**Joel Gesink** received good news this week: his leg injury will not require surgery but can be treated with a boot and physical therapy. Pray that this treatment plan will facilitate his healing and that he will make a complete and timely recovery.

**Pray for many who are traveling** over the next few weeks that they will travel safely and without complications.

**Pray for our gatherings** of family and friends that we can build and enjoy fellowship. Pray for those who are dealing with strained relationships that this might be a season of peace and reconciliation.

### **Offering Schedule:**

Today: AM: Mission Faith Promise and Benevolence  
PM: Christian Education Society  
Dec 24: AM: Cornerstone Prison Ministries  
PM: World Renew

### **Safety Team:**

Today: AM: Mike C, Brian W  
PM: Mike C, Dan W  
Dec 24: AM: Brody D, Dan W  
PM: Dan W, Don B

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

Today: Jaiden T, Macy W, Chris F  
Dec 24: Jessica G, Aidyn S, Dylan H

### **Morning Praise Team:**

Today: Tyler Schemper family  
Pianist: Kathy Wieringa  
Dec 24: Shonna Wassenaar, Kristina Wolf  
Bass Guitar: Ray Hernandez  
Box Drum: Alyssa Schmidt  
Pianist: Jill Schemper

### **Audio:**

Today: Zack  
Dec 24: Jarace

### **Video:**

Today: Joey (Autumn)  
Dec 24: Landan (Klint)

### **PowerPoint:**

Today: Cody  
Dec 24: Lorna

### **Children & Worship**

Today: Jill C, Michael W, Sam W  
Dec 24: No Children & Worship

### **Coffee Servers:**

Today: Mark & Chris Dykstra, Collin Hoffard  
Dec 24: Harlan & Diane Vander Griend, Jim & Rachel Jansen

### *This Week at Immanuel: December 17 - 23*

SUN:	9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
WED:	6:30 p.m.	GEMS & Cadets Christmas Party @ Immanuel
	7:15 p.m.	Youth Group