

## IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH 2020 Church Statistics

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### **Births**

Lily Ann De Kam (5/22/2020)  
Jax Dean Tebben (9/13/2020)  
Luka Richard Gesink (9/25/2020)

### **Baptisms**

Lily Ann De Kam (10/18/2020)  
Jax Dean Tebben (11/1/2020)  
Luka Richard Gesink (11/15/2020)

### **Profession of Faith**

None (Note: there have been individuals that have come before the elders to profess their faith this past year, but have not yet the publicly professed their faith before the congregation)

### **Joined our church**

Jena Schouten  
Linda Kreykes  
Adam Tebben

### **Left our church for other congregations**

Nate Boer  
Summer Folkerts  
Ross Bootsma

### **Deaths**

Roger Poppema  
Jerry Van't Hul  
Rod Vande Brake

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel

Pastor Kevin Muyskens

January 3, 2021

**Morning Worship:** As we enter 2021 there is so much of which we are uncertain. Events and games get canceled or rescheduled at a moment's notice or the invitation list is drastically limited. What differences will the government transition make to our economy, to our freedoms, to virus response? How will it effect your life, business, or plans for the future? This, on top of all the regular uncertainties of changes in our jobs, our families, our health, and circumstances. God says in 1 Peter 1:24-25 "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever."

*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 first on Pastor Kevin's youtube page, and by Tuesday on our church website, <http://immanuelsheldon.com/> under the Connections tab.*

**Evening Worship:** Tonight, we will look at what is traditionally known as the story of "Cain and Abel," or even more descriptive "Cain Murders Abel." Genesis 4, however, begins a birth and with words recognizing the LORD's blessing as Eve states, "With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man." What are we to make of this? What is the main purpose and message of this sad story?

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**No Children & Worship, Sunday School, and Catechism today.**

Classes will resume on January 10.

**Next Sunday:** We will take time in our morning service to recognize and appreciate the outstanding leadership service with which Jenna Hernandez has blessed our congregation over the past four years.

**Ministry Coordinator & Missional Coordinator:** Jenna stepping down opens two positions in our leadership which we will be looking to fill in the near future. If you would be interested in filling either position as an interim volunteer or might be interested in applying for either part-time position or know someone who would, please express that to Pastor Kevin, Cliff Bootsma, or Larry Meyers.

**Library News:** The church library has new books in. Check them out! This includes a new thirty day devotional that was mailed to us as a Christmas gift from our missionary friends, Steve & Frankie Wunderink. Also, check your bookshelves at home and return any books that may have gotten mixed into your own library. We have around 50 books and DVDs out right now.

**Attention Singers:** You are invited to lift your voice in unity by joining a mass choir consisting of members from the broader Sheldon community. This is a great opportunity for choir members in high school, college, and churches to share your talents! The plan is to have practices at the Crossroads Pavilion at 1:00 p.m. starting TODAY, January 3 and for the next five weeks and then performing at the Community Service of Christian Unity at the Crossroads Pavilion on February 7 at 2:00 p.m. The goal is to have 100+ voices united in singing a few songs of praise.

**Birthday Cards for Michelle's Orpphans Due:** TODAY - January 3  
Boy: Danya (11)  
Girls: Mila (15), Ira (18), Katia (13)

***We are so blessed** to have such a caring and loving church family. Your outpouring of prayers, food, text messages, and words of encouragement were so uplifting to us and deeply appreciated. In Christ, Alfred and Pam Wassenaar*

**Worship Practices:** All worshippers above the age of two are asked and strongly encouraged to wear masks while in the building. If you need a break from the mask the best time is during the sermon. Please wear masks and limit direct contact before and after worship. Council will continually reevaluate our practices in light of congregational response, the local situation, and direction from Des Moines.

**Sheldon Mobile Food Bank Distribution** will be Monday, January 4 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the Living Water Community Church parking lot. Please enter the south driveway and have an open trunk.

## **PRAYER PRAISES & CONCERNS:**

**Christa Longkumer writes:** Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! This is the week for our retreat! We are excited to gather with about 30 other people (plus 20 children) for a time of worship, prayer and sharing. We have some engaging speakers lined up who have lived in Laos and know the Lao context for sharing. And we are looking forward to spending time in God's presence as we worship Him. Please pray a blessing over this time that we will be blessed as we worship his glorious name! Most of the people coming already know the Father, but there are a few who do not yet know him. Please also pray for open hearts for these people.

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**Offering Schedule:** (baskets will be labeled as you enter/exit)

Today: AM: Christian Education Society  
PM: Village Northwest Unlimited  
Jan 10: AM: Mission Faith Promise  
PM: Village Northwest Unlimited

**Ushers:** Tyler Schemper, Tom Schemper, Dan Wiersma

**Praise Team:**

Today: Dave Vande Brake, Dylan Hanenburg,  
Chandler Schemper, Aidyn Schemper  
Pianist: Jill Schemper  
Guitars: Dan Robinson, Ray Hernandez

**Nursery:**

Today: Kristina Wolf, Addison Jacobsma  
Jan 10: Tami Schemper, Mollie Schemper

**Audio:**

Today: Klint  
Jan 10: Klyer

**Video:**

Today: David  
Jan 10: Charlie

**PowerPoint:**

Today: Dan W  
Jan 10: Dylan

**Children & Worship:**

Today: No Children & Worship  
Jan 10: Shannon S, Melissa W, Addison J, Avery D

**This Week at Immanuel: January 3 – 9**

SUN: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship