Offering Schedule: (The evening offering baskets will be placed on the				
tables as you enter/exit the sanctuary)				

- Today: AM: ReFrame Ministries and Benevolence PM: Alpha Center
- Mar 6: AM: Christian Education Society PM: Bethesda Christian Counseling

Nursery: (The library is available during the service as a private space for nursing moms) Today: Krista H, Dylan H, Caitlyn F Mar 6: Rachel R, Elijah S, Alyssa S

#### Praise Team:

Today: Wiersma family, Bart & Deb Peters Pianist: Kathy Wieringa March 6: Youth Praise Team Pianist: Shonna Wassenaar Guitars: Ray Hernandez, Dan Robinson

Audio:	Video:	PowerPoint:
Today: Kyler	Today: Stephen	Today: Lorna
Mar 6: Zack	Mar 6: Charlie	Mar 6: Macy/Shonna

#### Children and Worship: (Set up is 9:15 a.m. downstairs)

Today:	No Children & Worship
Mar 6:	Jill C, Rebecca S, Addison J, Karlee D

### **Coffee Servers:**

Today:Mike Coulander family, Stacy KleinMar 6:Lynn & Cindy Vande Brake, Lee & Arlene Scholten

## This Week at Immanuel: February 27 – March 5

SUN:	9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School & Catechism
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
WED:	7:00 p.m.	GEMS
		Cadet Pinewood Derby
		at Sheldon Christian
	7:15 p.m.	Youth Group

## Welcome to Worship at Immanuel Pastor Kevin Muyskens February 27, 2022

**Morning Worship:** Pastor Kevin returns to his series on Easter People with a message taken from the life of Levi – or Matthew. Levi was a tax collector, despised by the community, yet Jesus invites him to be a disciple. He becomes one of the twelve primary disciples and eventually the author of the Gospel of Matthew. Levi challenges us to leave certain things behind and to invite Jesus fully into our lives.

The worship service will be presented at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at our host site: <u>http://immanuelsheldon.online.church</u>. It will be posted for later viewing on Pastor Kevin's YouTube page and on our church website, <u>http://immanuelsheldon.com/</u>.

**Evening Worship:** Pastor Kevin will begin a series titled "Preparing the Next Generation" (postponed from last week). It is true that our youth face unprecedented challenges in our world today. However, we should not be discouraged that we have no help to provide. As we take baptismal vows this evening on behalf of Erin Piper, we commit ourselves to raising the next generation to know, love, and serve our Lord Jesus. In this series, youth, parents, grandparents, and adults without children will be challenged to play their vital role in preparing the next generation. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." The kingdom of God belongs to the next generation.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Morning Prayer Gathering** will be held in the council room following worship this morning. Anyone is welcome to come pray. Our purpose in meeting is to just sit and pray together over anything and everything that is brought up. Come and go as you're able. So go grab your cup of coffee and join us.

**Profession of Faith and Baptism:** In our evening service we plan to hear the profession of faith of Brenda Piper and baptize her daughter Erin in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Small groups material:** The material published for small groups today will cover only today's message. Copies are available on the back of the outline. Leaders' copies are available in the church mailbox at the bottom of the "A" column.

**Cadets** Pinewood Derby is planned for <u>Wednesday, March 2</u> at the Sheldon Christian gym. Weigh-in at 6:30 with the derby to begin at 7:00 p.m.

**Prayer for our Denomination –** <u>Wednesday, March 2</u> at 6:30 p.m. First CRC of Sheldon: The past two years have been a time of exceptional upheaval for Christian Reformed congregations. We are surrounded by worry, fear, anger, doubt and division. Even so, God is on the throne! The Lion of the tribe of Judah who has triumphed is a Lamb, looking as if had been slain. The meaning of this seeming impossibility challenges us every day, and the Lord uses such deep challenges to refine us. Former Dordt professor Dr. Syd Hielema, who has served the denomination in Faith Formation and in a role of listening to churches, will present this truth from Revelation 5 and will guide us in prayer.

**Council Nominations:** Please turn in your council nominations by next <u>Sunday, March 6.</u> Please note also, that Brad Kraayenbrink was inadvertently left off as one who is completing his term. That means that Household of Faith A will also need elder nominees. Nomination forms were inserted in last week's bulletin; extra copies may be taken from the Connections table. Forms will be submitted to the council and need to be returned to Mark Vander Pol or the church office. Please note we will attempt to fill the positions with qualified people from the appropriate household if possible.

**The CES Action Auction** and supper will be <u>Wednesday, March 30!</u> Start thinking about what "actions" you want to offer for bidding! More information is in your mailboxes and a sign-up sheet for sides and desserts is on the Connections Table.

"At The Well" Women's Prison Ministry weekend will be April 7-10 in Pierre, SD. For more information or to sign up contact Lorna Kraayenbrink as soon as possible (712-635-7754). Several weeks lead time is necessary to complete background checks. **Advance Notice:** The Sunday School children (beginners – 5<sup>th</sup> grade) will be practicing songs and readings in the upcoming weeks in preparation for helping lead worship on Palm Sunday, April 10.

Mark your Calendars! KIDS FEST 2022 will be July 31 - August 3.

### Sign-Up Sheets on the Connections Table

- Volunteers are needed to provide snacks and beverages for the youth group for their weekly meetings. There are many openings in March and April to be filled. More information can be found on the sign-up sheet.
- Consider having your family, bible study group, or your group of friends sign up to help serve coffee and juice on a Sunday morning. 3-4 people are needed to help things run smoothly. Please contact the church office for instructions if you have never served.

# PRAYER PRAISES & CONCERNS

**Classis Heartland** will meet in regular session Wednesday @ 12:30 p.m. at First CRC of Sheldon. Deacon Dan Jacobsma, Elder Lynn Vande Brake, and Pastor Kevin Muyskens will serve as delegates from Immanuel. Classis is looking forward to an examination of Dan Tracy of Calvary CRC in Orange City for a license to exhort and Keith Hoekstra as a commissioned pastor serving Hope CRC in Hull. Classis will also be electing delegates for Synod 2022 which will consider a very important agenda. Pray for the work of classis and for those who will be delegated to Synod.

**Ukraine:** Pray for the nation as they face the Russian invasion. Pray for safety and the ability to continue ministry for Michelle Maly's team. Pray that peace would be restored and justice prevail. Pray for God's wisdom and for world leaders as they respond to this difficult and dangerous situation.