

## PRAYER PRAISES & CONCERNS

### Pray our connections in the mission fields around the world:

- **Danny & Christa Longkumer** sent a newsletter that was in your mailboxes today. They highlight the concern of rising gas prices and how that will affect the economy there, as it does for us in the States. They shared with us some highs and lows in their ministry in Laos as they continue to spread the gospel there.
- **Michelle (Maly) Cosse** emailed us with an update last week. Printed copies are on the Connections table. Pray for her and her team to continue to reach the orphans in Odessa and Pishana. Pray for those vulnerable in Ukraine and other provinces where they have been refugees.
- **Steve & Frankie Wunderink**
  - Pray for Egypt to stay the peaceful place it currently is, in the middle of strife in the surrounding countries. Outside of some travel restrictions, we continue to be safe and secure here in Cairo. Pray for friends in the affected areas.
  - Pray for the students in Steve's Juba class who will soon be back in their communities as pastors and leaders in village churches.
- **Vida en Abundancia (VAM):** In January, 85 individuals took part in various educational activities, including school leveling, literacy programs, basic education for adults, and job training. Pray for the school students to be able to maintain their grade level and continue their education. Pray for 17 women in the cutting and sewing workshop to complete their certificates and to have opportunity to use their skills for gainful employment.

### THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL: April 5 – 11

SUN:	7:30 a.m.	Sunrise Worship
	8:30 a.m.	Easter Brunch – fellowship hall
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship
TUE:	6:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study @ the Lighthouse
WED:	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting

### Online Giving at Immanuel CRC

Immanuel CRC offers a secure online giving option through Planning Center. You can make one-time or recurring gifts to the General Fund or other designated causes using a bank account or debit/credit card.

To give or to view your giving history, scan the QR code below or visit: [immanuelsheldon.churchcenter.com/giving](http://immanuelsheldon.churchcenter.com/giving). Offerings will also continue to be received in person during worship.

For questions, please contact a deacon or the treasurer at [treasurer@immanuelcrc.net](mailto:treasurer@immanuelcrc.net).



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT IMMANUEL

PASTOR KEVIN MUYSKENS

April 5, 2026

**Sunrise Worship @ 7:30AM:** Christ has risen!!! He has risen indeed!!! What a glorious day! "Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance." (John 20:1) Mary, Peter, John, and the rest of the disciples didn't know what to think. John's Gospel brings us back again to the question of believing. What do we need to see to believe that Jesus, is the Son of God, that he died for the sins of all who will believe in him, and that he has risen from the dead to live forevermore?

**Easter Brunch:** Everyone is welcome for Easter brunch at 8:30 a.m. this morning. Whether you stay after the Sunrise service or come before the 9:30 service, come and join us! Enjoy egg bake, a variety of muffins, fresh fruit, and beverages.

**Morning Worship @ 9:30AM:** "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" This is the introduction to Jesus in the Gospel of John. This identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God come again in Revelation 5. The Lamb of God, showing all the signs of having been sacrificed, is found worthy to open the scroll of the book of life because he purchased all whose names are written there. We gather today to praise God for his glorious plan, and we declare, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain."

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**No Sunday School or Catechism classes today. No Children & Worship today.**

**Youth Group:** Meet at the Lighthouse at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday. We plan to finalize plans for our Youth Sunday service on the 19<sup>th</sup> and practice some of the music selected. As always, doors open at 6:30 p.m.

**Next Sunday Rev. Steve Breen** will be leading our morning and evening services. Pastor Kevin will be in the office during the week and using the time away from sermon preparation to plan for the next season of worship.

### **Special Worship Events this Month:**

- **Sunday, April 19 @ 9:30AM:** Youth Sunday – our high school students have planned the service and are leading the majority of worship.
- **Sunday, April 26 @ 6PM:** We will celebrate the GEMS program with our partner church, First CRC, here at Immanuel. This year the will focus of our GEMS worship service will be around the theme of identity in Christ. And defining what it means to be created in God's image and recreated in Christ's image as His masterpiece.

**KidsFest Interest Sheets:** Reminder that volunteer interest sheets were in your mailbox last week and extras are on the Connections table. Please take time to look over ways you could be involved in this outreach ministry. Scan the QR code, fill out the form and return to the Connections table, or click on the link sent to your email. [Interest sheets are due Sunday, April 12.](#) Mark your calendars: KidsFest 2026 will be held August 9-12!

**Update from the CES Action Auction Committee:** Wow! We have been blessed to see God in action, not only by those of you donating actions and bidding on actions, but by those who have served to make the auction run smoothly! We are pleased to report that the estimated amount raised for CES was \$21,000.

**College Care Boxes** will be available starting Sunday, April 12. This is an opportunity to write notes to the students on the inside of the boxes. We want to bless them as they work hard and study for finals. You can also donate gift cards for food, microwave popcorn, snacks, etc. Items need to be in the boxes by **Sunday April 26**. Any questions, please talk to Jackie Freese or Kurt.

**The Love INC Personal Supply Closet at Immanuel** is in need of donations of the following items: laundry detergent, dishwasher detergent, various household cleaners, toilet bowl cleaner, toilet paper, paper plates, 13 gal. garbage bags, women's body wash, and conditioner. Donated items can be dropped in the labeled tote near the closet in the fellowship hall.

**Rev. Randy Bergsma** is retiring in June. Pastor Randy served at Immanuel from 1989-1999. Sunrise CRC in Lafayette, Indiana, where Pastor Randy is currently serving, is planning a celebration and would welcome cards, photos, video messages sharing memories, etc. [Submissions are requested by May 31.](#) Cards, photos, etc. will be collected at Immanuel before being sent. Digital contributions can be sent to media director, Kelli Huffer at [kellihuffer@surnisecrc.org](mailto:kellihuffer@surnisecrc.org).

#### **From the Safety Team:**

- **Join us for a "Stop the Bleed" training event** on [Monday, May 4](#) at 7:00 p.m. Would you know what to do if someone has life-threatening bleeding? In less than an hour, you can be prepared to save someone's life. There is no cost to attend. Talk to Todd Wood to register (712-324-1915).
- **The Safety Team needs you!** Do you have a desire to serve in a visible way? The Safety Team is a ministry serving the members and attendees of this church. Check out the flyer from your mailbox last week and see if you are called to serve in this role. Contact Todd Wood for more information (712-324-1915).

#### **Offering Schedule:**

(The offering baskets will not be passed during the Sunrise service. You may place your offering in one of the baskets in the fellowship hall as you enter or exit.)

Today: AM: Christian Education Society  
Apr 12: AM: Resonate Global Mission  
PM: Genesis House

#### **Welcome Team:**

Today: Main Door – Mike Coulander  
Fellowship Hall Door – Dave Vande Brake  
Welcome Table – Greg & Starla Geels  
Apr 12: Main Door – Mike Coulander  
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#### **Nursery:**

(The library is located in Classroom 1, past the restrooms and is available during worship as a private space for nursing moms)

Today: Krista H, Kolby H, Leddy H  
Apr 12: Katie W, Caitlyn F, Lucas J

#### **Morning Worship Team:**

Today: Jeff Schemper, Dave Vande Brake, Aidyn Schemper  
Guitar: Dan Robinson, Ray Hernandez  
Drums: Trey Schemper  
Pianist: Jill Schemper  
Apr 12: David Wiersma, Addison Jacobsma  
Box: Alyssa Schmidt  
Pianist: Shonna Wassenaar

#### **Audio:**

Today:

Sunrise: Micah  
9:30AM: Jarace  
Apr 12: Adam

#### **Video:**

Sunrise: Collin  
9:30AM: Cody  
Apr 12: Asher

#### **PowerPoint:**

Sunrise: Lorna  
9:30AM: Annie  
Apr 12: Matthew

#### **Children & Worship:**

Today: No Children & Worship  
Apr 12: Sandy M, Nina R, Izzy H

#### **Coffee & Juice Servers:**

Today (Brunch @ 8:30): Bart & Deb Peters  
Apr 12: Twyla Smit, Helen Van Den Berg, Elaine Boer