

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel

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Morning Worship: In his very personal telling of the story of Jesus, John is the only gospel writer to report a rather astounding miracle: Jesus turns about 100 gallons of water into wine. Yet he does it in such a quiet way that the only ones who know about it are Jesus' mother, his disciples, and a couple of servants. If Jesus kept the miracle private at the time, what is John's purpose in presenting it to us? John hints at this in his final sentence, "He (Jesus) thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him."

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: This evening we will join the congregation of First CRC at their church as they welcome Western's Chamber Singers at **5:00 p.m.** Rev. Ken Snyder will present the sermon. The council of First CRC requests that worshippers wear masks and adhere to social distancing guidelines.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Children and Worship will dismiss during the morning service. The lesson will be "Jesus was Baptized". All children ages 3 through kindergarten are welcome.

Youth Group Snacks: We've kicked off a new semester! If you are able provide snacks or beverages for our Wednesday night meetings, please sign up on the sheet provided on the Connections table. You will be appreciated!

Cadets will meet this Wednesday, the 18th, at First CRC. Please review Lesson 15. Kolby Heemskerck will have opening devotions.

Small Groups: Pastor Kevin will publish small group questions weekly through Easter. Groups are encouraged to begin meeting by January 24 so that meeting every other week you could gather six times during this series. The studies will follow our morning series of messages that will walk with Jesus through the Gospel of John.

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.

Community Choir: Practice continues today at 1:30 p.m. at the Crossroads Pavilion for a community choir that will lead worship at our Community Service of Christian Unity that will be held at the Pavilion at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 7. New singers are always welcome

New in the Library: We have new books in the library. Among them is, "Hope in Action: The Story, Mission and Vision of Hope Haven."

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.

PRAYER PRAISES & CONCERNS:

Congratulations to Coral and Ben Stark on the birth of their son, Lee Matthew. He was born Monday morning and weighed in at 7 lbs 11 oz and 22 inches long. Pray for Lee's continued health and development. Pray for Coral as she recovers from surgery. Also, pray for their family as they receive this new child into their home.

Duane Haack has been hospitalized at Banner-Baywood Medical Center in Mesa, AZ. He was admitted Monday with COVID symptoms. He saw improvements with treatment on Tuesday. Wednesday saw a bit of a setback as he has been retaining fluid. Pray for Duane's full and timely recovery. Pray that Robin continues to be COVID free.

Jim Jansen spent time at Avera Heart Hospital after some complications during a routine surgery. Jim is home and awaiting further tests and treatment options. Pray for peace and patience as he waits and that a treatment plan may soon be established and carried out.