

## IMMANUEL MINISTRIES

### Contact Persons

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#### IN

Staff: Autumn Dauer  
Leadership Team: April Woudstra  
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Small Groups: Autumn Dauer  
Work Groups: Vacant  
Beverage Coordinator:  
    Sharon Holz  
Cookie Coordinator:  
    April Woudstra  
Library: Sue Meyers

#### UP

Staff: Shonna Wassenaar  
Leadership Team: Mark Vander Pol  
Worship: Pastor Kevin Muyskens  
Communion: Mark Vander Pol  
Sound: Klint Tatsumi  
Head Usher: Steve Geels  
Children & Worship:  
    Rachel Rosenboom  
Decorations: Jaiden Tebben  
Nursery: Jessica Gesink  
Choir: Jack Schreurs  
Prayer Ministry:  
    Lee & Arlene Scholten

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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  
Treasurer: Treyton Schemper  
Building & Grounds: Mike Coulander  
Safety Team: Todd Wood  
Christian Education Society Board:  
    Rachel Rosenboom, Pres  
    Tracy Wieringa, VP  
    Krista Hanenburg, Treasurer  
    Jill Schemper, Secretary

#### Deacons

Brian Wieringa, VP (A)  
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Cobi Jones (D)  
Tyler Schemper,  
    Leadership Team Secretary

## Welcome to Worship at Immanuel

Pastor Kevin Muyskens

December 10, 2023

**Morning Worship:** Today we light the candle of Joy! With our Service of Lessons & Carols we remind ourselves of the story of God and humanity. After we cut ourselves off from God through rebellion and sin, God promised a Savior. The scripture lessons walk us through God pointing ahead to the coming of a Savior and finally to his arrival in Bethlehem. Though these events are in the past, they tell the story of God's love for us which we then celebrate through song. Let the children, choir, and readers lead you in worship and lift up your own voice as we together sing some of the beloved songs of Advent and Christmas.

**Evening Worship:** As followers of Jesus Christians are called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. To that end we are called to exhibit a distinctively Christian lifestyle. In Ephesians 5 the Apostle Paul calls us to *"Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children 2 and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us."* (Ephesians 5:1-2)

### Announcements

**There will be no children's and students' ministries** today. (Sunday school, catechism, Children & Worship). Their final meeting of 2023 and Christmas party will be next Sunday, December 17.

**Congregational Meeting:** The congregational meeting to consider our annual budget has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13. Please plan to attend as we seek to agree together on a spending plan that will support our ministries for 2024. Copies of the proposed 2024 budget are in your mailbox; extras copies may be found on the Connections table.

**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.

**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.

**GEMS & Cadets are having a combined Christmas party** beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Immanuel on December 20 and are looking for the following donations for the candy cane Olympics games: 1 large can of hot cocoa mix, 20 packages of 12 count regular size J-shaped candy canes, 3 large bags of large marshmallows, 6 bags of holiday Hersey's Kisses. Please Return by Sunday, December 17 to the labeled bin in the fellowship hall. Questions? Contact Melissa Wiersma (348-5567).

**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.

**Considering Our Mission:** *If you want to have an effective witness for the gospel in your town, then you can't have a strong opinion about everything. If the non-Christians in your life see you as opinionated and critical when they see you around town, they'll probably have a hard time listening to your opinions about the gospel. (Morrow 40)*

### Prayer Praises & Concerns

**Continue to pray for those undergoing treatment for various cancers:** Renae De Kam; Ed Griffioen; Steve Van Den Berg; Lee Schemper.

### **Offering Schedule:**

Today: AM: Christian Education Society  
PM: Justice For All  
Dec 17: AM: Mission Faith Promise and Benevolence  
PM: Christian Education Society

### **Safety Team:**

Today: AM: Dan W, Adam T  
PM: Dan W, Adam T  
Dec 17: AM: Mike C, Brian W  
PM: Mike C, Dan W

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

Today: Marla W, Ella W, Landan H  
Dec 17: Jaiden T, Macy W, Chris F

### **Morning Praise Team:**

Today: No Praise Team  
Dec 17: Tyler Schemper family  
Pianist: Kathy Wieringa

### **Audio:**

Today: Klint  
Dec 17: Zack

### **Video:**

Today: Brody (Collin)  
Dec 17: Joey (Autumn)

### **PowerPoint:**

Today: Autumn (Sam)  
Dec 17: Dylan

### **Children & Worship**

Today: No Children & Worship  
Dec 17: Jill C, Michael W, Sam W

### **Coffee Servers:**

Today: Kevin Muyskens family  
Dec 17: Mark & Chris Dykstra, Collin Hoffard

### *This Week at Immanuel: December 10 - 16*

SUN:	9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship – Lessons & Carols
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
WED:	6:30 p.m.	Congregational Meeting
	7:15 p.m.	Council Meeting with Ministry Partners followed by Deacons/Elders Meeting
	7:15 p.m.	Youth Group