

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT IMMANUEL

Pastor Kevin Muyskens

July 28, 2024

## Offering Schedule:

Today: AM: Love INC  
PM: Christian Education Society  
Aug 4: AM: Christian Education Society  
PM: No Evening Worship – Kids Fest Begins

## Safety Team:

Today: AM: Dan W, Brian W  
PM: Adam T, Don B  
Aug 4: AM: Brian W, Don B  
PM: Mike C, Don B

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

Today: Aidyn S, Addison J, Wyatt C  
Aug 4: Krista H, Nina R, Matthew W

## Morning Praise Team:

Today: Shonna Wassenaar, Kristina Wolf  
Pianist: Jill Schemper  
Guitars: Ray Hernandez, Chad Hamill  
Drums: Trey Schemper  
Aug 4: Tyler Schemper family  
Pianist: Shonna Wassenaar  
Drums: Alyssa Schmidt

## Audio:

Today: Zack  
Aug 4: Klint

## Video:

Today: David  
Aug 4: Collin

## PowerPoint:

Today: Sam/Lorna  
Aug 4: Cody

## Coffee Servers:

Today: Tom & Dianne Schemper, Larry & Sue Meyers  
Aug 4: Lee & Judy Schemper (1-2 more volunteers needed)

## THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL: July 28 – August 3

SUN:	9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Kids Fest Leader Training
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
TUE:	7:00 p.m.	Into the Bible

**Morning Worship:** This morning, we have the great privilege to hear the professions of faith of Chris Freese, Samantha and Sydney Holz, and Macy and Michael Wassenaar. They, as are all Christians, are sent as bearers of God's grace and peace found in Jesus Christ. As the Apostle Paul shows us in the beginning of Galatians, we bring this gift not from people but from God. All Christians carry this gift. Our own unique stories provide the context given to us to share the blessing of God's grace and peace.

**Evening Worship:** This evening Pastor Kevin will guide us through Abraham's purchase of a tomb for Sarah. This will be the first piece of ground owned by Abraham in the land of promise. There is a curious exchange where he is offered the land for free but insists that he pay for it. Why is such ownership so important? What is the significance of the first land owned by God's chosen people being a tomb?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **One Week Away: Kids Fest 2024 on August 4-7!**

- Kids Fest Bible and Activity Leaders training will be held on TODAY at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.
- Kids Fest takes many volunteers working together to have a great event, so we would love for you to join in by signing up at the Connections table to bring cookies, help serve meals, and help with the block party.
- We are also looking for donations, so pick up a couple slips in the basket on the Connections table and return these by Wednesday, July 31.
- Fresh fruits and vegetables are great donations that can be dropped off in Immanuel's kitchen August 1-6 to be served with supper each night.

**Into the Bible** will meet Tuesday, July 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the council room. We will walk through the life of King David, the building of the temple, and the secession and civil war that follow the death of King Solomon.

**Shop With A Cop:** Immanuel is partnering with Love INC and the Sheldon Police Department by collecting donations of school supplies for their Shop With A Cop ministry. A list of school supplies to donate was in your church mailbox last week and extra lists may be found on the Connections table. Items need to be dropped off in the marked tote by next Sunday, August 4.

**Coffee Servers Needed:** Please sign up on the Connections table if you are willing to serve coffee/juice after morning worship in the coming months. A minimum of 3 people is needed per Sunday. Examples would be one family, two couples, or a group of friends.

**Covenant House:** Now that the first phase of fundraising for the Multi-Purpose Building has been completed, the church will begin actively listing the Covenant House for sale. If you know of anyone who would be interested in purchasing the house, please reach out to the finance committee.

**Multi-Purpose Building:** Thank you for your contributions to the project thus far. As we anticipate the start of construction, please prayerfully consider making a contribution and pledge toward the project. More details on the project and pledging can be found on the Connections table.

**Ministry Coordinator Search:** A team of Cliff Bootsma, Krista Hanenburg, Arianna Wibben, and Pastor Kevin has been gathered to serve the council in leading us through the process of securing our next ministry coordinator. They will review the job description, make recommendations regarding compensation (with approval of council and congregation as necessary), and lead the search process.

**Youth Leader:** Given the likely length of time it will take to secure our next ministry coordinator, the council is seeking a part-time youth leader. We have a returning staff of volunteers who would like someone to help in planning and leading lessons and in coordinating communication with youth and volunteers. The plan is to seek a 10-hour a week intern from Dordt, Northwestern, or Sioux Falls Seminary. However, if this is a calling for you or someone you know, we would be excited to consider other options as part-time staff or volunteers. Please reach out to Pastor Kevin if you are interested or know of someone who might be.

**GEMS Ministry** needs 4 female counselors for this coming year which begins this fall. Those interested or would like more information, please reach out to Melissa Wiersma (348-5567).

**Pool Party:** Please mark your calendars! Immanuel is hosting a pool party at the Sheldon Outdoor Aquatic Center on Tuesday, August 13 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**New Address:** Brody & Autumn Dauer  
108 Hillcrest Rd  
Albert Lea, MN 56007

Autumn's email address is [autumndauer@gmail.com](mailto:autumndauer@gmail.com).

*Thank you so very much for organizing a meal and serving at the Unity Meal in June. It was delicious and enjoyed by all. Wonderful volunteers to help. You make our mission possible. In The Spirit of Kindness, from the Sheldon Area Unity Meal.*

## **PRAYER PRAISES & CONCERNS**

**Praise the LORD Maryn Buchholz's surgery went well.** Maryn is the 4-year-old daughter of Kayla (Zylstra) and Jordan Buckholz. She had a ligament affecting her aorta and had surgery Thursday, July 18. The surgery was less complicated than expected. She went home already on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your prayers.

**Praise the LORD Steve Van Den Berg had good news** from the doctor this past week. His cancer is considered to be in remission. His next appointment is in 3 months.

**Pray for 2-year-old Taylyn Vander Schaaf,** niece of Todd & Shelly Miedema, who was recently diagnosed with leukemia. She has been hospitalized and is in serious condition in Sioux Falls after being exposed to a common cold virus which her body is unable to fight. Pray for God to give Taylyn strength to recover from the cold so her body is able to fight leukemia. Pray also for strength for her family through this journey.