

IMMANUEL MINISTRIES

Contact Persons

IN

Staff: Autumn Dauer
Leadership Team: April Woudstra
Sunday School: Sandy Muyskens
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

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)
Shawn Wassenaar, Pres (B)
Lorna Kraayenbrink, Secretary (C)
Cobi Jones (D)
Tyler Schemper,
 Leadership Team Secretary

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT IMMANUEL

Pastor Kevin Muyskens

May 5, 2024

Morning Worship: Jeremiah 23 picks up the theme of the Good Shepherd by taking note of Israel's bad shepherds who have scattered and destroyed the LORD's flock. Seeing the state of leadership, the LORD promises that he himself will gather his scattered sheep. He will provide safety. He will give them a home. In uncertain times when we see many of our elected leaders not seeking the LORD's justice and righteousness we can know that the Good Shepherd will gather his people to our home with him.

Evening Worship: Tonight, we will look together at Genesis 17 where the LORD asks Abraham to "sign" the covenant through the sign of circumcision. One key note is that even in this family centered right the LORD is inviting in a broader community including all who would join Abraham's household through whatever means.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the last day of catechism for 6-10th Grade. **No Sunday School next week** for Mother's Day, but PreK-5th Grade Sunday school will be having an end of year celebration on May 19.

Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m.

- **Building Proposal:** The council has been studying the possibility of constructing a multi-purpose building in place of the Covenant House for the past two years. After the December 2023 congregational meeting, council pursued a building plan and related building costs. Details were distributed to mailboxes and renderings of the building and its layout are on display in the fellowship hall.

- **Elder, Deacon, and Ministry Partner nominations are as follows:** For ministry partner of Household D: Krista Hanenburg & Sandy Muyskens; for Deacon of Household D: Mike Coulander & Tyler Woudstra; for Elder of Household B: Steve Geels & Dave Vande Brake; for Elder of Household C: Brad Kraayenbrink & Bart Peters; and for Clerk: Marlin Schoonhoven & Tom Wibben.

- **Absentee ballots** for the building proposal and nominations are on the Connections table. Return ballots in the signed envelope to the church office or clerk of council, Mark Vander Pol.

Parents of Graduates: If you have a child graduating this year, please contact Shonna by Wednesday to include them in a list of graduates to be honored and prayed for and to celebrate their accomplishments as they enter a new season of life.

Introducing the Bible: Tuesdays, beginning June 12, Pastor Kevin will be offering a class introducing the Bible. If you are new to the Bible and want an introduction to this sometimes mystifying gathering of God-inspired writings, or if you have read it your whole life and would like more insight on how the different books work together, join us Tuesday evenings this summer. More details and a sign up will come in the next couple weeks.

Funeral Team: As work groups have been used for less and less every year—now only being used for funerals at our church—we would like to transition fully away from work groups and create a team of about 15 people who are willing to help serve food and clean up at funerals. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please contact Autumn Dauer (507-383-0744).

Autumn and Brody informed the executive committee this past winter, that after finishing the ministry year with us, that they would be moving back to the Albert Lea area this summer to be closer to family. Autumn's final day has not been determined, but she will continue through the youth group trip and into July. We greatly appreciate what Autumn and Brody have done for Immanuel these past three years and wish them God's best.

Update from CES: We are \$16,000 short on our year-end goal. Our goal would be to have funds by May 19 so we can pay our schools by the end of the school year, otherwise another fundraiser will be needed. Please consider giving generously to clear up our commitment to our schools and students for this year!

PRAYER PRAISES & CONCERNS

Jack Schreurs has been dealing with a number of health issues and had a pacemaker put in this week. Praise God that procedure went well. Pray for his recovery and for the resolution of his other concerns.

Karl Dryfhout was hospitalized last week for a blockage. Praise God this has been resolved and he has been able to return home. Pray for a complete recovery.

Considering Our Mission: *Consider having a game night and cookout this summer where you invite all your neighbors (board games inside, yard games outside, activities for the kids, etc.). Invite your Christian friends from your small group, even if they don't live in your neighborhood, so they can build friendships with your neighbors who aren't Christians (Morrow 91).*

Offering Schedule:

Today: AM: CRU (Steve & Jill Schmidt)
PM: Roseland Christian Ministries
May 12: AM: Christian Education Society
PM: Bible League

Safety Team:

Today: AM: Dan W, Mike C
PM: TBD
May 12: AM: Don B, TBD
PM: Don B, TBD

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

Today: Teresa H, Dylan H, Addison J
May 12: Melissa W, Cody S, Sammie H

Morning Praise Team:

Today: Tyer Schemper family
Pianist: Shonna Wassenaar
May 12: Kristina Wolf, Shonna Wassenaar
Pianist: Kathy Wieringa

Audio:

Today: Zack
May 12: Klint

Video:

Today: Collin
May 12: David

PowerPoint:

Today: Cody
May 12: Eddie

Children & Worship

Today: Rachel R, Evie R, Nina R
May 12: Rachel R, Evie R, Nina R

Coffee Servers:

Today: Jena Schouten, Harlan & Diane Vander Griend
May 12: Roger Boer, Marlin & Leah Schoonhoven

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL: May 5 – 11

SUN: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship
10:45 a.m. Sunday School & Catechism
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
WED: 7:00 p.m. Youth Group
THU: 6:30 p.m. Congregational Meeting
followed by Council Meeting