

Offering Schedule:

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

Today: AM: Mission Faith Promise and Benevolence
PM: Christian Education Society
May 24: AM: Building Fund
PM: RiseFest

Welcome Team:

Today: Main Door – Bart Peters
Fellowship Hall Door – Jarace Schemper
Welcome Table – Jeff Schemper
May 24: Main Door – Bart Peters
Fellowship Hall Door – Jarace Schemper
Welcome Table – Jeff Schemper

Nursery:

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

Today: Beth H, Andrew J, Jane H
May 24: Chris D, Ella W, Simon W

Morning Worship Team:

Today: Kristina Wolf, Shonna Wassenaar
Guitars: Pete Hamill, Chad Hamill
Drums: Alyssa Schmidt
Pianist: Trey Schemper
May 24: Jeff Schemper, Aidyn Schemper, Dave Vande Brake
Guitars: TBD
Drums: Trey Schemper
Pianist: Jill Schemper

Audio:

Today: Jarace
May 24: Adam

Video:

Today: Landan
May 24: David

PowerPoint:

Today: Matthew
May 24: Annie

Coffee & Juice Servers:

Today: Bart & Deb Peters, Don & Linda Beltman
May 24: Teresa Hoektra, Katie Wieringa family

This Week at Immanuel: May 17 – 23

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| SUN: | 9:30 a.m. | Morning Worship |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Evening Worship |
| TUE: | 6:00 a.m. | Men's Bible Study @ the Lighthouse |
| | 1:30 p.m. | Bible Study – NE Classroom |
| WED | 7:00 p.m. | GEMS Counselors Meeting – council room |

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel

PASTOR KEVIN MUYSKENS

May 17, 2026

Morning Worship: This morning Pastor Kevin will be paying off the Action Auction item allowing a member to pick the sermon topic. One of our youth leaders asked for a graduation-oriented sermon on Leviticus 19, especially vs. 9: "When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field." The margins of our lives leave room for the work of God. Graduates, and all of us, are challenged to leave margins in our use of time, resources, and abilities to invite the work of God through us.

Evening Worship: In Romans 9:14 asks, "Is God unjust?" This follows the difficult statement, "Jacob have I loved, but Esau I hated" which speaks of God's choosing before either was born or had done anything good or evil. The conclusion is that God is sovereign. This should give us great assurance as we realize we did not earn our salvation (because we never could), nor can we lose it (because it is God's doing not our own).

Announcements

Communion: During morning worship, we plan to celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper by which we declare our unity with Christ through the faith he has given us. Those who have declared their faith through profession of faith, believers' baptism, or confirmation are invited to participate (ALL ELEMENTS ARE GLUTEN-FREE).

Congregational Meeting: This morning following morning worship we will gather as a congregation to elect elders, deacons, and ministry partners. Those standing for these important leadership positions: Ministry Partner Household A – Dianne Schemper, Kristina Wolf, and Deanna Wood; Deacon Household A – Jesse De Kam and Adam Tebben; Young Adult Elder – Ryan Freese, Tyler Schemper, and Mark Wieringa; Deacon on Leadership Team – Benjamin Geels, Collin Hoffard, and Brayden Stuit. We offer thanks and appreciation for those who are completing terms of office: Ray Hernandez, Cobi Jones, Brian Wieringa, and Deb Peters. Please express your appreciation for them for the guidance and care they have given. The meeting will start 15 minutes after the completion of the worship service.

Membership Matters:

- Ed and Arlene Griffioen have informed the council that they have been regularly attending Downtown Church in Milford and acknowledged Immanuel is no longer their home church, so the council has lapsed their membership.
- At their last meeting, the council accepted the memberships of Brian and Julia VandenBerg. Brian joins us from Rolling Acres CRC in Mason City, IA and Julia from Bighorn Rock Church in Sherydan, WY.

Michelle (Maly) Cosse has informed us of an opportunity to provide T-shirts to be given to children who attend the mini camps her organization will be putting on in Ukraine this summer (refer to email that was sent 5/7). We have chosen to support the ministry financially. More details and envelopes for donations are available on the Connections table. You may drop your donation envelope in an offering basket, or it may be brought to the church office by Sunday, May 24. Pray that these camps will be a time of joy, learning, and growth in Christian faith for the children attending.

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.

Summer Coffee Servers: To keep our Sunday morning fellowship thriving we are looking for a few friendly faces to help with preparing and serving coffee and lemonade. So, look at your summer calendars and see if there is a Sunday morning you could dedicate 20-30 minutes following morning worship to keep this tradition alive. 3-4 people per Sunday help make this run smoothly. Training and instructions are available. Contact the church office or Beth Hamill if you have any questions. Sign up today on the Connections table.

Prayer Praises & Concerns

Continue to Pray for Shirley Hatterman, sister of Don Beltman. Wednesday, she had her fifth surgery in fifteen days to remove and repair a portion of her bowel. Pray for her continuing recovery and that she would be able to be released from the hospital soon. And pray for Shirley and her family as they work through these difficult days.

Graduates: In your mailboxes you will find a sheet with graduates for you to use as a prayer guide for individuals who are entering new chapters of their lives. Extra copies are on the Connections table.

A Prayer for Graduates

Dear God, we ask that you help our graduates to walk in your wisdom and grace.

We pray for spiritual eyes and discernment in all things.

Help them to be wise leaders and influencers in this generation, not conformed to the world, but transformed by your power. We ask that you would equip them with all that they need to make a difference for your purposes.

Help them to live as salt and light in a dark world that so desperately needs to know your truth.

We ask for your power to help them to walk continually in honesty and integrity.

Build within them deep godliness, that they would be more concerned about their character than their reputation.

We pray that they would seek to bring honor to You throughout their lives, that they would have a vision and heart for the world. Extend their boundaries and give them incredible influence with people and nations.

Make their hearts and spirits open to every plan and purpose you have for them, and to be willing to boldly go wherever You call.

Amen.

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. Offerings will also continue to be received in person during worship.

For questions, please contact a deacon or the treasurer at treasurer@immanuelcrc.net.

