

**Immanuel Christian Reformed Church
February 10, 2019**

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL!

We're glad that you joined us today, and we pray that you will encounter God through prayer, worship, and his word.

Guest mailboxes are located after the alphabetical list of members. Please pick up this information if you would like details on Immanuel's ministries.

This morning Pastor Tom Swieringa will continue a series of messages, *No Shrinking Thinking*. We will also celebrate the Lord's Supper together. We also welcome the **Velthouse family** to Immanuel!

Offerings: General Fund & Level 3 Tuition Assistance

This evening we will celebrate Cadet Sunday. Pastor Tom will lead us with the message, "Blessed to be a Blessing!"

Offering: Calvinist Cadet Corp

NURSERY

Today:

8:45AM Paige Mokma, Casey Lems
11:00AM Judi Van Dyke, Melanie Kamminga,
Addison Kamminga, Lauren Miedema
5:30PM The nursery room will be open but unstaffed.

Next Sunday:

8:45AM Carrie Lems, Sara Geers
11:00AM Evamarie Eggebeen, Cathy Dykstra,
Annabeth Eggebeen, Jordan Steen
5:30PM The nursery room will be open but unstaffed.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Today:

11:00AM Sheri Breuker, Grace Geers

Next Sunday:

11:00AM Holly Vredevoogd, Colin Nieuwenhuis

MEETINGS TODAY

10:00AM Education
12:30PM Congregational Potluck - FLC
5:15PM Cadets - meet in basement
6:30PM Crossroads

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 13

6:30PM Executive Committee
7:00PM Immanuel Circle – Adult Ed Room
7:00PM General Council
7:45PM By district - Pastoral Elders &
Deacons, Elders on Special Assign.
8:00PM Administrative Committee
8:15PM Pastoral Elders & Deacons

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 14

5:00PM Feeding America Food Truck –
Presidential Estates

FRIDAY

FEBRUARY 15

6:00PM Kids Hope Family Fun Night - FLC

NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 17, 2019

8:45 & 11:00AM Pastor Tom Swieringa
11:00AM – Profession of Faith, Nic Van Rijs
Offerings: General Fund & Short-Term Missions

5:30PM Pastor Tom Swieringa
Offering: New City Kids – Instruments Fund

THE LAURELS OF HUDSONVILLE – 9:00AM

Elder Curt Hoogeboom
Rich, Ridder, Ritsema families

MEETINGS – FEBRUARY 17

10:00AM Education
6:30-8:15PM E.T.

THANKSGIVING

Denise and I would like to thank all of you for your prayers and support over the past 4 months while I have been unemployed. Our God is faithful and has provided for our family through you and others during this time of uncertainty. I am also thankful to have started a new position as of February 11 at Dematic in Grand Rapids. I also covet your prayers as I transition to a new company and new position. Thanks again!

Love, Paul Hoekwater and family

Thank you so much for the huge crowd that came out to support our foster child Faustina and the Esther School. It was so much fun to see all the laughter and fellowship that night.

With your love and support we exceeded our goal of \$3,000! We are able to donate \$3,200 towards Faustina's sponsorship and the growth of the Esther School. Thank you for always loving on the GEMS!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Les Knot – immunotherapy

Laurie Kooienga – stem cell transplant recovery

Joe Lems – severe back pain

Sharon Ondersma – M.S.

Claus Steenwyk – chemotherapy treatment

Pete Van Rijs – durable cancer remission

Council Members

Please keep our council members in your prayers during this time of transition.

Military

Major Ron Thenn – Army (Hawaii)

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

SUNDAY

Remember in prayer and with a card this week:
Fannie Roelofs, Adaline Lems

MONDAY

Pray for God's strength to be with the many persecuted Christians in Romania.

TUESDAY

Pray for God's blessing and protection this week on our Custodians, Jeff & Judi Van Dyke.

WEDNESDAY

Pray for Harry & Sarah Gorwor and their work with Gifts of Hope in Liberia.

THURSDAY

Pray for these young adults and remember them with a note or card: Nicole Ver Merris, Isabella Vruwink, Kalee Butterworth

FRIDAY

Pray for God's blessing on our Youth Ministries.

SATURDAY

Ask God to bless the civil and church leaders of our city and the residents of your street.

Denominational Prayer Line: 1-888-CRC-PRAY

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome New Members!

Rob & Becky Velthouse Ph #371-7366
Zac, Jacob, Millie
1810 Ridge Top Trail
Hudsonville MI 49426

Congregational Potluck – Today

Join us for our potluck today at 12:30PM in the FLC. Last names starting with A-M please bring a hot dish; N-Z a salad/dessert.

If you are able to bring extra or make your dishes bigger, it would be appreciated so we can accommodate visitors.

Elder & Deacon Nominees

The council invites the congregation to submit names for consideration to be selected for the church offices of Elders and Deacons. To submit names, or if you have any questions, please contact your district elder or deacon by this Wednesday, February 13.

Guatemala Vision Trip

Is God calling you to experience Him in a different way? Is He calling you out of your comfort zone and to the beautiful people, culture and country of Guatemala? Please prayerfully consider the following.

When: July 30-August 9, 2019

Where: Guatemala City, Guatemala

Who: Multi-Generational

What: A vision trip through Global Faith Network & Joel Van Dyke

Please join us on a vision trip this summer to Guatemala where we will meet with our church plant partner, Rafe Valiente, as well as other ministry partners in Guatemala. We will spend 10 days learning about the work they are doing and how God is working in their lives. We will also experience the culture, the people they work with and various projects they are involved in.

If you have already committed to go, a \$100 deposit is due today. Please put it in the Missions mailbox or give to Mari Schut or Judi Van Dyke.

Feel free to contact us with any questions.

Feeding America

The next Feeding America Food Truck will be at Presidential Estates next Thursday, February 14. If you would like to help out, please contact John Dykstra Sr or just show up at 5PM. Thank you!

Kids Hope Carnival – This Friday

Friday, February 15, is our Kids Hope Carnival at church from 6-8PM. Would you be willing to help out?

Here are some options -- **BAKE TREATS** (cookies, cupcakes, bars) for our "treat walk" game and package them up in small half dozen amounts (bring to kitchen on the 14th or 15th), **VOLUNTEER** the carnival night to run a simple game, or **BUY CANDY** for us to hand out as prizes (bring candy to basket under The Giving Tree). Contact Evamarie Eggebeen with questions.

Hand2Hand

For the month of February, we are collecting spaghetti sauce (no glass jars) and spaghetti noodles. You may place your donations in the cart in the FLC foyer. Thank you!

Christian Education Assistance Program (CEAP) Enrollment - forms due March 17

For those families with children attending Christian day school (K - 12) Immanuel will provide some tuition assistance to all families that choose to enroll their children in the CEAP. Additional levels of assistance are available from Immanuel, if needed. Forms will be placed in church mailboxes for all families that participated

last year. Please place completed forms in Rob Vis's mailbox by March 17. If you have any questions regarding this program, or have not received a form, please contact Rob Vis (616) 291-1808 or rob@celebritybuildersllc.com.

Committee Chairpersons

A reminder that all budget requests for the July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 fiscal year are due on March 1, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact Rob Vis.

Sewers Needed

Looking for ladies who can sew a simple straight-line stitch to volunteer for our ET Girls Retreat on Friday, March 1, from 3-5PM in the FLC.

You would need to bring your sewing machine to church. Please call Michelle Gulker (#540-5016) if you are willing to help pour into our girls here at Immanuel and support the ministry of Xanderbunny.com. Thank you!!!

Intergenerational Sunday School – March 3

We are so excited to try something new at Immanuel. On Sunday, March 3, between the two morning services we are going to have our first intergenerational Sunday School class in the FLC. ALL ages will be welcome and encouraged to attend.

The regular Sunday School and Higher Ground classes will all be mixing together. Food and drinks will be provided. You won't want to miss this great opportunity to meet new people and learn something from a different generation. Please join us for this exciting time.

Empty paper towel tubes are needed for this day. There is a box in the FLC foyer where you may place them.

Lisa Vander Veen and Lindsey Heuker

Pastor Search Team Mailbox

The Pastor Search Team has a mailbox at the end of the member mailboxes (far right, alphabetical) with forms for pastor recommendations. This is a very informal request at this time, and the committee will be looking to gather more specific information in the coming months.

If there is a pastor you would like to recommend, please take a form from the mailbox, fill it out, and put it back in the manila folder in the same mailbox.

Thank you, The Pastor Search Team

Tuition Assistance Program

For the upcoming school year, families who wish to apply for Level 2 tuition assistance from Immanuel will need to use the FACTS application format online via a confidential web site at www.FACTStuitionaid.com

The required application information is easily accessible data from the 2018 tax return along with other basic information. Copies of confirming tax documents will be required to be sent to the FACTS center. The \$30 application fee will be paid by the schools. Parents who have children in more than one participating school need only to fill out the application one time--the information will be available to the schools where their children attend and to Immanuel CRC.

The FACTS organization will analyze the information of each applicant. Through FACTS Immanuel CRC and participating schools have the ability to more evenly distribute available tuition assistance funds based upon factual information the families provide in the application. While the schools and Immanuel CRC will use the same information, the schools will distribute their funds after they know how much assistance Immanuel CRC will provide.

Please contact FACTS at (866) 315-9262 with any questions. The deadline for submitting this application is March 17, 2019. You may also contact Rob Vis (616) 291-1808 with questions.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

February 3, 2019

General Fund	\$8,309
Building Fund	585
New City Kids – Instruments Fund	199

General Fund Year-to-Date

Received	\$384,862
Budget goal	391,241
Over (Under)	(6,379)
Budget received – 98%	

Fiscal year – July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

*To fulfill our General Fund budget,
an average weekly offering of \$12,226 is necessary.
Please tithe in faith and as your response to God's blessings.*

February Corners Offering – Kids Hope Camp Roger

This month our Corners Offering is for scholarships for our Kids Hope students. After a day full of fun and activity at camp, here's how the day ends "Bedtime is a great time for a cabin to connect with each other and with God. The evening ends with cabin devotions on the floor around a candle, outside looking up at the stars, or in a quiet place in the woods. Counselors lead their cabins in an important time of reflection through scripture, stories, singing, or sharing their own personal God stories." What an amazing experience for our Kids Hope students. Thanks for donating towards the scholarships!

Contributions to Immanuel can be made in four ways:

- Weekly offerings during our worship service
- Online giving through PayPal
- Auto-giving through your bank
- Mailing a check to the church address

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christianity Explored Course We each get one life to live – *Christianity Explored* helps you explore what it's all about. This seven-week course provides an introduction (or re-introduction) to the fundamentals of the Christian faith through a study of the Gospel according to Mark. It will be held at First Hudsonville CRC, Wednesday nights beginning February 20, 6:30–8PM. [light dinner will be served]. *Christianity Explored* gives a person time and space in a friendly environment to consider the big questions of life, and to explore the life of the person at the heart of the Christian faith: Jesus Christ.

Sign up at firstcrchudsonville.org or call the church office at 669.6557

Summer Employment Opportunities:

The Christian Reformed Conference Grounds, 12253 Lakeshore Dr., Grand Haven is looking for some young adults who love Jesus, love the Conference Grounds, and would love to have the time of their life working at the Grounds this summer! We currently have full-time openings for Lifeguards (1 male & 1 female), 2 male Youth Leaders, and Store/Bible School. These positions are full-time for the summer and include living accommodations on site in our beautiful staff cottages. If you are 18 or older and would like to apply please email us at ministry@crccg.org and we will send you an application or give us a call at 616-842-4478.

Love INC Opportunities

Our food pantry impacts 56-70 families each week. Each household is blessed with food and non-food donations from this community.

While packing this week's food order we realized we had a shortage of non-food products. See our critical needs list below:

Mouthwash	All Purpose Cleaner
Shampoo	Glass Cleaner
Conditioner	Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Lotion	Paper Towel
Dish Soap	Plastic Wrap
Dishwasher Soap	Aluminum Foil
Laundry Soap	Sandwich bags
Bleach	Toilet Paper

We are thankful for your consideration!! Please contact Volunteer@loveinthenameofchrist.org or call 616-662-3300 ext 127 with questions. Donations can be dropped off at our food pantry which is located in the back of our "office" building.

Alive Ministries (263 Church Street, Jenison, MI) is hosting two family events in March: "Protect Young Eyes" & "Circle of Grace". Through these two events, the hope is to equip children and families as they walk through life together in this day of technology and fading boundaries.

- **Friday, March 8 at 6:30 PM: PROTECT YOUNG EYES** - this is a well-respected organization that helps you to protect yourself and your kids from harmful content on the internet and social media and learn how to react to potential crisis. Kids will learn similar theme through the book "The Squire and the Scroll".
- **Friday, March 22 at 6:30 PM: CIRCLE OF GRACE** is a safe church program designed to help you learn what it means for your kids to have healthy relationships and physical boundaries. Kids will learn similar themes through the book "The Princess and the Kiss".

Borculo Christian School Spring and Summer Kid's Toy and Clothing Sale is being held on Saturday, March 9, 2019 from 9 - noon at the school - 6830 96th Ave, Zeeland. If you are interested in being a seller, please contact us at bcsclothingsale@borculochrschool.org for more information. Hope to see you there!

Great Escape Day Camp Now Hiring for Summer 2019

Applicants needed for 10 paid Camp Counselor positions to plan and lead activities at the 2019 Great Escape Summer Day Camp, in Holland! Candidates should be outgoing and have a heart for leading children/adolescents in a Christian environment. College students pursuing careers working with elementary and/or middle school age children, preferred. Assistant Counselor applicants must be going into their Junior year of high school for 2019-2020 school year, or older. Staff shifts vary between 7:30AM – 6PM Monday-Friday, starting June 10. No night or weekend shifts! Job description and application at www.neighborsplus.org. Follow the links under the "For Youth" tab! Questions?

Email greatestescape@neighborsplus.org or call 616.399.9190 ext. 325.