## Immanuel Christian Reformed Church

**January 27, 2013**

**WELCOME TO IMMANUEL!**

We’re glad that you joined us today, and we pray that you will experience a meaningful time of worship with us.

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

**This morning** Pastor Bob will lead us as we focus on the prayer life of Jesus. We will also prepare to celebrate the Lord’s Supper next Sunday.

Offerings: General Fund & Benevolent Fund

**This evening** we welcome **Rev Dan Kroeze** as our guest pastor.

Offering: Right to Life Education Fund

### NURSERY

Today:

 8:45AM Tammi Victory, Rachael Hoekwater

11:00AM (Infant) Kristin Van Solkema, Krista Herweyer

 (Toddler) Stephanie Miedema, Amy Wigger,

Michael Herweyer, Dylan Hoogeboom

Samantha Bosma

 5:30PM Mary Jane Geers, Sam Hoekwater

Next Sunday:

 8:45AM Dot Vruwink, Trevor Vedders

11:00AM (Infant) Anna De Young, Kati Pohler

 (Toddler) Karla Veldink, Mari Schut,

Elysia & Andrew Ter Avest,

Tristan Van Dyken

 5:30PM Sharon & Mackenna Nesky

### CHILDREN’S WORSHIP

Today: (Jesus in the Wilderness)

 8:45AM Luke Dykstra

 11:00AM Dawn Van Dyken, Austin Atwood

Next Sunday:

 8:45AM Kassie Butterworth

 11:00AM Marianne Postma, Kyle Koenig

**MEETINGS**

 10:00AM Education Hour

**THIS WEEK**

**MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE**

**Lee & Carolyn Baas:**

Larsen, Le Febre families

**Rev Cal & Jamie Hofland:**

Lems, Lutke families

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 30**

 5-6:30PM Church Picnic Dinner – FLC

**NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 3, 2013**

**8:45 & 11AM**: Pastor Bob

Introduction to *Seven Steps to Freedom in Christ*

The Lord’s Supper

Offerings: General Fund & Building Fund

**5:30PM**: Pastor Bob

Offering: Youth Unlimited

### THE LAURELS OF HUDSONVILLE – 9:00AM

Elder Allen Vedders

Schout, Bryan Schut, Wanda Schut families

**MEETINGS**

10:00AM Education Hour

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

We express our sympathy to **Margaret Teune** on the death of her brother-in-law, Fred Dahnke. May God continue to grant his comfort and peace.

**Del De Kleine** was treated for an infection and also had heart testing over the past week. Pray for regained health and strength.

**Joe Lems** – severe back pain

**Sharon Ondersma** – M.S., accident recovery

**Pete Van Rijs** – cancer treatment

**Captain Ron Thenn** – Army

Pray for safety for **Marianne Postma** and **Jim Schut** as they are in Guatemala working with Paradise Bound ministry.

**Email & Prayer Chain Updates**

If you would like to receive church-wide updates and prayer requests via email, or prayer requests through Immanuel’s Prayer Chain, please send an email request to (office@immanuelcrc.com) or call the church office (669-9725).

**OPPORTUNITIES**

**Circle Letter A – Tape Ministry**

If you would like to volunteer to deliver worship tapes once a month to 2 of our shut-ins, please circle Letter A in the Friendship Folder.

**Circle Letter B – Church Picnic Dinner**

Take a break from cooking this Wednesday, January 30! You may come anytime between 5-6:30PM and enjoy a picnic dinner. Chicken, along with favorite picnic foods, will be provided. Donations will be accepted. Come and enjoy a night of delicious food and fellowship.

If you are planning on coming, please circle Letter B in the Friendship Folder or sign up on the poster by the mailboxes.

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Elder/ Deacon Nominees**

The congregation is invited to suggest names for the positions of elders and deacons. Please contact your district elder or deacon by Wednesday, February 12.

**Teachers Needed**

We are looking for 2 teachers to teach our 10th and 12th grade students beginning on February 24 and ending on May 5. The 10th grade teacher would teach a class about spiritual gifts called "The Way you are Wired". More info can be found at:  [www.simplyyouthministry.com](http://www.simplyyouthministry.com). The 12th grade teacher would teach a class about preparing them for the future called "What I Wish I Knew at 18". More info can be found at: <http://www.dennistrittin.com>. Please contact Tami Koenig if you are interested!

**Son Seeker Parent Info**

* **Giving Project**

We will be collecting for the Baxter Community Center downtown GR!  It is a wonderful ministry that helps people with food, shelter, and clothing in one of Grand Rapids' needy neighborhoods.  Please encourage your children to bring their pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars to help support this awesome ministry!  If you would like more info, please visit [www.baxtercommunitycenter.org](http://www.baxtercommunitycenter.org)

* **Bible Memory**

Please encourage your children to learn their Bible memory verses!  For the verses they need to know, please visit [www.immanuelcrc.com](http://www.immanuelcrc.com) and click on the Bible Memory Info!

**Hand2Hand Ministry**

We are collecting juice boxes for the month of January and we request that they be 100% juice. Thank you!

We are looking for volunteers to help one of our coordinators stuff backpacks and deliver them to the school. This takes place either Thursdays from approximately 4-5PM or Friday mornings from 7:45-8:45AM.  Please contact Amy Geers (662-3726) with any questions or if you are interested in helping!

**IRA Charitable Gifts**

A note from the Christian Reformed Church in North America –

Many people over the age of 70 ½ waited to take their required minimum distribution until December, hoping that Congress would reinstate the IRA charitable gift rollover.  Well, if you were one of these people, you may give that distribution to church or another charity prior to February 1, 2013 and exclude the distribution from your federal taxable income in 2012.

You are also eligible to make a gift to charity from your IRA prior to February 1, 2013 and exclude the distribution from your federal taxable income in either 2012 or 2013. Some exclusions apply and you should check with your financial advisor or tax professional for additional information and requirements.

If you plan to make a gift prior to February 1, please contact Rob De Boer. The Deacons

**Small Group Resources**

The Education Committee would like to create a resource in our library of Bible Study/Small Group materials.  If you have leader books, dvd's, or small group studies that you are no longer using, we would love to have them donated.  You can bring them to the library.  A master list of materials will be compiled and a section will be created in the library so that they can be checked out for other groups to use.  Thanks for helping us be good stewards with our resources.

**YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**E.T.**

Sign-ups for the ET Overnight Retreat to Camp Geneva are on the youth board!  The cost of the retreat will be $55 per student and includes food which is prepared on site for us!  We will be arriving on Saturday morning, February 16, and coming home mid-morning on Sunday after worship.  Info will be in your mailboxes.

**Cadets**

Cadet Sunday will be on March 3 at 5:30PM.

* On March 15, Cadets will be hosting a church wide pinewood derby car race! We would like to invite anyone from the congregation (Kindergarten age and older) to purchase a car through Cadets for $5 and enter the race. We'd love to have younger kids, girls, women, seniors, teens . . . anyone who wants to race.  Please contact Jeff Kooienga (667-9624 or jlkooienga@sbcglobal.net) to order your car. Watch for more details with times and opportunities to build your car.
* On March 18, the Cadet only pinewood derby race will be held. Please put it on your calendar with more details to follow.  Immanuel will be hosting this event with 5-6 other cadet groups invited.

**Crossroads**

Super Bowl @ Mari & Jim Schut'swill be on February 3 immediately following the evening service.  Please plan on getting rides to and from their house!  Bring a dish to pass!

Camp Roger Date Change**-** We will be having the Crossroads Camp Roger retreat on *March 15-17.*Please note the change!

**No Encounter on February 17 or March 17**

Due to weekend retreats there will be no Encounter on these dates. Crossroads youth group will still meet on February 17th from 6:30-9:00pm. ET will not meet on either of those nights.

**FINANCIAL UPDATES**

**Corners Offering**

January Lakeshore Pregnancy Center

**January 20, 2013 Offerings**

General Fund $8,017

Faith Promise 1,543

Pastor Avelino 85

**General Fund Year-to-Date**

Received $315,820

Budget goal 345,170

Over (Under) (29,350)

Budget received – 91%

Fiscal year – July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

*To fulfill our General Fund budget,*

*an average weekly offering of $11,506 is necessary.*

*Please tithe in faith and as your response to God’s blessings*.

**February Offerings**

 3 General Fund & Building Fund

 Youth Unlimited

10 General Fund & Level 3 Tuition Assistance

 Holland Rescue Mission

17 General Fund & Faith Promise

 West Side Christian School

24 General Fund & Benevolent Fund

 Kuyper College

## WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

### SUNDAY

Remember in prayer and with a card this week our shut-ins:

**Herm & Lucy Mennega**

### MONDAY

Pray for God’s strength to be with the many persecuted Christians in **Mauritania**.

### TUESDAY

Pray for God’s blessing and protection this week on our **Pastor, Bob Huisman**.

###### WEDNESDAY

Pray for **Rev Joel & Marilyn Van Dyke** as they work with World Missions in Guatemala.

**THURSDAY**

Pray for these young adults and remember them with a note or card:

**Alexis Wierenga, Brittany Geers, Hannah Huisman**

### FRIDAY

Pray for God’s blessing on our **E.T. Ministry**.

### 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

**REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Unity Christian High School** will be hosting orientation evenings for 8th graders and parents on February 4, 13, and 20.  These evenings are especially planned for 8th graders and their parents to check out Unity as they make plans for high school.  Call Unity (669-1820) during any school day to reserve an evening.

**Hudsonville Christian School** extends to our friends in the community a warm invitation to our auction on Saturday, February 23rd. “As a parent in the school, I loved the auction because it once again reinforced my decision to send my kids to HCS --- we are a community within a community! It was fun to see the love, the fun, the joy, the ultimate goal of friends, neighbors, family working together to raise money to help support Christian education!” We hope that you will make plans to join us! Not only are there fantastic items, gift certificates, and one-of-a-kind things to bid on and buy, it’s a fun evening of building relationships within our HCS community. Check out the information and pictures at [www.hudsonvillechristian.org](http://www.hudsonvillechristian.org).

**Starlight Ministries** is hosting “Hope Stars 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament” on Saturday, March 2 from 8AM – 12PM at Hudsonville Christian Middle School.  This will be a day of fun, prizes, concessions, and friendly competition.  We welcome grade 5 through adults to participate!  Get some friends & family together, form a team, give it a funny name and register for this event (deadline is Feb. 18, 2013). Registration forms can be downloaded at:  [www.starlightmin.org](http://www.starlightmin.org)

All proceeds benefit Starlight Ministries, a Christ-centered ministry that provides hope, healing and support for those who are grieving the death-loss of a loved one.  Call 662-1999 for more information.

**The Jenison Bibles For Missions Thrift Store** is looking for volunteers to work day or evening hours. Call 988-8550 or stop at the store located between Meijer and Culvers.

**Sunset Retirement Communities and Services**

Meals at Home, Sunset’s totally volunteer hot meal delivery program to the homebound, is in need of drivers for the months of February and March. Many of our faithful deliverers take off for warmer climates, leaving a delivery spot open for you for just a short period of time. Please call Ellen or Chris (457-7777) if you can help!

**Love INC Opportunities**

* Yarn and fabric donations for Love INC will be helpful to supply sewers, knitters and crocheters with the product to make the hundreds of warm items needed. Please bring to Love INC at 3300 Van Buren Street, Hudsonville. Tax receipt letters will be provided.
* A variety of small-size products are needed to help supply several outreach ministries. Current items needed are: small shampoos, small toothpastes, toothbrushes, combs, towels and wash clothes (new or used), nightlights, and coloring books. Please bring to Love INC at 3300 Van Buren Street, Hudsonville. Thanks so much!
* Are you looking for a place to volunteer in 2013? Love INC has a variety of enjoyable volunteer opportunities-half days or full days. Please contact Tonia at 662-3300 ext 122 to learn more. Training is always provided.

**Rekindle, Restore & Renew** Register now to attend the next Reformed Marriage Encounter Weekend.  Capitalize on this weekend as an opportunity for God to meet you where you are in your marriage - to rekindle, restore and/or renew your relationship with your spouse.  The next weekend will be held in Holland, MI Feb 22-24, 2013.  For more information, or to register, go to [*www.reformedme.org*](http://www.reformedme.org/)

**College seniors or seminary ready students** who are professing members of one of the churches of Classis Georgetown, pursuing ministry in the Christian Reformed Church, and in need of financial assistance are invited to apply for financial aid for the 2013-2014 school year. Please contact Rev Tim Holwerda, 4958 Bauer Road, Hudsonville MI, 549426 or phone 669-6448. Applications will be accepted until February 18, 2013.