## Immanuel Christian Reformed Church

**February 3, 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 introduce *Seven Steps to Freedom in Christ*. We will also celebrate the Lord’s Supper together.

Offerings: General Fund & Building Fund

**This evening** Pastor Bob will lead us from Colossians 1 and Lord’s Day 18 & 19.

Offering: Youth Unlimited

### NURSERY

Today:

 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

Next Sunday:

 8:45AM Michelle Hamberg, Kassie Butterworth

11:00AM (Infant) Tammy Wolters, Grace Thompson

 (Toddler) Shelli Bosma, Katie Bonner,

 Allyssa Ver Merris, Joey Huisman,

Nic Van Rijs

 5:30PM Julie & Corbin De Boer

### CHILDREN’S WORSHIP

Today: (The Mustard Seed)

 8:45AM Kassie Butterworth

 11:00AM Marianne Postma, Kyle Koenig

Next Sunday:

 8:45AM Betty Laninga

 11:00AM Jessica Smith, Nicole Le Febre

**MEETINGS**

 10:00AM Education Hour

 12:30PM Kids Hope Potluck – FLC

**THIS WEEK**

**MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE**

**Rev Joel & Marilyn Van Dyke:**

Meinema families

**Revs Linda & Trevor Rubingh:**

Meyer, Miedema families

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 6**

 6:30PM GEMS & Cadets

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 7**

 7:15PM Praise Team leaders

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8 & 9**

 Women’s Retreat

**NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 10, 2013**

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

*Seven Steps to Freedom in Christ*

Step 1 – Real Overcomes Counterfeit

Offerings: General Fund & Level 3 Tuition Assistance

**5:30PM**: Guest Pastor Jack Stulp

Offering: Holland Rescue Mission

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

Elder John Wolters

Smidstra, Smith, Steenwyk families

**MEETINGS**

10:00AM Education Hour

 10:00AM CEAP Enrollment – FLC foyer

 6:30PM E.T.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for regained health & strength for **Ralph Bosgraaf** who has pneumonia.

Pray for God’s strength to be with **Lula Ringerwole** as she has more health issues and also for **Joan** as she cares for her.

**Del De Kleine** – health difficulties

**Joe Lems** – severe back pain

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

**Pete Van Rijs** – cancer treatment

**Captain Ron Thenn** – Army

**PRAISE & THANKSGIVING**

The GEMS thank the congregation for the donations that were made to the **Lakeshore Pregnancy Center**. They are very appreciated!

**OPPORTUNITIES**

**Circle Letter A - Date Night Challenge**

Date night is back!  Learn how "doing dating differently" can strengthen your relationship.  Focus on the Family presents the *Date Night Challenge* with hosts Dr Greg and Erin Smalley among others.  Join us on Friday, March 1, from 7-9PM in the sanctuary with dessert following in the FLC.

If you plan to attend, please circle Letter A in the Friendship Folder. Contact Jon and Brenda Heun (896-7614 or brenda.heun@gmail.com) with any questions.

Need a babysitter at your home for the *Date Night Challenge* on March 1?  Contact Brittnee Blom (bblom@immanuelcrc.com) to set up a sitter!  The students will be using this opportunity to raise funds for their summer mission trips.  All donations are up to the family requesting the sitter and will go directly toward the student's mission account.

**Circle Letter B – Kids Prayer Basket Prayer Team**

If you would like to join a team that would pray over the kids prayer requests, please circle Letter B in the Friendship Folder.

**Circle Letter C – Prayer Partners -**

**Worship Planners & Worship Teams**

If you would like to commit to pray one week/month for those planning worship and meet with a worship team on a Sunday morning, please circle Letter C in the Friendship Folder.

**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.

**Committee Chairpersons**

**All budget requests are due on Friday, March 1, and should be turned in to the treasurer, Kendall Ymker.**

**Kids Hope Potluck**

Join us today at 12:30PM in the FLC for a Kids Hope Potluck Lunch for all volunteers (and their families) and those that would like to know more about Kids Hope!  BBQ Pork Sandwiches will be served; drinks will be provided!  We have extra plates and would love to have you join us!  We plan to eat and share! Come with stories to tell, questions to ask, and anything else you would like to share!  We will wrap it up by 2PM!

**Christian Education Assistance Program (CEAP) Enrollment** Enrollment for parents of children attending Christian day school, K-12, will take place on Sundays February 10, 17, and 24 between the morning services.  Look for Kendall Ymker in the foyer of the FLC.  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.  Plan to attend one of these meetings to get more information and to enroll your children.  If you can't attend one of these meetings please call Kendall (813-0109) to get an enrollment form and/or more information.

**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!

**Tuition Assistance Program Change**

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](http://www.FACTStuitionaid.com).

The required application information is easily accessible data from the 2012 tax return along with other basic financial 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 30, 2013.  You may also contact Kendall Ymker (616) 813-0109 with questions about Immanuel’s tuition assistance program.

**Hand2Hand Ministry**

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!

**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**

**Crossroads**

Super Bowl @ Mari & Jim Schut'swill be tonight 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!

**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.

**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 $129

February In the Image

**January 27, 2013 Offerings**

General Fund $8,408

Benevolent Fund 956

Right to Life Education 143

**General Fund Year-to-Date**

Received $324,228

Budget goal 356,675

Over (Under) (32,447)

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*.

## WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

### SUNDAY

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

**Lula Ringerwole, Henrietta Meinema**

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

Pray for God’s blessing and protection this week on our **Directory of Youth/ Service Project Coordinator, Brittnee Blom**.

###### WEDNESDAY

Pray for **Revs Linda & Trevor Rubingh** and their work with Home Missions in Jersey City, NJ.

**THURSDAY**

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

**Torie Kuiper, Lanae Nesky, Denise Ondersma**

### FRIDAY

Pray for God’s blessing on our **Crossroads 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**

**Hudsonville Christian School** extends to our friends in the HCS community a warm invitation to our auction on Saturday,February 23, at the HCS elementary building.  Silent bidding begins at 4:15PM for hundreds of gift certificates, craft items, buy-a-line items, teacher donations, and many other items.  Dinner will be available from 5-7PM. The exciting live auction begins at 6:15PM. We are so thankful to all the many individuals and businesses who have donated! Thank you for praying for this special event and for supporting our school. Visit our website, [www.hudsonvillechristian.org](http://www.hudsonvillechristian.org) for more information and pictures.

**Unity Christian High School** will be hosting orientation evenings for 8th graders and parents on February 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.

**Married Couples—Celebrate this Valentine’s Day**.  Resolve to start a new/deeper love affair with your spouse that’s beyond your wildest dreams.  It can happen on a Reformed Marriage Encounter Weekend.  Sign up soon and renew your love for one another.  The next weekend will be held in Holland, MI February 22-24, 2013.  To register: [www.reformedme.org](http://www.reformedme.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.

**Summer and School-year Host Families Needed** Host families are needed for students from Spain who are coming to the area for either 4 or 6 weeks beginning on June 25 in order to improve their already good English and learn about American culture. The 4-week students will be attending activities every Tuesday and Thursday (based in Hudsonville), while the 6-week students do not attend any activities and simply live with you. The program is flexible and students may go on vacation or to summer camps with you. Host families are also needed for the school year for public or private high schools. Please contact Christy Tripp (662-2015 or [christytripp@sbcglobal.net](http://us.mc1814.mail.yahoo.com/mc/compose?to=christytripp@sbcglobal.net)) for more information.

**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.