

**Immanuel Christian Reformed Church**  
**December 16, 2012**

**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** we welcome **Joel Van Dyke** as our guest pastor.

Offerings: General Fund & Faith Promise Missionary Support

**This evening** the congregation is invited to *Encounter Worship* which will be held in the FLC.

Offering: Pastor Juan Francisco/ Guatemala

**NURSERY**

Today:

8:45AM Gale Krikke, Carly Geers  
11:00AM (Infant) Katie Bonner, Kara Koenig  
(Toddler) Shelli Bosma, Sharon Nesky,  
Nate Le Febre, Joey Vredevoogd,  
Morgan Ridder  
5:30PM Kristin Van Solkema, Sarah Hoekwater

Next Sunday:

8:45AM Bea Meinema, Carrie & Lane Lems  
11:00AM (Infant) Kara Plaisier, Katelyn Vander Ploeg  
(Toddler) Holly Bayle, Kris Ter Keurst,  
Nicole Le Febre, Brevin De Boer,  
Carla Dykstra  
5:30PM Tammy Wolters, Amber Vedders

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP**

Today: (The Magi Show the Way/ Jesus' Birth)

8:45AM Cathy Dykstra  
11:00AM Annemarie Rillema, Sam Hoekwater

**MEETINGS TODAY**

No Education Hour  
12:30PM Potluck Lunch – FLC  
6:30PM Crossroads

**USHERS**

Today: Nelson Vander Meer, Dan Vander Wal

Next Sunday: Kevin Ver Merris, Jeff Buchholz

**TAPE MINISTRY**

Today: Mel Brink

Next Sunday: Ron Laninga

**THIS WEEK**

**MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE**

**Revs Linda & Trevor Rubingh:**

Glass, Grooters families

**Bart & Arlene Adema:**

Gulker, Hamberg families

**NEXT SUNDAY – DECEMBER 23, 2012**

**8:45 & 11AM:** Advent 3 & 4 *We Worry, We Waver*  
Matthew 2:6, Micah 5:4, Isaiah 40:12-26, Romans 4:18-25  
Lord's Supper Preparation

Offerings: General Fund & Benevolent Fund

**5:30PM:** Pastor Bob – Lessons & Carols

Offering: Crossroads Bible Institute

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

Elder Charlie Postma

Keith Meinema Jr, Meyer, Miedema families

**MEETINGS**

No Education Hour

**PRAISE & THANKSGIVING**

Thank you for the prayers, cards and visits following my surgery. A special thanks to Pastor Bob and Paul & Denise Hoekwater.

**Clara Timmer**

Thank you, GEMS, for your recent donation of items for our food pantry! They are very much appreciated.

**Love INC**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Del De Kleine** – breathing difficulties

**Joe Lems** – back surgery recovery

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

**Pete Van Rijs** – cancer treatment

**Captain Ron Thenn** – Army

**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](mailto:office@immanuelcrc.com)) or call the church office (669-9725).

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Congregational Potluck Lunch**

Join us today at 12:30PM for a potluck lunch in the FLC. Please bring a large dish to share and table service for your family; coffee & lemonade will be provided.

**Crossroads Christmas Card Delivery**

The Crossroads will be delivering Christmas cards this afternoon. You may still add your cards to the Christmas bags that are on a table by the north entrance. The bags are labeled with the following names:

Elizabeth Elders  
Henrietta Meinema  
Lula Ringerwole  
Agnes Koomen  
Wilemina Wolters  
Bertha Brink  
Herm & Lucy Mennega

Cornelia Van Leeuwen  
Gertrude Schutter  
Ella Hoezee  
Letty Dyk  
Tillie De Weerd  
Gladys Bosgraaf  
Janet Vander Laan – will be sent

**Kids Hope USA**

The Kids Hope bulletin board has been updated with new pictures of our students with their mentors. Please check it out.

Also, we thank you for your prayers for the apple pie event held in the FLC. The gift of Jesus as the one who offers acceptance, security, and significance was shared and discussed with the children. Please continue to pray for them and the mentors.

**Teachers Needed**

Beginning in January for 6 weeks, all 6-12th graders will be taking an elective course. We need a few teachers to teach the following elective classes: "I Believe" (mentoring one student who is considering profession of faith), "Fossils and faith", "What's up with the Church Down the Street", and "Diversity and Justice". If you would like more information or are interested, please contact Tami (662-9880) ASAP!

## Hand2Hand

The Hand2Hand Committee is asking for donations of packs of individual fruit cups for the month of December. Thank you so much for your consistent support of this ministry. Please place your donations in the cart located in the FLC foyer.

## Spartan Labels

Do you use Spartan products? Our church nursery collects the UPC codes for needed supplies and we get \$20 for every 1,000 codes. Please put the labels in Martha Herweyer's church mailbox. Thank you!

## Crop Walk Update

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Hudsonville Area Crop Walk was coordinated again this year from Immanuel on October 7<sup>th</sup>. We had a record turn out from area churches that included Ridgewood CRC, Evergreen, Fellowship CRC, Baldwin CRC and Immanuel! Walkers filled the FLC and overflowed into the classrooms eating a quick soup lunch before heading out to walk.

The Crop Walk is a part of Church World Services and their efforts to fight world hunger. Money is raised by walkers either in person or online. This year we raised a total of \$12,489.68!!! Absolutely amazing!! We almost tripled what we raised last year and 25% of that money stays right here and helps the Refugee Gardens through Bethany Christian Services.

If you missed out on this great opportunity to get involved with the community in raising money for such a great cause, don't worry we will be back again next year! It is not only a great & easy way to serve with your family but it's a way we can serve together as a community. Please let us know if you would like to be a part of the planning for next year. Contact Marion/Marge Vande Steeg or Holly Postma.

## FINANCIAL UPDATES

### Corners Offering

December – Lemkin House

Peter Fish banks - \$1,125.31

### December 16, 2012 Offerings

General Fund	\$10,519
Level 3 Tuition	859
Hand2Hand	393

### General Fund Year-to-Date

Received	\$248,660
Budget goal	276,136
Over (Under)	(27,476)

Budget received – 90%

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.*

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Ongoing Ministry for Depression** meets on the third Monday of each month from 7-8PM in the educational wing at Fairway CRC, 1165 - 44<sup>th</sup> St, Jenison. This group is open to anyone in our community who struggles with depression or has a loved one who is depressed. You are invited to attend this safe and confidential group experience. No registration is necessary. The group will next meet on Monday, December 17. For more information contact the church office (662-0368).

**The Dock Ministries** is selling cookbooks. If you are interested in purchasing any, please call Betty Laninga (209-5246).

**Knitters** Thank you so much for all your wonderful work! We were able to bless many adults and children with hats, mittens, and scarves this winter.

We just received a special request for 300 men's winter hats by December 19. If you are able to help us fill this need, please drop off your items at Love INC, 3300 Van Buren, Hudsonville, Attn: Karla.

**Love INC Holiday Hours** Love INC will be closed Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25 for Christmas. We will, however, be open on Monday, December 31. We will be open to accept your year-end product donations Wednesday, December 26 - Saturday, December 29 as well as Monday, December 31.

**The Voices of Victory** male quartet would like to invite you to a New Year's Eve concert (hosted by the Staffmen in previous years) on Monday, December 31 from 8-11PM at Hudsonville Reformed Church (3950 Highland Drive, Hudsonville). We will be joined by the Sons of Korah quartet, With One Voice quartet, pianist Bryan Westra, and song leader Ken Koll. Offering to benefit Harmony Homes. Join us for an hour or two, or stay for the entire evening of praise to the God of the Ages.

**Simply Give Program** Support the Love INC Food Pantry by making a \$10 donation at the Jenison Meijer store now through January 5 and Meijer will match your donation. "Simply Give" gifts cards are available at the Jenison Meijer checkout, Love INC, or Love's Treasures

**Married Couples — Give a gift that keeps on giving.** Register for the next Reformed Marriage Encounter Weekend to be held in Holland, MI on February 22-24, 2013. It's the best gift you'll ever give to each other and your marriage! You've already attended a weekend? Consider giving this gift to another special couple. To register, go to [www.reformedme.org](http://www.reformedme.org)

## WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

### SUNDAY

Remember in prayer and with a card this week our shut-ins:  
**Wilemina Wolters & Ella Hoezee**

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

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

### WEDNESDAY

Pray for **Rev Cal & Jamie Hofland** as they work in West Africa through World Missions.

### THURSDAY

Pray for these young adults and remember them with a note or card:  
**Kaden Nesky, Jeff Pohler, Kristin Schmitt**

### 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

**Join the 2013 Sea to Sea Bike Tour and Help Fight Poverty**

Nearly two weeks after Hurricane Sandy, folks on the East Coast are still struggling—and many still don't have power. It is in times like these that we must consider those who live in poverty. For the poor in the North America and around the world, a natural disaster is all it takes to turn their lives upside down and make them lose any ground they have gained. By participating as a cyclist, volunteer, donor, or prayer partner in Sea to Sea, you have a chance to fight poverty and support organizations like World Renew that are helping the poor out of their vulnerable position. Register today at [www.seatosea.org](http://www.seatosea.org). It is recommended that riders sign up by December 1, 2012 in order to have enough time to train and raise money.

**Dynamic Youth Ministries**, best known for its programs, Cadets, GEMS and Youth Unlimited has a three-quarter-time Accounting/Business Manager position opening. This position requires the ability to simultaneously manage multiple tasks while being able to work independently to carry out all necessary day-to-day accounting functions. Non-profit experience is helpful but not required. If you or someone you know has a minimum of a two year accounting degree, two years of multi-faceted accounting experience and a heart to use those gifts to further ministries impacting today's children and youth, please send a resume and cover letter to [jobs@dynamicyouthministries.org](mailto:jobs@dynamicyouthministries.org). To view the job description, please visit [www.youthunlimited.org](http://www.youthunlimited.org)