

Immanuel Christian Reformed Church
January 6, 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 with the message, "The Grace of Giving".

Offerings: General Fund & Building Fund

This evening we will have a Service of Prayer for the New Year in the Family Life Center.

Offering: Book of Hope

NURSERY

Today:

8:45AM Nancy Tamminga, Caleb Van Dyke
11:00AM (Infant) Jessica Smith, Emily Wolters
(Toddler) Phyllis Wigger, Holly Vredevoogd,
Cameron Van Dyke, Elle Plaisier,
Mia Heun
5:30PM Denise Hoekwater, Erica Dykstra

Next Sunday:

8:45AM Joani Vander Stelt, Isaac Vedders
11:00AM (Infant) Betsy Vander Ploeg, Carla Dykstra
(Toddler) Dawn Koster, Cyndy Hoogeboom,
Joshua Veldink, Paige Heemstra,
Riley Kooienga
5:30PM Elizabeth Bovard, Alexis Hoogeboom

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (Orientation & The Light)

CW will resume this morning with orientation for children who have turned 3 years old since September or have not attended Children's Worship before.

Next Sunday:

8:45AM Michelle Hamberg
11:00AM Evamarie Eggebeen, Abby Postma

MEETINGS

6:30PM Crossroads

THIS WEEK

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

Bart & Arlene Adema:

Hoogeboom, Huberts families

Lee & Carolyn Baas:

Janke, Knot families

TUESDAY JANUARY 8

9:15AM Discovery
5:30-7:00PM Mission Committee Pizza Night – FLC
7:00PM Discovery

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 9

6:30PM Executive Committee
7:00PM Immanuel Circle – Adult Ed Room
7:00PM Full Council
7:30PM Pastoral Elders & Deacons,
Administrative Committee

THURSDAY JANUARY 10

4-7:15PM Blood Drive – FLC
7:00PM Knitting Ministry

NEXT SUNDAY – JANUARY 13, 2013

8:45 & 11AM: *The Grace of Giving* – Part 2

Offerings: General Fund & Level 3 Tuition Assistance

5:30PM: Guest Pastor Ken Havert

Offering: Other Way Ministries

THE LAURELS OF HUDSONVILLE – 9:00AM

Elder Larry Herweyer

Ken Pohler, Bill Postma, Art Postmus families

MEETINGS

10:00AM Education Hour
6:30PM E.T.

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

The flowers in the sanctuary are in honor of the following birthdays:

Fannie Roelofs January 12
Wandalee Schut January 17
Jessie De Groot January 23
Evelyn Vander Kooi January 24
Gladys Bosgraaf January 25

During the holiday season, I was blessed to receive so many beautiful cards from the congregation. I also appreciated the delicious fruit basket brought by deacon, Mike Ridder. Most of all, thanks to all for your prayers, food and visits this past year.

Lula Ringerwole

Dear Congregation,

Thank you so very much for the many cards and the basket of fruit & goodies. Also, my special thanks to Henry Holtrop, the Herweyer family, and many friends & family for their very welcome visits. In appreciation, **Ella Hoezee**

Immanuel Congregation,

Thank you so much for your gifts to the Benevolent Fund and the Tuition Assistance Fund. Our family has been a recipient of your gifts and are so thankful for your generosity. We feel blessed to be a part of the Family of God at Immanuel.

A Very Thankful Immanuel Family

PRAYER REQUESTS

We express our sympathy to **Hank & Marideen Holtrop, Mary Beth & Doug Dykema** on the death of Hank's brother, Norm Holtrop, on December 31. May the Lord continue to comfort and uphold them.

Del De Kleine – breathing difficulties

Letty Dyk – Brookcrest

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) or call the church office (669-9725).

OPPORTUNITIES

Circle Letter A – Mission Committee Pizza Night

You are invited to an evening with Josh & Mandy Shaarda this Tuesday, January 8, from 5:30-7PM to hear about their ministry in Uganda. Pizza & beverages will be provided; donations will be accepted for the Shaarda's ministry.

If you plan on coming, please circle Letter A in the Friendship Folder (indicate how many) or call Michelle (662-9573).

Circle Letter B – Church Picnic in January

Take a break from cooking on Wednesday, January 30, from 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

Lakeshore Pregnancy Center Collection

The GEMS are collecting items for the Lakeshore Pregnancy Center as part of our celebration of sanctity of life and are welcoming the congregation to join them. Items they are asking for are size 1 and 4 diapers and formula and bath items. However, they are grateful for any baby items that they receive. Please put your donations in the pak-n-play near the Information Center by January 16. Thank you in advance!

Budget Envelopes

Budget envelopes for 2013 were placed in your mailbox. If you did not receive a box and would like to request one, or received the wrong numbered box, please contact Rob De Boer or Bart Geers.

Women's Retreat

Today is the last day to sign up for the Women's Retreat. It is going to be a great weekend!!!

There are brochures and registration forms at the Information Center in the FLC foyer. There are also some in Kristy Ter Keurst's church mailbox. Please call Kris Ter Keurst (498-1967), Amy Ymker (260-3759), or Maribeth Stech (403-4557).

Blood Drive – January 10

If you think you're just too busy to give blood, please consider this: the 7-10 minutes you take to donate 1 pint of blood may make a life-saving difference for up to 3 people. Please donate your pint of blood in the FLC this Thursday, January 10, from 4-7:15PM. Sign-ups are available this morning, or call Arie (669-6313).

Home Plate 2013

Mark your calendars - more details to come. Home Plate 2013 will be on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at Comerica Park in Detroit. The Detroit Tigers will be taking on the Atlanta Braves at 1:05 pm, so the Home Plate program will start at approximately 9:30 am. Registration will take place in January, so keep an eye out for a bulletin announcement after the first of the year.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Mike Le Febre at milefeb@att.net.

ADULT MINISTRIES

Immanuel Circle

We will meet this Wednesday, January 9, at 7PM in the Adult Ed Room. Please prepare Lessons 11 & 12.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Crossroads Event

80's Skating Party + 3 Mile Project - Saturday, January 12th. We'll meet at church at 4:00pm and will return home before 10pm. Bring friends! \$10 for entrance fees and please bring your own \$\$ for pizza/concessions for dinner @ 3mile.

E.T.

Sign-ups for the ET Overnight Retreat to Camp Geneva will be 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.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

Corners Offering

December – Lemkin House \$460

December 23, 2012 Offerings

General Fund	\$15,119
Benevolent Fund	1,524
Crossroads Bible Institute	91

Christmas Offering

Cary Christian Center \$1,480

December 30, 2013 Offerings

General Fund	\$10,802
Legacy Campaign	8,046
Rehoboth	154

General Fund Year-to-Date

Received	\$282,372
Budget goal	310,653
Over (Under)	(28,281)

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
Lithuania.

TUESDAY

Pray for God's blessing and protection this week on our **Custodian, Jim Stech.**

WEDNESDAY

Pray for **Bart & Arlene Adema** as they work with Global Recordings Network in Alhambra, CA.

THURSDAY

Pray for these young adults and remember them with a note or card:
Ashley Buchholz, Elyssa Huberts, Justin Schout

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

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!

Memory Loss Support Group is an encouraging, confidential meeting specifically designed for spouses, children, siblings, friends of people experiencing continually greater loss of memory and abilities thus enhancing your ability to care for them and care for yourselves. Meet at Fair Haven Ministries, 2900 Baldwin, on January 10, 1PM in Room 410. Call Pam 662-2100. A separate room ministers to the person for whom you are caring. This group is open to all without cost to you. You are encouraged to attend.

Love INC Opportunities

- 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.