

## WELCOME TO OUR NOVEMBER 22, 2020 SUNDAY WORSHIP!

Welcome to each and every one of you, either in person or via LiveStream on this Sunday as we celebrate Thanksgiving! We offer a special welcome back to Pastor Ray Tilstra who will offer our Thanksgiving message. We wish each of you a blessed and safe Thanksgiving. In spite of everything, we have so much to be thankful for! Our God is the same yesterday, today and forever!

Prelude: "Sing to the Lord of the Harvest"

Songs of Praise: "Build My Life" *Rich Criss*  
"Your Name"

Piano/Organ Duet: "Come, Ye Thankful People Come"

\*Invocation & Greeting the Church Here & Online

\*Hymn #566 (Vs. 1, 2 & 3) "We Gather Together"

Announcements

Interlude: "A Thanksgiving Meditation"

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

Message: "The Blessing That Generates Authentic Thanksgiving"  
Pastor Ray Tilstra

\*Doxology

Morning Prayer

\*Closing Hymn #567 (Vs. 1 & 3) "Now Thank We All Our God"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

**AS YOU LEAVE THE SANCTUARY, REMEMBER YOU  
ARE NOW ENTERING YOUR MISSION FIELD!**

\*Please stand as you are able.

## SUNDAYS AT EMMANUEL

9:00 a.m. – Sunday Worship

Anytime – Sunday School

4:00-5:30 p.m. – Jr. High JAM

6:30-8:00 p.m. – Sr. High YF

Sanctuary & Livestream

On Facebook

Parking Lot/Gym

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Those Serving	November 22	November 29
Sound Techs:	Matt VanDrew Russ Wallander Hannah Wallander	Matt VanDrew Russ Wallander Hannah Wallander
Projection Tech:	Scott Findley	Scott Findley
Usher:	Doug Leech	Doug Leech

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL

**TODAY, Sunday, Nov. 22**

6:30 p.m. – MOMSnext (Chapel)

Monday thru Friday

5:00-9:30 a.m. – Walking ministry

Gymnasium

Thur., Nov. 26 & Fri., Nov. 27

**Church offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday**

Sat., Nov. 28

7:00 a.m. – Men's Bible Study

Christ Center

## ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Offering to Budget Last Sunday:	\$ 4,966.54
2020 Budget:	\$ 447,161.00
2020 Income YTD to Budget:	\$ 376,000.99
Total needed to meet Budget:	\$ 71,160.01

### Fauche Elementary School Building Initiative

The Fauche Elementary School Initiative has raised \$22,160 to this point toward the elementary school. Please consider how you can help.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Reservations for Sunday Morning Worship Service in the Sanctuary:**

Please call or text the Emmanuel Reformed Church reservation line (815) 213-8715 and leave your name, how many attending and contact number. **As our Sunday morning Worship attendance has now grown each week and approaches our 100-person capacity, it is imperative to call or text the reservation number if you need to cancel your reservation.**

### **Magnifying Our Missions – November's Designated Benevolent**

**Offering: Food for the Hungry.** We ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this wonderful ministry with a second specifically marked offering in addition to your regular offering when it is received **TODAY.**

### **Quilt Raffle for the Fauche School Building Initiative will run through**

**Sunday, Dec. 13:** Raffle tickets will be sold for \$5 each, or five tickets for \$20. The queen-size quilt (88"x92") is on display in the elevator foyer. The drawing for the winner will be after church on Sunday, December 13. Tickets can be purchased in the elevator foyer on Sunday mornings or in the Fireside Room of the Christ Center during regular office hours during the week.

### **Preaching schedule for upcoming services:**

Nov. 29 – Pastor Mike Durham

Dec. 6 – Pastor Luke's first Sunday as senior pastor

**The Consistory has decided due to increased COVID levels in our area to cancel the Thanksgiving Eve service for this year.**

### **Consistory met in special session recently and the following people**

**were selected, by drawing lots, to serve on Consistory for 2021.** For

the position of Elder: Lloyd DeShane, Jeff Eissens & Loren Tenboer. For

the position of Deacon: Tim Dauphin, Robin Henard & Suzi Mills.

### **Christmas Yard Signs are available again this year in the Christ Center**

**by the bulletin boards for \$5.00 each.** This is not a fundraiser as the

signs are being sold at cost, but yet another way for the Church to

spread the good news of Jesus' birth without promoting a specific

church.

## **BIRTHDAYS**



Nov. 22-Susie Holbrook, Jamie Rodriguez  
Nov. 23-Renee Kuehl, Scott Meinsma  
Nov. 24-Denny Boeck, Virgil Bush, Kyle McCoy, Paul Wikoff  
Nov. 25-Dawn Bush, Cameron VanDerLeest  
Nov. 26-Rich Criss, Jonathan Deter, Tiny VanderVinne  
Nov. 27-Eli Smith  
Nov. 28-Kathy Hogue, Suzi Mills, Nancy Rutledge,  
Meghan Sterenberg, Ethel VanZuiden

## **ANNIVERSARIES**



Nov. 23-Jonah & Alyssa Venema



*Thank you for all the prayers, cards and calls while I was receiving treatment for lymphoma. This cancer can be treated but not cured. But for now it is 100% gone – thank God!*

Bill Senior

*Dear Emmanuel Church, Greetings from Eagan! I want to thank you for all the cards, prayers, and expressions of love and support that you extended to me throughout my time as your Interim Pastor. And also thanks for your very special farewell for me last Sunday. I was so greatly blessed to serve among you beginning in September 2019. And now may joy abound as you begin a wonderful new chapter of ministry with Pastor Luke and Chris. To God be all the glory! May the Lord bless you and keep you in His love and care.*

Sincerely, Al

## **PLEASE UPHOLD IN PRAYER:**

All who have yet to trust the Savior Jesus.

The persecuted church around the world.

The world, national & state leaders.

Those battling addictions in their lives.

The families & marriages of our community & church.

The Missionaries our Emmanuel family supports: the Fields' serving in Columbia; the McCleerys serving in Latin America; the Pitchers serving in South Africa; the Smith-Mathers serving in South Sudan & the Sundararajans serving in Asia.

Austin Adams was admitted to MercyOne in Clinton with pneumonia last week.

Elwyn Nice was transferred to Allure of Prophetstown last week.

Those who are healing & recovering: Warren Pruis, Corey Johnson & those who are recovering from COVID-19.

Those who have long-term needs: Bob Atherton, Linda Damhoff & Jacob Green

Those undergoing cancer treatments: Bill Senior, Deb Wikoff & Jonelle Hook

Our servicemen and women serving our country, including Jason Akker, Riley Coffey, Brad Eissens, Brevin Pruis & Lloyd Wicker

Rollie Ebbers in Rock Island.

Betty Tegeler, George Temple & Lois Wiebenga at Resthave.

Norma Boeck at Windsor Manor.

Elwyn Nice at Allure of Prophetstown.



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