



**Welcome!**  
**Immanuel Reformed Church**  
**September 17, 2023**

**Prelude**

\* **Opening Hymn:** *Change My Heart, Oh God*

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 51:1 - 12

**Prayer**

**Hymn 514:** *In My Heart There Rings a Melody*

**Hymn 398:** *Fill My Cup, Lord*

**Children's Message**

\* **Hymn 438:** *Cleanse Me*

**Morning Prayer**

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:1 - 5

**Message:** Desperate Hearts

\* **Responsive Hymn 371:** *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

**Offering Prayer**

**Offertory**

\* **Doxology**

**Church Happenings**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Closing Hymn 554:** *I'll Fly Away, vs. 1 & 3*

\* Please stand

**Serving Us Today**

**Greeters:** Larry & Karla Pals

**Clean Up:** Dan & Lisa Lovgren

**Organist:** Donna Buseman

**September 24**

**Greeters:** John & Melissa Sifert

**Clean Up:** Kevin & Ashley Pals

**Organist:** Donna Buseman

**Announcements**

- **Adult Sunday School begins today at 10:45.** Pastor Mark will lead us through a five-week discussion on 1 John.
- **The Immanuel Family** is invited to a luncheon at Meservey Reformed Church on September 24 at 10:30 a.m. to celebrate Pastor Meester's retirement
- **Starting Wednesday, September 27,** Immanuel Reformed will host a Family Ministry Night. All ages are welcome to come and share in a time of fellowship and learning. Supper will be provided at 5:30 p.m., with educational time at 6 p.m. Pastor Petrie will guide us in this new venture.
- **During the October 1 service,** we will celebrate Lord's Supper.
- **Volunteers are needed for the committee** working on updates and repairs to the parsonage. Please talk to Karla or Wanda if you can help out.
- **Can you volunteer as a substitute** Sunday School teacher? Contact Leigh Jass if God has laid this on your heart.
- **The Belmond Area Community Chest (BACC)** is collecting donations during October for its annual fund drive. Your contribution is tax deductible and will be used for the 2024 distribution. Please place your generous gifts in the BACC envelopes, and help us meet our goal of \$5,000 for this appeal.

**9:30 a.m. Morning Worship**  
**(Nursery available downstairs)**

**10:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship**

**10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages**

**In Our Thoughts & Prayers**

- Please keep **Mille Wenzel** in your prayers as she recovers from hip surgery.
- Pray for **Audrey M.**, unspoken needs.
- Keep Joy Bonin's sister, Sandy, in prayer this week as she begins radiation treatments.
- Continue to pray for healing in family members struggling with health issues: **Dave Kobes; Shirley Goeman;** and **Dan and Lisa Lovgren's** relative, recovering from hip surgery.
- Pray for the spiritual growth of our church families, and our ability to reach out to those in our community who need the saving grace of Jesus.
- Prayers for the Lord to be present as Immanuel transitions to our new denomination, Alliance of Reformed Churches (ARC)
- Guidance for our all of our consistory members and search team members as we seek the next Pastor for Immanuel.
- Pray for safety and a successful school year for students, teachers and school staff.



- Sept. 4** Sally Lindeman
- Sept. 10** Steven Clark
- Sept. 15** Skip Dorenkamp
- Sept. 22** Melissa Sifert



**Sept. 29** Vaughn & Jane Pals