

A warm hearty greeting to our visitors.
This morning we worship our Lord and God
with reverence and awe.

Immanuel Reformed Fellowship marks the return of the
Reformed Church in the United States in south central Iowa
after over an eighty-year absence.

In the early 1900's, the RCUS was known as the
"German Reformed Church."

The denomination's heritage goes back to the sixteenth-century
Protestant Reformation when God raised church reformers
to direct His people back to the teachings of sacred Scripture.
By the 1700's, the German Reformed Church made its presence
in the United States and would prosper and eventually merge
to form a new denomination with the remnant desiring to remain
as the Reformed Church in the United States.

The RCUS holds that God's Word is authoritative, sufficient,
necessary, and perspicuous for all of life, and that the Bible is
the inspired, infallible, and inerrant Word of God.

The RCUS adopted the Three Forms of Unity
(the Heidelberg Catechism, the Belgic Confession,
and the Canons of Dort) as its confessional
subordinate standards that systematically and rightly reflect
the teachings of sacred Scripture.

The church polity of the RCUS is consistorial-presbyterial.



Immanuel Reformed Fellowship

is a church plant of
Covenant Reformed Church
(Gettysburg, PA)

Our Consistory:

Rev. Samuel Rodriguez, CRCG Pastor
(President of Consistory);

Rev. Chuck Muether, IRF Pastor;

Elders: Bob Foster (Clerk), Dennis Luquette;

Treasurer: Chris Rebmann

Immanuel Reformed Fellowship

The Lord's Day • June 9, 2024



Worshiping in spirit and truth. John 4:24

612 Franklin St./Oost Poort Alley Pella, IA 50219
Morning Worship 9:30am • Education Class 11am

Contemplation

“Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. . . “ James 4:8

PRELUDE AND WELCOME

GOD CALLS US TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

Convocation

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise!” Psalm 100:4

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

PSALM 16:11

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your
right hand are pleasures forevermore.

WE PRAY TO HIM

*GOD GREETUS WITH HIS BLESSING

“Congregation, from whence does your help come?”

*“Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made
heaven and earth.”*

*“Receive now His blessing: ‘To all those in Him who are
loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ’” (Romans 1:7).*

*WE PRAISE HIS NAME:

*HYMN #692 To You, O LORD, I FLY



Immanuel Reformed Fellowship praises God for the life and service of Ruling Elder John H. Larson. Please continue to pray for the extended Larson family and for our brothers and sisters of Peace Reformed Church. One of Elder Larson’s prayer petitions since 2021 was that Peace Reformed would have her pulpit filled. After years of praying that God would provide the right man, John’s prayer was answered. Ten hours after the conclusion of the ordination and installation service at Peace Reformed Church, Ruling Elder John H. Larson entered the Church Triumphant—his work on this side of the kingdom complete.

He was preceded in death by his father, Don, on January 8, 2024; and father and mother-in-law, Dewey and Tillie Veenstra.

When Immanuel Reformed Fellowship became a church plant of the Reformed Church in the United States, John assisted the mission work in many ways. He unofficially augmented the Covenant Reformed Church in Gettysburg (IRF's overseeing church) Consistory by assisting in the administration and oversight of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. He helped acquire the fellowship tables and financially supported the church plant.

Elder Larson and Rev. Muether had epic phone chats over matters that pertained to the two RCUS churches in Iowa, always promising each other that the call would not go over 5 minutes but ended up well over an hour each time.

Elder Larson was a respected churchman in Covenant East Classis. He served on committees for Classis and Synod. His self-deprecating mantra was always, "I am just a simple farmer," but the more accurate description is he was trained as an engineer, was gifted in working the ground, raised six boys with his wife Caroline, and labored to the glory of God. He knew and lived God's Word, and demonstrated wise leadership in the church.

During years of drought or too much rain, he was quick to point out that God is sovereign, He is good, and He knows what is best for us. As he was nearing death and the pain became unbearable, he said God has a purpose for suffering, too. Elder Larson, who lost his father in January, was quick to tell Rev. Muether that in this life it is not about the person—who he or she is or what he or she has accomplished, but about the living out the Word of God and giving Him the honor and glory.

"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1-2).

Confirmation and Confession

"Give me life according to your word!" Psalm 119:25

GOD CALLS US TO CONFESS

God Calls Us to Abide by His Law—Psalm 119:1-9

God Calls Us to Confess Our Need—HC 24 Q&A 62-64

¹ Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!

² Blessed are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart,

³ who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways!

⁴ You have commanded your precepts to be kept
diligently.

⁵ Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your
statutes!

⁶ Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes
fixed on all your commandments.

⁷ I will praise you with an upright heart, when I
learn your righteous rules.

⁸ I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me!

⁹How can a young man keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.

God Calls Us to Confess Our Need
Heidelberg Catechism 24 Q&A 62-64

62. But why cannot our good works be the whole or part of our righteousness before God?

Because the righteousness which can stand before the judgment seat of God must be perfect throughout and entirely conformable to the divine law, but even our best works in this life are all imperfect and defiled with sin.

63. Do our good works merit nothing, even though it is God's will to reward them in this life and in that which is to come?

The reward comes not of merit, but of grace.

64. But does not this doctrine make men careless and profane?

No, for it is impossible that those who are implanted into Christ by true faith, should not bring forth fruits of thankfulness.



John H. Larson, 57, of Hardy, Iowa, passed away Monday, June 3, 2024, at the Paula Baber Hospice Home in Fort Dodge. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, June 8, 2024, at Peace Reformed Church (Garner, Iowa).

John Hueneman Larson, the son of Donald and Eunice (Hueneman) Larson, was born August 9, 1966, in Fort Dodge. He was baptized and confirmed at Peace

Reformed Church. John graduated from Corwith-Wesley-Lu Verne High School in 1984 and Dordt College in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He was employed by Massman Construction in Jacksonville, FL, and Kansas City, MO, and later at Pella Corporation in Pella, Iowa. On April 6, 1991, he married Caroline Veenstra at Sully Christian Reformed Church. They lived on a grain and cattle farm west of Hardy all of their married life. John enjoyed farming, fixing, and doing construction projects with his father and sons. His greatest joy was serving the Lord Jesus Christ and seeing his children and grandchildren grow up in the same faith.

He was a member of Peace Reformed Church where he served as a Sunday school teacher, Deacon, and Elder. John and Caroline were past members of Wright Christian Reformed Church, south of Kanawha. He served on the Kanawha Christian School Board and as treasurer for the Humboldt County Cattlemen's Association.

John is survived by his wife, Caroline of Hardy; his mother, Eunice Larson of Livermore; six sons, Jacob (Tatiana) Larson and their two children, James and Joshua of Lu Verne, Luke (Marissa) Larson and their daughter, Grace of Livermore, Jed Larson of Lu Verne, Levi (Karibeth) Larson and their child due this October of Hardy, Clint Larson of Hardy and Jack Larson of Hardy; three sisters, Sarah Larson of Des Moines, Liz (Dave) Schenk of Olathe, KS and Sonja (Mike) Nop of Huxley; and many nieces and nephews.

- Next week we will kick off our Pella Thursdays evangelism outreach.



- The Consistory meets Tuesday, June 11.
- RCUS Covenant Camp reminder:

PACKING LIST FOR CAMP:

- SACK LUNCH FOR TRIP TO CAMP (IF NEEDED)
- BIBLE, CATECHISM, NOTEBOOK, AND PEN
- REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE
- FLASHLIGHT
- LIGHT JACKET AND RAIN GEAR
- PILLOW AND SLEEPING BAG OR BEDDING
- CLOTHING FOR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
- TOOTHBRUSH, TOWEL, SHOWER SHOES (FLIP FLOPS OK) AND SOAP
- INSECT REPELLANT AND SUNSCREEN
- MODEST SWIMWEAR (ONE PIECE OR TANKINI FOR GIRLS)
- MONEY FOR CANTEEN
- TALENT FOR TALENT NIGHT
- \$100 CASH/CHECK FOR PAYMENT



SAFETY:

- WE HAVE A LIFEGUARD ON DUTY FOR ALL WATER ACTIVITIES
- ALL OVERNIGHT COUNSELORS AND PASTORS HAVE COMPLETED A BACKGROUND CHECK
- A COUNSELOR CERTIFIED IN CPR AND FIRST AID IS ON SITE AT ALL TIMES. THE CLOSEST EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) IS LOCATED LESS THAN 10 MINUTES AWAY

WE GO TO HIM CONFESSING OUR SIN IN PRAYER
[We conclude with the Lord's Prayer and song.]

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in
 heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our
 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and
 lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.*

*"Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;
 incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen."*

GOD GIVES US ASSURANCE OF GRACE **ISAIAH 30:18**

*¹⁸ Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you,
 and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy
 to you.
 For the LORD is a God of justice;
 blessed are all those who wait for him.*

***WE RESPOND TO GOD IN SONG:**
HYMN #522 MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

Communion

“...so we, though many, are one body in Christ,
and individually members one of another.” Romans 12:5

WE GO TO HIM IN CORPORATE PRAYER

WE BRING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

*WE RESPOND TO GOD IN SONG: DOXOLOGY (P. 733)

*“Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here
below: alleluia, alleluia! Praise Him above ye heavenly host Praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”*

Consecration

“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” Hebrews 4:7

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PSALM 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills.

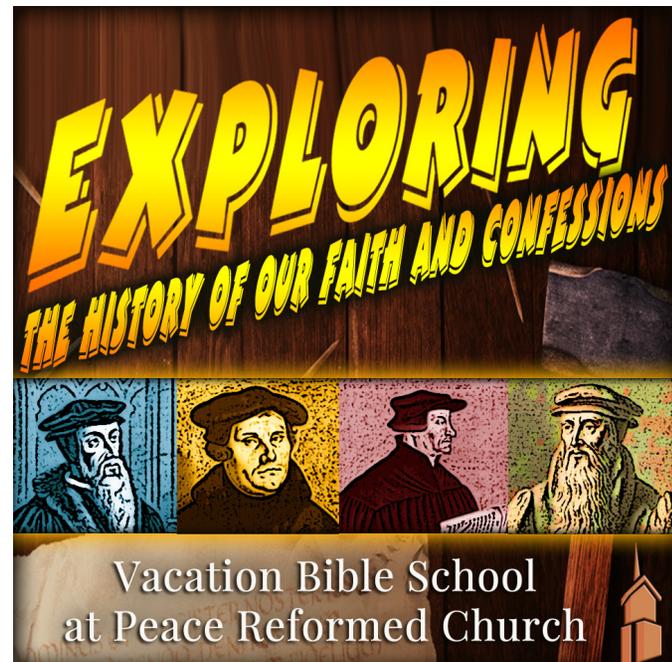
From where does my help come?

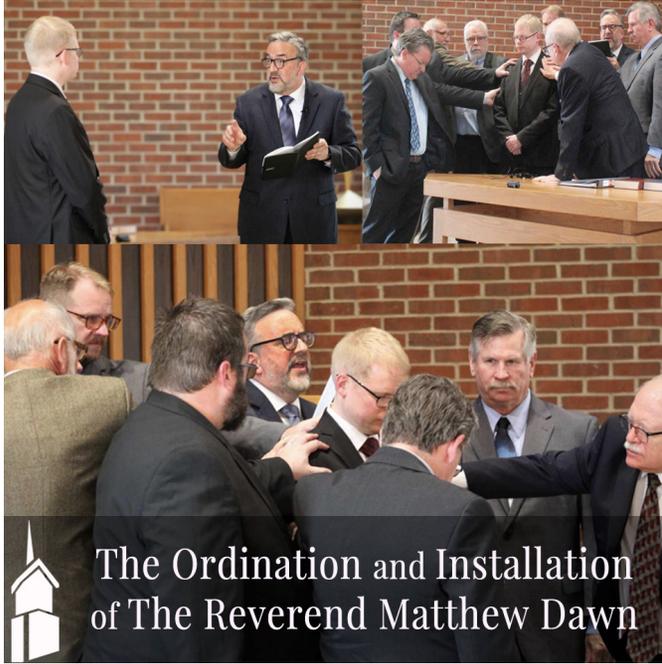
² My help comes from the LORD,

who made heaven and earth.

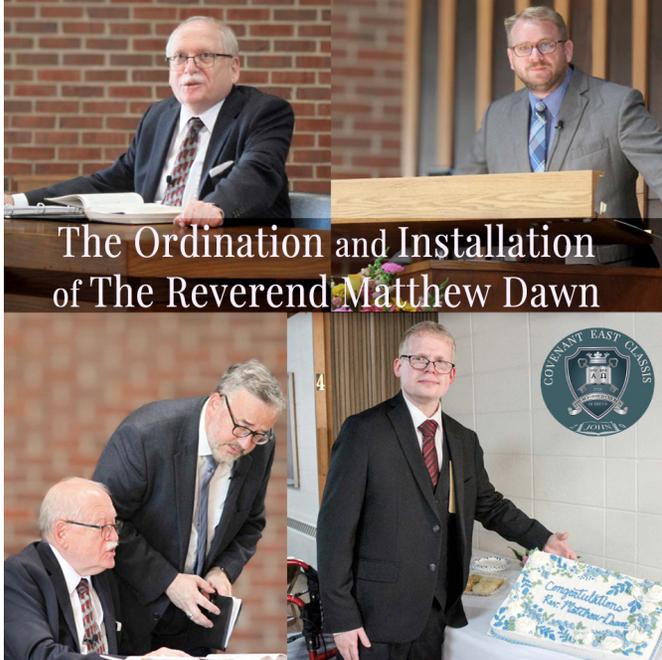
³ He will not let your foot be moved;

he who keeps you will not slumber.





The Ordination and Installation
of The Reverend Matthew Dawn



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- ⁴ Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your
right hand.
- ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
- ⁸ The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

WE HEAR THE PROCLAMATION OF HIS WORD



Commission

"In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you." 1 Peter 3:15

*WE RESPOND TO GOD IN SONG:

HYMN #386 GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN

*WE RECEIVE GOD'S PARTING BLESSING

*PLEASE STAND IF ABLE.

Immanuel Reformed Fellowship	June 9, 2024 BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT
	<i>"The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore."</i> ~Psalm 121:8

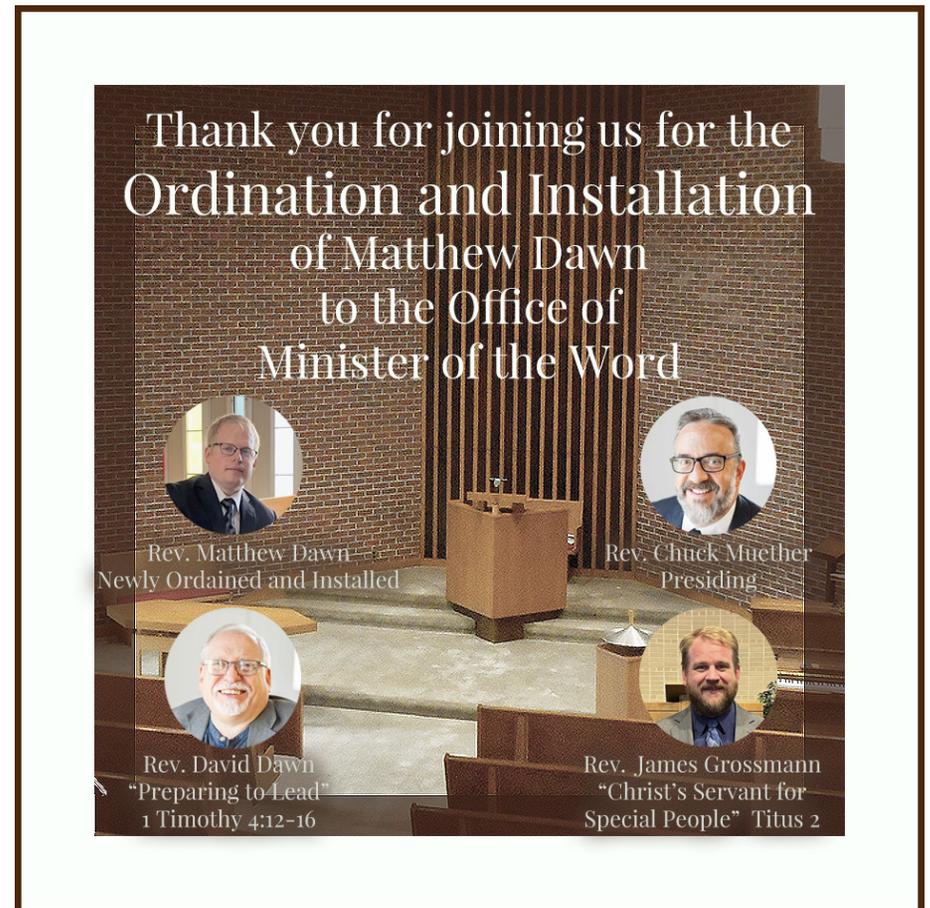
- Happy Birthday to Aleyna Gross, who turned 15 years old on June 1!



- We give thanks to God for the ordination and installation of Rev. Matthew Dawn. Rev. Chuck Muether presided, Rev. David Dawn (father of Matthew) gave the charge to the ministerial candidate, and Rev. James Grossmann gave the charge to the congregation.

The service was held at Peace Reformed Church at 6:00 p.m., June 2. Representing Northern Plains Classis was Rev. Hank Bowen, and from South Central Classis: Rev. Maynard Koerner and Rev. J.P. Mosley. Rev. Greg Hoadley from Grace Reformed Presbyterian represented the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

- June 10th through June 28th VBS at Peace Reformed Church. The three-week study is "Exploring the History of Our Faith and Confessions."



Thank you for joining us for the
Ordination and Installation
of Matthew Dawn
to the Office of
Minister of the Word

Rev. Matthew Dawn
Newly Ordained and Installed

Rev. Chuck Muether
Presiding

Rev. David Dawn
"Preparing to Lead"
1 Timothy 4:12-16

Rev. James Grossmann
"Christ's Servant for
Special People" Titus 2