

## Andover, MN

### Immanuel OPC



#### Jim and Bonnie Hoekstra

Immanuel OPC is seeing good progress toward establishment as an organized church. Lately they have seen average attendance of 40-45, with a solid core group in place. February saw the beginning of an inquirer's class with 10 in attendance! The congregation is loving, enthusiastic, and is growing in its burden for evangelism. Veteran church planter, Pastor Jim Hoekstra will soon begin a preaching series in the Gospel of Mark. A congregational meeting was held on 2-21-21 which went very well. Elder Rich Dugan, who serves alongside Pastor Hoekstra, assisted in leading the meeting and gave an overview of what progress toward particularization should look like. Pastor Hoekstra would like to begin a leadership training class in May and envisions as many as 6 men in attendance. He sees good potential for particularization in 2022. Looking toward that goal, he would prefer to see another elder ordained and installed (or perhaps the session augmented), and an average Sunday attendance of between 50 and 60. IOPC is overseen by the Hammond OPC Session. Pray that God would add to His church, bringing in those thirsty for the preaching of Christ.

## Oshkosh, WI

### Resurrection Presbyterian Church



#### Bob and Grace Holda

Resurrection Presbyterian Church finished denominational support last September and continues to see encouraging growth. Average worship attendance has been nearly 70, and there are currently 45 members. It is anticipated that RPC will be able to particularize later this year. The Lord has graciously been bringing all of fundamental elements into place to see that goal realized: True addition, officers to lead, and healthy financial support from the congregation. The Lord has provided a wonderful building for RPC right in town. Pastor Bob continues to lead three men in training as deacons. He is aiming to begin a youth ministry gathering which will meet every other month, and an adult Bible study on alternate Sunday evenings. This work is overseen by the Apple Valley OPC Session which has also provided two ruling elders to serve alongside Pastor Holda: Eric Johnson and Michael Smith. Pray that the Lord would continue to add to His church in Oshkosh and further establish this vibrant congregation!

## West Plains, MO

### Covenant Reformed Church



#### Paul and Sarah Mourreale

Covenant Reformed Church was established as a mission work in 2019, with Pastor Paul Mourreale serving as church planter. A good core group of several families has been established, with 17 communicant members and 4 non-communicant members. A membership class is underway with a potential of 15-20 new communicant members. Average worship attendance in February was 54! Ruling Elder Dr. Curtis Horstman serves alongside Pastor Paul. Dr. Horstman has been teaching a Sunday school class on the Apostles' Creed for the adults. These brothers are very encouraged as they see good unity in the congregation and also men in the congregation with leadership gifts. Rev. Roy Miller and Rev. Bruce Hollister serve with these brothers on the oversight committee. There is much to be encouraged about here! Pray that the Lord would add to His church and raise up men for office.

## Rock Island, IL

### Ken and Cressid Golden

God is blessing **Sovereign Grace OPC**, as three new families have begun attending worship in the last few months, and worship attendance has been on the increase! The congregation is thankful for the fine meeting place the Lord has provided for worship. A midweek study led by Pastor Golden has resumed post Covid. Pastor Ken is also excited to have begun a new preaching series in the Gospel of John. Pastor Golden continues serving in a tent-making arrangement, working 40-50 hours a week as a hospice chaplain. This labor, though heavy, provides much opportunity for gospel witness. Pray for wisdom for Pastor Golden in balancing the heavy schedule of the chaplaincy work with that of pastoring. Rev. John Wiers and Rev. Mike Kearny serve with Pastor Golden on the oversight committee. Pray that the Lord would bless the gospel outreach of Pastor Golden and of SGOPC and add to His church in Rock Island!

## Kendall, WI

**Monroe County OPC** was formerly an Evangelical Free congregation that desired to affiliate with a church that is more confessionally Reformed. This small congregation voted to come into the OPC in 2020 and, as an initial step, became an OPC mission work. MCOPC is presently an older congregation so they would love to see young families added to their number! They are eager to reach out to their community. Pastor Christian McShaffrey has served as ministerial advisor, and the Session of Five Solas OPC (Reedsburg) provides oversight. Sixteen persons have been officially received into membership, and others will be received soon! MCOPC has two elders: Marc Hubbard and Dave Rischette. The congregation has extended a call to OP minister, Rev. Kim Kuhfuss, who has supplied the pulpit on a number of occasions. His installation is set for April 16<sup>th</sup>. Praise the Lord!



Kim & Barb Kuhfuss with grandkid 'assistants'

## Shawano, WI

### Covenant Life Presbyterian Church



### Gordon and Marjorie Oliver

Covenant Life Presbyterian Church is situated near the Menominee Reservation, northwest of Green Bay. This congregation is presently small, but is trusting the Lord to add to their number. Recently Pastor Gordon has begun to preach at Old Stockbridge OPC in nearby Gresham every Lord's Day prior to preaching at Shawano. He is planning to begin a Wednesday evening Bible study this month, and has also been advertising a "Grief Share" study which he also hopes to begin this month. A larger question lingers as to what is the best way forward for the Shawano, Gresham, and Zoar congregations, all of which are small and border the Menominee Reservation. Perhaps a union of the congregations? Certainly there must be a coalescing around the gospel of Christ as the great priority for all ministry in the area. Much prayer has been offered; much prayer is presently needed. Does the Lord have a new strategy for gospel ministry in this area? Pray with our brothers for a new day of gospel outreach and fruitfulness in this area!

**Please pray also for fruitful follow-up with contacts we are making in other places!**

Decatur, IL, Springfield, IL, Hays, KS, Springfield, MO

**Do you know of persons who might be interested in starting a church in their area that is Reformed, Confessional, and gospel-driven? Introduce them to your Regional Home Missionary!**

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**“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”**

Matthew 28:19-20

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