

**Emden Christian Reformed Church**  
**Pastor David Zigterman**  
**Sunday, April 15, 2018**

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude	a time to prepare our hearts for worship	
Welcome and announcements		
*Call to worship	Psalm 30	
*God's Greeting of His People		
*We Greet One Another		
*Songs of Praise	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	PH 483 vs. 1-3
	<i>And Can It Be</i>	PH 267 vs. 1-4

## WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Video	Listen and Lead	
Song of gratitude	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	PH 462 vs. 1-4
Prayer of God's people	conclude with the Lord's Prayer	
Offering	Building Fund/Benevolent Fund	
Children's Message	Changed!	
Sunday School noisy offering		
Song of preparation	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	PH 502 vs 1,3,4

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination		
*Scripture	Acts 9:1-19	<i>pg. 1706</i>
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord		
Congregation: Thanks be to God		
Message <b>Jesus Changes An Enemy Into His Brother</b>		
Prayer of Application		
*Song of response	<i>I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace</i>	PH 495 vs. 1-4
*Profession of our faith Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 45		

## WE DEPART TO SERVE

\*Parting Blessing  
\*Closing Song      *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

*Welcome, all! May God's light shine upon us as we gather to worship.  
May the brilliance of His light and His wisdom fill us.  
May it be as a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.*

**Sunday Evening Worship Service**  
**6:00 pm**

We will not be having an evening worship service at Emden.  
You are encouraged to attend a service at one  
of the neighboring churches.

Raymond CRC 5:30 pm  
Prinsburg First CRC 6:00 pm  
Bunde CRC 5:30 pm

Next Sunday, April 22, 2018		<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u>
Greeters:	Brad & Julie Link	9:00am Sunday School
Library:	Julie Link	(Sept.—May)
Coffee Hour:	Duane & Verla Mulder	10:00am Morning Worship
Sound System:	Gerald Mulder	
Ushers:	Patrick Nelson, James Santjer	
Nursery:	Rachael	Gene & Dawn Michelson
Transportation:	Gerald & Connie Mulder	B.P. 2210, Bamako
Letter to Michelsons:	Ben & Adeline Groen	Mali, West Africa
Congregational Visitor:	Gerald & Connie Mulder	E-mail address
Offering: am	CMCS Tuition Support	Usumaan@hotmail.com
<b>Elders:</b>		<b>Deacons:</b>
Kim Mulder - President	Gerald Mulder - Chairman	
Tim Link - Vice President	Curt Groen - Benevolent / Building Fund	
Doug Groen - Clerk	Bob Swyter - Treasurer	

The Banner - Keep the Conversation Going! - The once-a-year appeal for The Banner, the monthly magazine of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, is coming to your mailbox this month. The Banner is delivered free of charge to every household in the CRC in print and online. To keep the conversation going give online now at [www.thebanner.org/donate](http://www.thebanner.org/donate).

### From Back to God Ministries International

FAMILY FIRE - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at [familyfire.com](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

JUSTICE, LAMENT, AND FLOURISHING - How do we incorporate a sense of longing for justice into our prayer life? How do we look and work for it in our communities and our world? Join Groundwork in studying Luke 18:1-8 and Exodus 20:8-11 to discover how we can participate in God's design for justice and flourishing. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### From World Renew

April 22, 2018 is Refugee Sunday - There are nearly 22.5 million refugees in our world today. Through World Renew's refugee sponsorship ministry, Canadian churches are offering help and protection to those displaced by persecution and war. In 2017 alone, a total of 175 refugee were sponsored as churches across the country responded in faithfulness. Next Sunday is Refugee Sunday, an opportunity to support refugees and reflect on how God is working through refugee sponsorship.

Join World Renew for FRB Sunday - World Renew partners with the Foods Resource Bank to support poor farmers around the world through food security programs. We invite you to join us with your prayers and financial support on FRB Sunday, April 22, 2018 to help farmers in need as they work toward a better future for their families and their communities. You can visit [worldrenew.net/frb](http://worldrenew.net/frb) or call 800-552-7972 to learn more.

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All Bulletin announcements due by Thursday noon.	
<b>Pastor David's office hours: Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 am—12:00 Pastor's</b>	
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<b>Office phone: 320-329-3932</b>	<b>You are welcome to stop in and visit without an appointment.</b>

### TODAY

Greeters:	Bob & Jill Marcus
Library:	Julie Link
Coffee Hour:	Loren & Rhonda Marcus
Sound System:	Todd Groen
Nursery:	Amber Simons
Ushers:	Bob Marcus & Randy Zieske
Transportation:	
Letter to Michelsons:	Dalen & Donna Fuls
Congregational Visitor:	Gerald & Connie Mulder
Visiting Elder:	Tim Link



### CHURCH CALENDAR

Today 2:00 pm **RenVilla Service**. Everyone is welcome to join us  
 Wednesday 7:00 pm **Council Meeting**

### CHURCH FAMILY

Dear Friends and Family, we are so grateful for all of you. We want to get to know you better. You regularly see us through our photos we post online, but we do not get to see you. Can you email us a photo of your family? Or photos from church events? We would appreciate it! We will pray for each family as we see each photo!

Also, we have updated our blog, <https://anthsara.blogspot.com>, with two new posts: *Helping without Hurting in Nakuru*  
*Some Fun Animal Photos*

I think you will enjoy the discussions I wrote about in the Helping without Hurting post. Also, it includes some advice that can be helpful as we think about which organizations to support.

Thank you for your prayers for us! —Anthony and Sara

### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School occurs during the service on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. Catechism meets at 9 am on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. On each Sunday there is Sunday School, a Noisy-offering will be taken to raise funds for Lablab beans through World Renew. Lablab beans help Ugandan farmers improve the soil, increase yields, reduce weeds, eat more protein, and feed their animals, too. Sara Sytsma, in her work for World Renew, works with farmers planting these seeds and shows how they are beneficial.



Each Sunday morning, we will be having a time of prayer before the service beginning at 9:15.



Nursery Sign-up - We are in need of some members to help in the nursery. There are several spots open in the next couple of months. Please sign up by the mailbox counter.

We are looking for a couple more people who would be interested in running the projector during services. Basic computer knowledge is necessary, training will be provided. Contact Samantha Link if interested.



Next Sunday, April 22 we will be hearing God's word from Acts 16:1-19.

If you would like to receive church notifications and announcements on your smartphone, consider downloading the Bridge App. More information can be found here:



<http://www.thebridgeapp.org/site/home>

Also, to view past bulletins, audio recordings, the church calendar and more, visit our website at <http://www.emdencrc.org/>.

Upcoming dates:

Wed. April 18: Prayer Service at Bunde CRC at 7 pm  
 Sunday, May 6: One Voice  
 Tues., June 5: Watoto Children's Choir - 7 pm  
 Sunday, June 10: Communion and potluck  
 August 5-10: Ecumenical VBS  
 Sunday, Sept. 9: Communion and potluck  
 Sept. 17 and 18: Classis in Alexandria  
 Sept, Oct or Nov: Mission Emphasis Sunday and potluck  
 Sunday, Nov. 11: Communion and potluck



On June 5, 2018 our church will be hosting the Watoto Children's Choir. Our church is responsible to provide 9-10 host homes. Please consider if you would like to serve in this way and sign up on the sheet by the mailbox counter.

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today** - Sunday Buffet and Bake Sale at Bart's 11:00 - 1:00 Free-will donation. Fundraiser to create a world free of MS. Proceeds go to the MS Walk.



**Soles4Souls: Wearing out Poverty** - If you have any shoes you are no longer using, please consider giving your shoes to this organization by placing them in the blue container near the entrance of the church.

**Call to Pray:** The pastors of our community/area invite you to come and pray this Wednesday evening, 7:00pm, April 18. The host site will be Bunde CRC. The delay in springtime and unfavorable growing conditions at this time have the potential to negatively impact our local economy and the well-being of many families and businesses. Heeding the call of Scripture, we invite everyone to come together to pray and seek God and to commend these circumstances into His faithful hands. Please join us This Wednesday to unite in prayer as the body of Christ.



CMCS Drama Department Presents **"A Little Piece of Heaven"** on April 19 and 20 at 7PM. Our dinner theater show will be on April 21 at 6PM. Tickets go on sale April 9 by calling the CMCS High School Office. All tickets must be paid for in full before the show.

The Prairie Arts Chorale will be giving regional concerts Beginning Friday, April 20 and continuing the following weekend. For ticket information, contact Paul Knapper at 320-522-2575



Open House Baby Shower honoring Zoey May Veldkamp, daughter to Bryce and Lisa (Post) Veldkamp, will be held on Saturday, April 21st from 10 am to 12 pm. at Raymond CRC. They are registered at Target.

**LADIES** - Keep your calendars open for a Women's One-Day Retreat on Saturday, April 21st, at Unity CRC in Prinsburg 8:30am - 2:30 pm The retreat is entitled **"Come Unpack your Bags"** with inspirational speakers, including area favorite Kathy Weckworth. Tickets are \$29 each and are available at Unity CRC in Prinsburg 320-978-4300 or [BestLifeMinistries.com](http://BestLifeMinistries.com). Lunch is included.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

RCW Community Pool Fundraiser AND Bake Sale Sunday, April 22, 11:00-1:00 Bart's Place, Renville. Take outs available.



Olivia's House of Hope and their guests welcome you to our 3rd Annual "Raising Hope" Event on Friday April 27th! Tickets are available! Call 320-979-5542. You don't want to miss it! See you at St. Aloysius Church in Olivia at 6:00pm!

Priscilla Shirer (SIMULCAST) This will be held at Grace Community Church. Saturday April 28, 2018 Cost: \$20.00 includes breakfast, lunch, snacks & materials. Please pre-register by April 20. Childcare provided, mention children's ages when registering. For more information call Leta Jacobs 320-579-1412.



Dedication Service for Hawk Creek Lutheran Church, Sacred Heart: Sunday, April 29 at 2 pm. RSVP appreciated but not required to hawkvalle@gamil.com or to Marilyn Agre 320-765-2645.

Spring Dinner at First Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 29 from 11:15 to 1 pm. Ham, potatoes, carrots, salad. Adults: \$10. Ages 6-12: \$5.



### SUMMERFEST FUNDRAISER

We're serving up summer fun at the Summerfest Diner on Sunday, April 29. Drive on over to support our hometown celebration by joining us for a classic 50's dinner 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Community Center. Menu: hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, chips, and dessert. Free will donation. All proceeds will go directly towards defraying the costs of various Summerfest events. Summerfest has graced our community with fun, food and entertainment for many years and our hope is that it will continue to do so through the support of our community members. Please, join us.

Willmar Church Softball Thursday night league starting May 2018 (weather permitting). To sign up a team or if you have questions contact Jason Kowalczyk: 320-905-5733 or Eric Banks: 320-295-8924.



On Saturday, May 12th at 7pm, Unity CRC will be hosting a concert featuring **The Benson Family Singers**.

The Benson Family Singers are a family music group from Faribault, Minnesota. Peter and Rachelle, along with their four sons, David, Aaron, Luke, and Paul have a unique ministry consisting of barbershop, bluegrass, and gospel music. They specialize in tight, a cappella harmonies and also play a variety of instruments, including guitar, banjo, bass, violin, and mandolin. The Bensons use their music, humor, and message to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. Admission is free and freewill offering will be taken during the concert. Don't miss this incredible family experience!



Dear local churches: We are from Central Minnesota Christian School.



Our 5th grade art class is participating in the Crayola marker recycling project. The Crayola program is collecting dried out markers and sending them to Crayola who makes them into diesel. We are asking you to save your dried out markers and send them to CMCS. Thank you. — Carver Van der Hagen.

### An underappreciated faith hero

Saul, who was converted from persecutor of Christians to the foremost evangelist Paul, is a tremendous role model for surrendering one's life to Jesus. But another man in that story warrants celebration, too.

Ananias, a disciple of Jesus, lived in Damascus when Saul was led there, blind from his bright-light encounter with Jesus. The Lord told Ananias to visit Saul, lay hands on him and restore his sight (see Acts 9:11-12). Not surprisingly, Ananias resisted; he knew of Saul and his violence toward Christians. Yet the disciple surrendered and obeyed.

To top it off, when Ananias arrived, he spoke the warmest of greetings: "Brother Saul ..." He didn't just call Saul by name, nor did he berate him. Despite initial misgivings, Ananias claimed this former enemy as a fellow member of God's family. What an act to follow!



REQUESTS  
—FOR—  
PRAYER

## PRAYER CORNER

~ Please remember those in our congregation who have continuous health concerns: Melvin Link, Marge Link, Linda Mayer, Louise Peterson, Gerald Mulder, Darla Ruschen

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### THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: Uzbekistan

#### Police Interrogate 8-Year-Old Christian Boy in Ongoing Harassment

Local officials in Navoi, Uzbekistan, took an 8-year-old boy out of school without his parents' knowledge in order to interrogate him about his family's church attendance. Two days after raiding Nikolay Pivtsev's home, confiscating the family's Bible and computer, police picked up his son from school on January 26 and took him in for questioning. Later, they summoned both the boy and his mother to a meeting in which they threatened fines and imprisonment if Nikolay continued to attend church. Then, a month later, a judge fined the family double the monthly wage. Other Christians in Navoi and elsewhere in Uzbekistan have experienced similar harassment in the last few months. Pray for strength and encouragement and that parents will continue to teach their children about Christ. Pray for the safety and protection for this family and others like them and that the hearts of the local officials will be receptive to the Gospel.

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Continue to pray for area churches: Ebenezer Presbyterian, St. John's Lutheran, First Lutheran, United Methodist, Holy Redeemer, Our Saviors Lutheran, Temple of Jesus Christ, Hispanic Church and Emden. Ask God to continue to move through His church to the glory of His kingdom. Remember—we are part of God's kingdom and need to always be following Him.

Are you continuing to pray that God would use us to share His love and the Good News of the Gospel with our community? Pray that the presence of God will shine through us, the Emden Church Family, and that He will use us in His Kingdom will.

Sunday, April 15, 2018  
Acts 9:1-19

### Jesus Changes An Enemy Into His Brother

• A heart transformed

• Live to be forgotten

**"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God"**  
**Philippians 4:6**

