

Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, January 7, 2018

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude	a time to prepare our hearts for worship
Welcome and announcements	
*Call to worship	Psalm 103:1-5
*God's Greeting of His People	
*We Greet One Another	
*Songs of Praise	<i>There is a Redeemer</i> (lyrics on screen) <i>Be Thou My Vision</i>

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Video	Power of the Church by Bill Hybels
Song for the New Year	<i>Amazing Grace</i> SJ 299 vs. 1,3
Prayer of God's people	
Offering	Ministry Shares
Children may go to Sunday School	
Song of preparation	<i>Jesus Paid it All</i> SJ 255 vs. 1-4

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination
 *Scripture John 1:19-34 pg. 1646
 Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
 Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **Helpful Guidelines For Our Witness**

Prayer of Application	
*Song of response	<i>Blessed Redeemer</i> SJ 248 vs. 1-3
*Profession of our faith	Our World Belongs to God, st. 24,25

WE DEPART TO SERVE

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

*Greetings to everyone on this first Sunday of the new year!
Your presence is a blessing!
Please extend your hand of friendship to people around you!"
May God restore and bless us as we praise his name together.*

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 7:00 pm
Prinsburg First CRC 6:00 pm
Bunde CRC 5:30 pm

Next Sunday, January 14, 2018 Greeters: Weldon & Char Zondervan Library: Julie Link Coffee Hour: Dalen & Donna Fuls Sound System: Ryan Sietsema Ushers: Loren Marcus & Duane Mulder Nursery: Andrea & Isabelle Letter to Michelsons: Butch & Linda Mayer Shepherding Elder: Julie Link Offering: am General Fund	<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 9:00am Sunday School (Sept.—May) 10:00am Morning Worship
	Gene & Dawn Michelson B.P. 2210, Bamako Mali, West Africa E-mail address Usumaan@hotmail.com
Elders: Tim Link - President Kim Mulder - Vice President Dave Daugherty - Clerk	Deacons: Gerald Mulder - Chairman Randy Zieske - Benevolent / Building Fund Bob Swyter - Treasurer

From Back to God Ministries International

THE MAGI - After Christmas, the church calendar turns to Epiphany. Join us in studying Matthew 2:1-11 to explore the story of the Magi, whose visit marks the beginning of the season of Epiphany. Discover what this story about sharing news of a Savior with these Gentile wise men teaches us about God and his greater mission. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Calvin Theological Seminary

Follow in the footsteps of Jesus! - Visit New Testament sites not only in Israel (Bethlehem, Nazareth, Caesarea, Capernaum, Bethsaida, Sea of Galilee, Caesarea Philippi, and Jerusalem) but also in Jordan, including the amazing city of Petra. Contact host Jeff Weima, professor of NT at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar at weimje@calvinseminary.edu or 616-328-3110.

From World Renew

Short-term Volunteers: - Are you 18 to 24 years old and interested in embarking on a short-term volunteer opportunity with life-long impact? World Renew's Global Volunteer Program provides opportunities to live, work, eat, and play in an international community while exploring how God wants you to use your talents and skills for His purpose. For more information, contact Andrew at globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net.

TODAY

Greeters:	Randy & Verla Zieske
Library:	Julie Link
Coffee Hour:	Dave & Andrea Daugherty
Sound System:	Brad Link
Ushers:	Doug & Nic Groen
Nursery:	Rachael / Paul
Letter to Michelsons:	Loren & Rhonda Marcus
Congregational Visitors:	Julie Link
Visiting Elder:	Tim Link



CHURCH CALENDAR

Tuesday 7:00 pm *Ladies Bible Study*, meet at Jolene's, Lesson 7
Wednesday 7:00 pm *Council Meeting*

CHURCH FAMILY



Louise Peterson was admitted to Olivia Hospital on Thursday for congestion and shortness of breath. She will be moving to the RenVilla Nursing Home this week for therapy and recovery.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the annual meeting on Jan. 21, new council members will be chosen by lot. The following persons have allowed their name to stand for Elder: Doug Groen, Paul Knapper, Duane Mulder. The following persons have allowed their name to stand for Deacon: Curt Groen, Heidi Link.



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.

Next Sunday, January 14 we will be hearing God's word from John 2:1-12. In the afternoon at 2pm our church will be leading the Renvilla Service. In the evening at 6 pm we will continue our study of the book of Romans by studying Romans 5:12-21.

A special offering will be taken for Safe Avenues on February 4 for victims of sex trafficking. Safe Avenues provides advocacy and emergency shelter for victims of domestic and sexual violence.

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All Bulletin announcements due by Thursday noon.	
Pastor David's office hours: Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 am—12:00 Pastor's	
Pastors Cell: 320-400-3023	
Office phone: 320-329-3932	You are welcome to stop in and visit without an appointment.



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

Nursery: A signup sheet has been placed near the mailbox-es if you are interested in helping with nursery.



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.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Juniors and Seniors of Central MN Christian have begun their fundraising for their mission trip to New York in March where they will be the hands and feet of JESUS. The team will be serving at a soup kitchen, visiting hospitals, doing street witnessing and handing out toiletries and socks to the homeless among other activities. The students from your church are Nic Groen. Please be in prayer for these students as they prepare and fundraise for this Mission Trip. The students are selling homemade bars and hot chocolate at CMCS home basketball games. Other fundraisers are in the planning stages. Thanks for your support!



Pulled pork sandwiches, beans, chips and dessert fundraiser supper will be held at the CMCS Event Center on the night of the boys home basketball games vs. Canby on Tuesday, January 16, from 5-7 pm to support the CMCS Track and Cross Country teams.



The Renville Lions Club will be holding their annual Waffle Feed on Sunday, Jan 14, 2018 at the Renville Community Center from 9am-1pm. Proceeds will benefit the proposed Renville Memorial Park. Come enjoy good food and fellowship!!

The award-winning January Series of Calvin College is coming to Prinsburg. From Jan. 3 through Jan. 23, 2018, Unity Christian Reformed Church will be one of more than 50 remote webcast locations worldwide to broadcast one of the nation's leading lecture and cultural arts series.

Bethany Christian Services of Willmar is seeking a part time community outreach coordinator. This person should be passionate about the mission of Bethany which says that all children deserve a loving family. It would be this person's responsibility to network with community organizations and agencies, churches, businesses, donors, potential clients and other service professionals by sharing about the multitude of services provided by Bethany. Contact Christy Groen at 320-212-9643 if you are interested in more information.

Dordt College Day of Encouragement is Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018 on the campus of Dordt College. Featured Keynote speaker is Pastor Reggie Smith, Director of Race Relations and Social Justice for the Christian Reformed Church. Breakout sessions fall under the topics of Family, Shepherding, Technology, Teaching/Preaching and Worship. All church members will find something to challenge their personal spiritual growth or help them mature as church volunteers, employees, or lay leaders. Complete breakout information and speaker bios can be found at www.dordt.edu/doe or in pamphlets by the mailboxes. Registration opens December 1.

Driver improvement classes for seniors will be held on the following dates: 8 hour first time class:

Friday, March 16 5:30 Saturday, March 17 9:00

4 hour refresher course: Saturday, March 17-2:00

To enroll, contact the instructor

at Paulknapper75@gmail.com 320-522-2575

All classes held at the RCW school. www.212drivingschool.com



The 2018 Men's No Regrets Conference is one you won't want to miss! This will mark the 25th year of encouraging and inspiring men with this all day event that will be streamed live at Rock of Life CRC in Willmar. The theme for this year's Conference is "**No Reserve, No Retreat, No Regrets**" based on a compelling true life story of William Bordan, who dedicated his short life to serve others and to the cause of showing the love of Jesus to the many struggling and hurting men he met.

The cost for this event is \$25.00 which includes coffee and donuts for the breaks and lunch at noon. We hope and pray that you will reserve Saturday, Feb 3 for this important Men's event! For more information and to register, go to rockoflifecrc.org or call Renae at 320-235-3060 or email willmarcrc@gmail.com. Doors open at 7:30 and the conference runs from 8:30 am-4:00 pm. We hope to see many of you there and we also encourage you to invite your friends!--Men's No Regrets planning group.

On February 23, a *Work as Worship* retreat will be simulcasted at Unity Church in Prinsburg. Tickets are \$25. Event goes from 7:30 am - 2:30 pm. Register at www.workasworshipretreat.org.

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PRAYER

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

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THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: Where There Was Once No School

Porlai is six years old and is now able to start elementary school.

Her father's name is Kha and her mother is Xong. They are ethnic Hmong and their village in Laos never had an elementary school until now.

Thanks to supporters of World Renew and Tear Australia, and with the support of the government of Laos, it is possible for hundreds of young boys and girls like Porlai to experience the gift of education. Working with Porlai's mom and dad and other villagers, World Renew got their school built.

"On the day I was privileged to visit, Zambie Phonlavong, part of World Renew's education support team, was working with the government-paid teacher to assess the children's language ability in the Lao-lum language," said Tom Post, currently the team leader for World Renew in Asia, focusing on Bangladesh, India, Laos, Cambodia, Philippines and Indonesia.

"Lao-lum is the majority culture language, but the children don't know it when they start school," said Post. "Zambie supports the teachers to manage multiple grades and mother-tongue classes." For him, Post said, "seeing the children at their rustic desks, and watching Zambie work with the teacher was a gift."

The way Porlai and two young boys bent their heads together over the paper on their desk brought back the memory of his own son, Joseph, in Mary Hill Primary school back in Belize, sharing a desk with a mestizo Belizean and an African Belizean.

"Joseph was always on the left side of the three-kid bench so his writing hand could work freely," said Post.

The sight of Porlai and those young boys also resonated, reminding him of his grandmother's history of being a monolingual Dutch immigrant child in a one-room schoolhouse in Fife Lake, Mich.

"And, I think the scene moved me because of the odds Porlai and her people face. Yet there they are: valuing the gift of education, persisting in the rustic conditions, and working through their language barriers. That scene helped renew in me the meaning of our work."

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.

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

