

Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, January 28, 2018

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship
Welcome and announcements
*Call to worship from Psalm 63
*God’s Greeting of His People
*We Greet One Another
*Songs of Praise *O Worship the King* SJ 90 vs. 1-4
Love Divine All Loves Excelling SJ 71 vs. 1-4

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

Remembering God’s Redemption Exodus 20:2
Reflecting on God’s Law The 7th Commandment
Confession of Sin
Assurance of God’s Grace Jeremiah 3:12; Hebrews 13:5; Romans 8:38-39
Vow of gratitude
Song of gratitude *And Can It Be* SJ 307 vs. 1,3,5
Prayer of God’s people conclude by saying the Lord’s Prayer
Offering CMCS Tuition Support
Children’s Message and Song *God Is So Good* SJ 616 vs. 1,4

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for illumination
*Scripture John 2:23-25 and 3:1-21 pg. 1649
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **Good News on a Dark Night**

Prayer of Application
*Song of response *My God How Wonderful You Are* PH 499 vs.1,2, 6
*Profession of our faith Our World Belongs to God, st. 24,25

WE DEPART TO SERVE

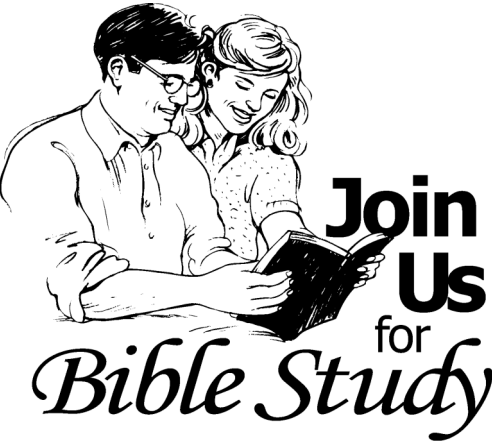
*Parting Blessing
*Closing Song *Take My Life and Let It Be* PH 288 vs. 1,5,6

*As we gather before our Lord today, we extend the warmest of welcomes to all present.
May you find encouragement and spiritual refreshment.
May you leave with your burdens lightened or removed.*

**Sunday Evening Service
6:00 pm**

Romans Bible Study

**This evening we will continue our study of the book of Romans.
Romans 5:12-21.
Study material is by the mailboxes.**



Next Sunday, February 4, 2018		<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u>
Greeters:	Dalen & Donna Fuls	9:00 am Catechism
Library:	Julie Link	(1st & 3rd Sunday Sept.—May)
Coffee Hour:	Harold & Norma Groen	10:00 am Morning Worship
Sound System:	Curt Groen	
Nursery:	Samantha Link	
Ushers:	Nic Groen & Bob Swyter	Gene & Dawn Michelson
Letter to Michelsons:	Kim & Nancy Mulder	B.P. 2210, Bamako
Congregational Visitor:	Paul & Wanda Knapper	Mali, West Africa
Offering:	am Ministry Shares	E-mail address Usumaan@hotmail.com
Elders:		Deacons:
Tim Link - President		Gerald Mulder - Chairman
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Dave Daugherty - Clerk		Bob Swyter - Treasurer

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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. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

GROWTH THROUGH CONTROVERSY - Whenever we're confronted with something new, we're forced to consider and re-evaluate the legitimacy of what we know. Join Groundwork as we study Acts 15 to see how God works to create growth as the early church believers discern their way through controversy. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Resonate Global Mission

Year-Long Mission Opportunity in Central America - Spend a year learning about what mission work looks like today by living in one of five Central American countries along with other North Americans and Central Americans. You'll take part in hands-on ministry based on your gifts. Visit resonatglobalmission.org/Cohort for more information or to sign-up!

From World Renew

Group Volunteer Overseas: - Are you a compassionate, respectful, and adaptable person who would like to volunteer overseas with others who have common interests? With World Renew's Global Volunteer Program, you will get an authentic cultural experience and learn about the deep history and traditions that define the life of an international community. To find out more, email Andrew at globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net.

TODAY

Greeters:	David & Andrea Daugherty
Library:	Julie Link
Coffee Hour:	Doug & Anne Groen
Sound System:	Gerald Mulder
Nursery:	Connie Mulder
Ushers:	Loren Marcus, Duane Mulder
Letter to Michelsons:	Gerald & Connie Mulder
Congregational Visitor	Julie Link
Visiting Elder:	Kim Mulder



Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday 5:00 Soup Supper

CHURCH FAMILY

College Care packages will be here soon for Cortney Groen, Jake Groen & Cassandra Daugherty. Feel free to fill, write a note of encouragement or add to their boxes.

Bags of blessings will also be coming for some of our beloved women. February 11th will be the last day to add to bags and boxes.



Dear friends at Emden CRC,
Thank you so much for your generous and faithful support of our work with Fulani. We are encouraged by your gifts. Thanks also for your prayers for us. Even though Mali is quite unstable in the north and central areas, with many attacks every month, we here in the west are able to continue our work almost as usual. We're thankful for that. We hope that you're doing well and aren't freezing into solid bricks!

Thank you again. Grace and peace, — Gene and Dawn

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Sunday School occurs during the service on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month. Catechism meets at 9 am on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month.



The installation service for Doug Groen as Elder and Curt Groen as Deacon will be on February 4.

The next council meeting is scheduled for February 7 at 7 pm.
On February 11 we will be celebrating communion with a potluck to follow.

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**You are welcome to stop in and visit
without an appointment.**

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/>.

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.



Emden CRC Soup Supper on January 31, 2018 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Delicious HOMEMADE soups like chili, chicken & rice, vegetable beef, and broccoli cheese soup will be available. Also bread, meat, cheese, and a dessert of your choice. Free-will offering. Everyone is welcome! (Please be sure to check your church mailbox for food and working schedules)

Next Sunday, February 4 we will be hearing God's word from John 4:1-42.

A special offering will be taken next Sunday 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.

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.



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

You are invited to celebrate Cadet Sunday with us this evening at 6:00 p.m. at First CRC in Prinsburg. Pastor Steve Zwart will lead our worship which will involve the Prinsburg Cadet Club. An offering will be taken for the Prinsburg Cadet Club. You are invited for refreshments following the service. Cadets and Counselors: Please meet in the church basement at 5:45 p.m. in full uniform.

Raymond CRC invites you to the Installation Service of Pastor Aaron Greydanus Today, Sunday, January 28th at 2:30 pm. Pastor Greydanus will be installed as the 12th Pastor to Raymond CRC. Refreshments will follow the service.



New York Mission Trip Fundraiser Update

The New York Mission Trip students continue their fundraising for their trip in late March. They are selling home-made bars and hot chocolate at home basketball games and they are selling Herberger's coupon books for \$5.00 for the sale to be held March 1-3 at the store (the coupon books are good at Younkers and online also). The books contain a \$10 off \$10 purchase and many % off coupons. The students will also be hosting a Tip Night at Culver's on March 5th. On Wednesday, March 14, we will also be having a Tip Night at Pizza Ranch. While in New York, the team will be handing out toiletry bags and socks. We are blessed to connect with the Bombas Company in NYC who will be providing all the socks for our team to hand out to the homeless in NYC but we would appreciate any small unopened toiletry items that you are willing to share. Please bring to the HS Office. We also would appreciate your prayers!

Thanks for your support of the Mission team.



4K Sonshine Pre-school Open House - We would like to welcome you and your student to our 4K Sonshine Pre-school Open House at Central MN Christian School on January 29, 2018 at 7:00pm. Please RSVP by January 26 to the high school office at 320-978-8700 or by emailing us at development@cmcschool.org

We will have caring adult and student helpers that will facilitate free play in the 4K classroom and gym while parents hear more about our 4K Sonshine program from our principal, Mr. Larry Van Otterloo, and teachers, Mrs. Cindy Van Otterloo and Mrs. Laura Brouwer. If you have or know of a child who will be 4 by September 1, 2018, please contact the Development Director, Michelle Schwitters so we can send more information about our program and open house. Thank you and we will see you January 29!

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. Group rate of 10 or more is \$45 per person. Individual rate is \$55. Our church will cover the registration fee for anyone interested in going.

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 you there and we also encourage you to invite your friends!



--Men's No Regrets planning group.

On Saturday, February 17, 2018 Bethel Christian Reformed Church will be hosting *Building Churches of Influence*. This is a Saturday morning seminar for those passionate about the church breaking beyond its walls. The morning is broken into 3 sections: 1) The Church Mobilized into The Marketplace, 2) Are We Ready to Go Beyond Our Walls and 3) What Does a Mobilized Church Look Like? The sessions will be presented by Pastor Dave Huizenga, Pastor of Bridgewood Christian Reformed Church. Please let Bethel Christian Reformed Church know you are coming by calling the church office at 763-389-5715.

Mark your calendars: The Bunde CRC Outreach Team and Bethany Christian Services invites you to view the movie "***Mully***" (1hour 40 minutes) on Saturday, February 17 at 5:00pm in the Bunde CRC fellowship hall. This movie tells the true story of a 6-year old boy who is orphaned and raises himself on the streets of Kenya. He searches for meaning for his life, and as he becomes an adult, sets out to enrich the lives of the orphans in Kenya. Come see this amazing story of how God used him and will use you too. Child care will be provided. (Viewer discretion advised for young children due to mild violence and themes that may cause young children to ask questions.) Following the movie, a light meal will be served. Feel free to bring pillows, comfortable lawn chairs and blankets to make yourself feel at home. Questions, contact Christy Groen at 320-212-9643.

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

Driver improvement classes for seniors will be held as follows: 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



Sermon Notes
Sunday, January 28, 2018
John 2:23-25 and 3:1-21
Good News on a Dark Night

- Concerning human beings: the deep need of humans for salvation (2:23-3:3)
- Concerning the Holy Spirit: the Spirit who baptizes into salvation (3:4-9)
- Concerning Jesus: The Son who saves (3:10-15)
- Concerning the Father: The Father who sends salvation (3:16-21)

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PRAYER

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

The Persecuted Church: Tanzania

Pray for a Christian Boy Being Persecuted at School

A pastor's son has been punished and bullied in school because of his faith.

A young boy who is one of only two Christians at his school in Zanzibar has been punished by teachers and bullied by students because of his faith. One day a group of Muslim boys locked him in an outhouse for several hours, and another day they held him down and forced him to drink urine. The Muslim boys were never punished. This boy's experience reflects a growing trend of persecution targeting Christian youth. All schools in Zanzibar are required to teach Arabic and Islamic studies, and students cannot graduate without passing exams in those subjects. Teachers are encouraged to discipline Christian students harshly and rebuke their beliefs. Pray that this Christian boy and all Christian youth in Zanzibar will grow stronger in faith, and also pray for their protection.

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**

