

Emden Christian Reformed Church
 Pastor David Zigterman
 Sunday, February 4, 2018

Sunday Evening Worship Service
 6:00 pm

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship
 Welcome and announcements
 *Call to worship *God, You Call Us to This Place* LUYH 531 vs. 1-3
 *God's Greeting of His People
 *We Greet One Another
 *Songs of Praise *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* PH 488 vs. 1-3
 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds PH 487 vs. 1-3

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Installation of new Elder and Deacon PH pg. 1004
 Song of gratitude *When Peace like a River* PH 489 vs. 1,4
 Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer
 Offering Ministry Shares
 Prayer for an end to sex trafficking
 Special Offering Safe Avenues
 Noisy Offering Lablab beans
 Song of preparation *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* PH 423 vs. 1,5,6

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination
 *Scripture John 4:1-42 pg. 1651
 Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
 Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **True Worship and Missions**

Prayer of Application
 *Song of response *Fill My Cup, Lord* SJ 367 vs. 1-3
 *Profession of our faith Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 21

WE DEPART TO SERVE

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

*We're delighted to welcome all who have come to worship the Lord
 in spirit and in truth. May we all be encouraged as we open ourselves
 to God's Word and the Holy Spirit.*

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, February 11, 2018		<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u>
Greeters:	Curt & Judy Groen	9:00 am Catechism
Library:	Julie Link	(Sept.—May)
Coffee Hour:	Todd & Jane Groen	10:00 am Morning Worship
Sound System:	Paul Knapper	
Nursery:	Rachael or Paul	Gene & Dawn Michelson
Ushers:	Loren Marcus & Duane Mulder	B.P. 2210, Bamako
Letter to Michelsons:	Patrick & Christy Nelson	Mali, West Africa
Congregational Visitor:	Paul & Wanda Knapper	E-mail address
Offering: am	General Fund	Usmaan@hotmail.com
Elders:		Deacons:
Tim Link - President		Gerald Mulder - Chairman
Kim Mulder - Vice President		Randy Zieske - Benevolent / Building Fund
Dave Daugherty - Clerk		Bob Swyter - Treasurer

From Back to God Ministries International

"Focus on the Cross" with Today - Lent is a season to focus on the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Receive a free Today devotional series to help you refresh, refocus, and renew your faith during Lent. Subscribe at todaydevotional.com/lent.

ENGAGING CULTURE WITH THE GOSPEL - God's mission to spread the light of salvation to all nations makes it imperative for us to engage culture. How do we do this well? Join us in studying the Apostle Paul's ministry in Acts 17 to uncover a valuable method and model to help us prepare for and begin these important conversations. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Resonate Global Mission

Step Back into Ancient Times - Walk the paths of the Exodus from Egypt to Israel! From Saturday, April 14, 2018 — Sunday, April 29, 2018, you'll travel with a group led by a Resonate missionary and be given a vision of Christ's historical chosen people so you can build a vision for today's church. Deadline to apply is March 16. Visit resonateglobalmission.org/exodus for more information.

From World Renew

Volunteer Overseas: - Are you looking for ways to help end poverty, restore creation, and reconcile relationships? World Renew's Global Volunteer Program has overseas placements for individuals in language learning, health, agriculture, engineering, and more. If you are identifying God's call in your life or looking for an opportunity to use your gifts and skills, let's further God's kingdom together. To find out more, contact Andrew at globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net.

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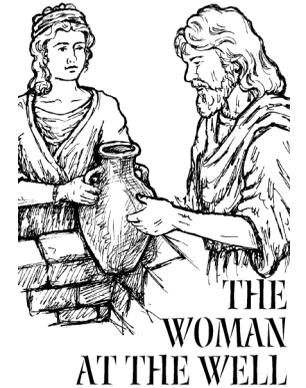
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**You are welcome to stop in and visit
without an appointment.**

TODAY

Greeters: Dalen & Donna Fuls
Library: Julie Link
Coffee Hour: Harold & Norma Groen
Sound System: Curt Groen
Nursery: Samantha Link
Ushers: Nic Groen & Bob Swyter
Letter to Michelsons: Kim & Nancy Mulder
Congregational Visitor: Paul & Wanda Knapper
Visiting Elder: Kim Mulder



CHURCH FAMILY

Please keep Dalen Fuls in your prayers this week as he has hip replacement surgery on Wednesday, February 7.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday 2:00 pm **Ladies Aid** Chapter 5, Harriet Link host
7:00 pm **Council Meeting**
Next Sunday **Communion and Pot Luck dinner** (see announcement below)

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special offering will be taken **Today** 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.

The installation service for Doug Groen as Elder and Curt Groen as Deacon will be today. 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.
***For the Pot Luck Dinner next Sunday, 11th of February,** A-L please bring a hotdish, M-Z please bring a salad. Dessert will be provided.
Circle 3 is in charge of the kitchen preparation.

Ladies Aid will meet on Wed., February 7 at 2 pm at Meadows on Main. We will be studying Daniel 7 and chapter 5, "*A Prophetic Panorama,*" in our study guide. Harriet Link will host.

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.



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.

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.

Next Sunday, February 11 we will be hearing God's word from John 9:1-41. We will also be celebrating communion with a potluck to follow the service.

On Wednesday, February 14, we will be having a combined Ash Wednesday service at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. A meal will be available before the service at 6 pm. The service begins at 7 pm.



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.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cadets & Dads Fun Night – The Prinsburg Cadets will have a Fun Night with their dads this Wednesday, Feb. 7. Please meet at CMCS at 6:30 p.m. Cadets – No uniforms required.



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.

New York Mission Trip Fundraiser Update

The New York Mission Trip students continue their fundraising for their trip in late March. They are selling homemade bars and hot chocolate at home basketball games and they are selling Herberger's coupon books for \$5.00 for the Community Days Sale to be held March 1-3 (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 Scoopie Share Tip Night at Culver's on March 6th (Note date change). 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 have connected 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.

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



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John 4:1-42

True Worship and Missions

- How Jesus had to come to Samaria (4:1-6)
- How Jesus wants to give his renewing Holy Spirit to ‘asking’ people (4:7-15)
- How the Father, too, is seeking worshipers (4:16-26)
- How Others are empowering disciples in their life work (4:27-42)

God of grace and truth, revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, who came so that we may have life and have it to the full (John 10:10), we ask for your grace and truth to penetrate the trouble and painful reality of sex trafficking. May your grace transform and heal broken hearts and your truth reveal our constant need for your grace.

God of grace and truth, grant to all the broken hearted life, full life through Jesus Christ.

We raise our voices in anguished prayer for our sisters and brothers, women and girls, men and boys, who are victims of sex trafficking. They are your beloved daughters and sons, exploited sexually or forced to work because of human violence and greed.

God of grace and truth, grant to all the broken hearted life, full life through Jesus Christ.

Fill us with your holy anger and your sacred passion that those who are trafficked might know healing and justice; that traffickers will come to repentance and conversion; that all of us might live in such a way that others are not made to pay the price for our comfort and convenience.

God of grace and truth, grant to all the broken hearted life, full life through Jesus Christ.

We lift before you those who are working to fight this evil every and pray for that you may grant them strength for their work. We ask for your blessing upon the work of Safe Avenues and organizations like them and may their work inspire us to extend your grace and truth in this broken world.

God of grace and truth, grant to all the broken hearted life, full life through Jesus Christ. In his name, amen.



PRAYER

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

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The Persecuted Church - Finding Jesus in Prison

Although the prison in Soroti, Uganda, has about 650 inmates, Josh Shaarda only expected a small group to show up for the first Bible study he was leading there. But he was in for a surprise. “About 180 men were present and waiting for me,” said Shaarda. “I was like ‘wow...God is awesome.’”

And each week, almost all of the men kept showing up! Shaarda and his wife, Mandy, are partner missionaries with Resonate Global Mission in Uganda. Their primary role is to teach discipleship skills with Freedom in Christ Ministries, a Resonate partner ministry.

Shaards said his Bible studies had a message that struck a chord with the inmates.

“We focused on understanding our identity in Christ, on winning the battle for our minds, on believing truth and living according to it, and on specific confession of sin,” said Shaarda.

Sharing these truths with inmates has yielded stunning results.

“Nearly every week we offer an invitation for people to receive Jesus as their personal Savior,” Shaarda noted. “One week God’s Spirit stirred and nine men came forward.”

After release from prison, one of the inmates invited Shaarda to a service at his village church in which he shared his testimony. “I met Jesus in prison,” the inmate proclaimed. “I learned that my identity comes from what Jesus did for me, not from what I do.... The day I learned that I wept and gave my life to Jesus.”

The prison guards have also seen a tangible difference. “Inmates rarely try to escape now,” said one guard. “The church’s presence in the prison has... changed the way inmates treat each other, the way inmates treat officers, and the way officers treat inmates.”

Throughout this experience, Shaarda has grown increasingly amazed by the power of the Holy Spirit. “The gospel of Christ can be received by anyone, regardless of circumstances, and lead to transformation.”

Shaarda said he doesn’t want his prison ministry to end. He hopes to expand his reach by training ward pastors (inmates chosen by their peers to lead) and helping people as they transition out of prison. “I do hope to go back to the prison and begin ministering again. Lord willing, we will also explore the opportunity to minister in other prisons as well.”

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**

