

Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, February 11, 2018

Sunday Evening Worship Service
6:00 pm

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship
 Welcome and announcements
 Opening prayer
 *Call to worship Psalm 99:1-3
 *God's Greeting of His People
 *We Greet One Another
 *Songs of Praise *No Other Plea* SJ 308 vs. 1,3,4
 My Faith Looks Up to Thee SJ 462 vs. 1-3

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Celebration of the Lord's Supper
 Song of gratitude *Have Thine Own Way Lord* PH 287 vs. 1-3
 Video: update from Anthony and Sara Sytsma
 Prayer of God's people: conclude with the Lord's Prayer
 Offering General Fund
 Children's Message Leap into Light!
 Song of preparation *Be Still and Know* SJ 24 vs. 1,2

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination
 *Scripture John 9:1-41 pg. 1664
 Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
 Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind**

Prayer of Application
 *Song of response *Amazing Grace* SJ 299 vs. 1-4
 *Profession of our faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 21

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing
 *Closing Song *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues* PH 501 vs. 1,6,7

On this Sunday before Ash Wednesday, Lord, help us plan our Lenten journey. Grant us more love and more holiness, that we might glorify you. Welcome to worship!

Romans Bible Study

This evening we will continue our study of the book of Romans. Study material can be found near the mailboxes. Soup will also be provided.



Next Sunday, February 18, 2018		<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u>
Greeters:	Doug & Anne Groen	9:00am Sunday School
Library:	Julie Link	(Sept.—May)
Coffee Hour:	Zach & Teri Johnson	10:00am Morning Worship
Sound System:	Brad Link	
Ushers:	Nic Groen & Doug Groen	
Nursery:	Rachael or Paul	Gene & Dawn Michelson
Letter to Michelsons:	Darla Ruschen	B.P. 2210, Bamako
Congregational Visitors:	Paul & Wanda Knapper	Mali, West Africa
Offering: am	Building / Benevolent Fund	E-mail address
		Usumaan@hotmail.com
Elders:		Deacons:
Kim Mulder - President	Gerald Mulder - Chairman	
Tim Link - Vice President	Curt Groen - Benevolent / Building Fund	
Doug Groen - 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.

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.

OUR PLACE IN GOD'S MISSION - When we're discouraged that the message of the gospel isn't being received, no matter our efforts, what are we to do? Join Groundwork as we study Acts 28 to understand why the Apostle Paul would say not to give up hope, continue participating in God's mission, and keep preaching. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Other

EDUDEO GO: Walk, Bike, Run or Swim for Christ-centred education. - We need to find 25+ people to run, walk, bike or swim to help build 4 urgently needed classrooms in the Dominican Republic. Set a distance goal for April 1 – June 30. Collect pledges. Get active for a great cause! If we don't have 25 participants by Friday, Feb. 16 – it's a 'no GO' for EduDeo GO. Keep the dream alive by signing up at edudeo.com/GO

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.

Emden Christian Reformed Church PO Box 390—518 5th Street NW e-mail: emdenrc@centurytel.net Secretary: Judy C Groen (320) 905-3921 All Bulletin announcements due by Thursday noon. Pastor David's office hours: Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 am—12:00 Pastor's Cell: 630-400-3023 Office phone: 320-329-3932	320-329-3932 Renville, MN 56284 web site www.emdenrc.org e-mail: j.k.groen56284@gmail.com
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**You are welcome to stop in and visit
without an appointment.**

TODAY

Greeters:	Curt & Judy Groen
Library:	Julie Link
Coffee Hour:	Todd & Jane Groen
Sound System:	Paul Knapper
Nursery:	Judy Groen
Ushers:	Loren Marcus & Duane Mulder
Letter to Michelsons:	Patrick & Christy Nelson
Congregational Visitor:	Paul & Wanda Knapper
Visiting Elder:	Doug Groen



CHURCH CALENDAR

Tuesday 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study - Lesson 9 - meet at Connie's
Wednesday 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday service with Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. There will be a light supper served before the service at 6:00

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. **Today, February 11th is the last day to add to bags and boxes.**



Thank you for the many prayers, cards, and food that was given to us during Norma's hip surgery. — Norma & Harold Groen

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 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.





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.

A big Thank You to all those who helped to make the annual Soup Supper a success: those who were on the planning committee, those who worked, those who donated food and monetary gifts and those who came to eat! The total profit (before expenses) was \$2739.00

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.



Next Sunday, February 18 we will be hearing God's word from John 11:1-44.

COUNCIL NOTES

- Treasurer's Report - January
 - Beginning Balance \$6,360.44
 - Total Deposits \$9,031.66
 - Total Expense \$9,211.77
 - Ending Balance \$6,180.33
 - Building Fund: \$14,623.00 (does not include Soup Supper)
 - Benevolent Fund: \$4,633.58
- Visiting Elder - Doug Groen
- Decision made:
 - Tim Link, Bob Swyter, and David Zigterman will attend classis, which will meet March 5 and 6
- Roles were voted on
 - Deacons: Chairman: Gerry Mulder
 - Treasurer: Bob Swyter
 - Benevolent/Building Fund: Curt Groen
 - Elders: President: Kim Mulder
 - Vice President/Pulpit Supply: Tim Link
 - Clerk: Doug Groen
- Districts were assigned
 - District 1 (A-J): Tim Link and Bob Swyter
 - District 2 (K-M): Kim Mulder and Curt Groen
 - District 3 (N-Z): Doug Groen and Gerry Mulder
- Next Council meeting is scheduled for March 14

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/>.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to our Lenten Breakfast on Wednesday, February 14th at 9:30 am in the First Lutheran Church Social Hall. Free will offering. This year's program will be presented by Pastor Stephen Cook. Please call 320-329-3954 with the number of people attending by February 12th.



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 at Herberger's, Younkers, or online. The books contain a \$10 off \$10 purchase and many % off coupons. Please contact a student in your church. 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.

FREE EVENT THIS WEEK: 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. Doors open at 4:30 pm. 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 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



An Early Start To Spring Cleaning

Although Lent starts early every year, before spring appears in many areas, it's an appropriate time for spring cleaning. Indeed, Lent comes from old German and English words for "spring." So, while it might be too soon to open windows or hang clothes on the line, now is ideal for some spiritual spring cleaning.

Lent calls us to examine our beliefs, confess and dispose of old grudges and selfish habits, dust off our Bibles for a new routine of study and prayer, air out our hearts and brighten up our attitudes. "Lent cleaning" lets the Holy Spirit freshen our faith — and it's never too early for that.

Sunday, January 11, 2018

John 9:1-41

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

- The sign (vs. 1-6)
- The investigations (vs. 7-34)
 - By the neighbors (vs. 6-12)
 - By the Pharisees (vs. 13-34)
- The judgement (vs. 35-41)



PRAYER

REQUESTS
FOR
PRAYER

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

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O PERSECUTED CHURCH: Voice of the Martyrs
R Pastor Gideon Murdered by Hindu Activists
N Hindu activists murdered a VOM-supported pastor in the Indian
E state of Tamil Nadu in January. Pastor Gideon Periyaswamy's
R body was discovered in his home on Jan. 20, 2018, by members of his congregation. The pastor's killers hanged his body with a noose around his neck to make it look like a suicide, but it was clear that he was killed before being hanged. Gideon, 43, was trained through a VOM-supported church planting ministry in 2015 and went on to plant a church in a high-caste Hindu area near the city of Chennai. He experienced severe opposition to his ministry from Hindu activists, and he frequently asked for prayer. But according to Morning Star News, he also told a fellow pastor, "If the Lord permits it, I would die as a martyr for Christ."

Christians in the area are demanding that police investigate the murder, but the government and Hindu activists are insisting that the pastor committed suicide, according to VOM sources. Gideon was unmarried at the time of his death. Pray for the family and congregation Gideon left behind, and pray that the ministry in that area continues. Pray that other pastors in the region will not give in to fear.

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

