

Emden Christian Reformed Church
 Pastor David Zigterman
 Sunday, February 25, 2018

Sunday Evening Worship Service
 6:00 pm

Romans Bible Study

This evening, Feb. 25, we will continue our study of the book of Romans. Study material can be found near the mailboxes.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship
 Welcome and announcements
 Opening prayer
 *Call to worship based on John 4:24; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
 *God's Greeting of His People
 *We Greet One Another
 *Songs of Praise *Standing on the Promises* SJ 181 vs. 1-3
Fairest Lord Jesus SJ 104 vs. 1,3,4

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Remembering God's Redemption Exodus 20:2
 Reflecting on God's Law The 9th Commandment
 Confession of Sin (1)
 Assurance of God's Grace Zephaniah 3:9-15
 Song of gratitude *Grace Greater Than Our Sin* SJ 383 vs. 1-4
 Vow of gratitude
 Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer
 Offering CMCS Tuition Support
 Children's Message Missing Shovel ¹ (2)
 Song of preparation *Jesus Paid It All* SJ 255 vs. 1-3

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination
 *Scripture John 13:1-17 pg. 1673
 Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
 Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **Stooping Like Jesus**

Prayer of Application
 *Song of response *The Bond of Love* SJ 123 vs. 1,2
 *Profession of our faith Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 21

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing
 *Closing Song *To God be the Glory* SJ 79 vs. 1-3

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.

Footnotes:

(1) Based on "Ten Commandment Confessions"; <http://www.gracedc.net>

¹ (2) From *Thoughts to Make Your Heart Sing* by Sally Lloyd-Jones and Jago



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| Next Sunday, March 4, 2018 | SUNDAY SCHEDULE |
| Greeters: Zach & Terri Johnson | 9:00am Catechism |
| Library: Julie Link | (Sept.—May) |
| Coffee Hour: Paul & Wanda Knapper | 10:00am Morning Worship |
| Sound System: Todd Groen | Sunday School |
| Nursery: Amber Simons | |
| Ushers: Bob Marcus & Randy Zieske | Gene & Dawn Michelson |
| Letter to Michelsons: Cody & Missy Strand | B.P. 2210, Bamako |
| Congregational Visitor: Harold Groen | Mali, West Africa |
| Offering: am Ministry Shares | 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 Aboriginal Ministry

Lent Prayer Campaign for Indigenous Justice - The Christian Reformed Church has affirmed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. But what does that mean? This Lent, the CRC's Canadian Aboriginal Ministry Committee invites you to enter into the themes of the Declaration through prayer. This is our prayer this week: You know the pain of losing a child. We pray for members of northern communities, as they struggle through the pain of suicide deaths. Bring comfort and peace to these families and communities. Disrupt, unsettle, and heal the forces and broken systems in which children end their lives. Bring healing, strength, and renewal to Indigenous children, youth, and their families. Join with us this Lenten season to pray: crcna.org/DeclarationPrayers

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.

JESUS CURSES A FIG TREE - The disciples are understandably surprised and confused when they observe a withered fig tree Jesus had earlier cursed. Join Groundwork as we study Mark 11 to contemplate the meaning of his actions and take to heart his teaching on faith and prayer which follows. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Resonate Global Mission

Exodus Vision Tour - There is still time to sign up for the Exodus Vision Tour (April 14-29, 2018). Learn about the ancient Israelite's journey from Egypt, through Jordan, and into the promised land. The deadline for application is March 16. For more information visit www.resonateglobalmission.org/exodus.

From Calvin Theological Seminary

PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN GREECE - (Oct 4-16, 2018): Travel by motor coach (8 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

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

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| Greeters: | Harold & Norma Groen |
| Library: | Julie Link |
| Coffee Hour: | Anna & Lindsey Knapper |
| Sound System: | Ryan Sietsema |
| Ushers: | Loren Marcus & Duane Mulder |
| Nursery: | Andrea & Isabelle |
| Letter to Michelsons: | Chuck & Twyla Sietsema |
| Congregational Visitor: | Paul & Wanda Knapper |
| Visiting Elder: | Doug Groen |



CHURCH CALENDAR

Tuesday 7:00 pm *Ladies Bible Study*, meet at Rachaels, Lesson 10

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

A sign up sheet has been placed near the mailboxes for those who would like a home visit.

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.



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.

Next Sunday, March 4 we will be hearing God's word from John 18:12-27.

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.



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 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

Each Wednesday during the season of Lent, Ebenezer Presbyterian Church invites us to join them for a meal at 6 pm and a worship service at 7 pm.



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 to sell Herberger's books this week. They are to be used at HERBERGER'S or YOUNKERS or ONLINE on March 1-3. If you haven't purchased one or more, please contact a student and do so by Thursday this week.. 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.

Thank you for your prayers and support of the Mission team.

The 2018 Area-Wide Pinewood Derby will be held on Wednesday, February 28, in the CMCS elementary gym. There will be a free-will BBQ supper served from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Weigh-in will be at 6:15 with the derby starting at 7:00. Please join us for a night of fun!



The HAITI LITERACY PROGRAM invites you to join us for a Worthiness Style Show at the CMCS Event Center on Saturday, March 3 beginning with coffee and scones by Helen Arends at 10:00am, style show at 11:00 and shopping to follow. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be purchased at this link: <http://alijboutique.com/products/prinsburg-fashion-show-ticket>. When you use the code Paulaine5, you receive \$5 off your ticket price. 10% of the sales that day will benefit the literacy program. Questions, contact Megan Taatjes at 320-905-0091.

The HAITI LITERACY PROGRAM has been chosen as the beneficiary of a portion of all sales at the Bargains and Blessings Thrift Store in the Skylark Mall for the month of March. We invite you to support us by shopping the store in March and by donating items you no longer need to be sold at the store. If you would like to volunteer in the store in March in support of the literacy program, contact Karen Marcus at 320-235-1213. Thanks for your support of the literacy program.

You are invited to join Classis delegates on Monday, March 5th, from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm at Calvary CRC, 5300 France Ave South, as they think about and discuss worship with members of the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship. The seminar begins with a plenary on the deep meaning and purpose of worship by Dr. Neal Plantinga, Jr.

In the afternoon there will be break out sessions geared towards musicians, worship planners, and preachers led by Greg Scheer, Joyce Borger, and Neal Plantinga, with plenty of time to converse together. We do need to know if you would like to enjoy a catered lunch for @ \$10. Please contact clerk, Henry Gunnink, at henry.gunnink@gmail.com or 651-451-0322 with questions or to register for lunch.

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



LADIES - Keep your calendars open for a Women's One-Day Retreat on Saturday, April 21st, at Unity CRC in Prinsburg. The retreat is entitled "*Come Unpack your Bags*" with inspirational speakers, including area favorite Kathy Weckworth. More details to come, watch your bulletin for upcoming details.

Sunday, February 25, 2018
John 13:1-17

Stooping Like Jesus

- The love of Jesus (vs. 1-5)

The waiting game

Life involves lots of waiting. We wait in groups, in lines, in cars. We wait for packages, for the bus, for the sun to rise. We wait in doctors' offices, at the post office, at the DMV. Waiting implies we're at someone else's mercy, but it's also usually linked to hope. Perhaps that's why Paul Tillich called waiting a metaphor for faith. Why would one wait if there weren't the firm belief that the object of one's wait will eventually materialize?

Waiting can be enervating, which is why Isaiah 40:31 is so promising: "They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." Yet waiting is tough if you have nothing to do while waiting. That's why Jesus, when talking about waiting, also talked about working — work for the night is coming. Sometimes it's less tiring to work than it is to wait.

There's a lot of waiting during Lent. You're waiting for a payoff. You're waiting for the Resurrection. You're waiting for spiritual growth. And then you realize this isn't waiting at all. It's life. It's joy. It's opportunity. It's blessing.

- Let Jesus love you (vs. 6-11)

- Let Jesus dress you up in servant's clothes (vs. 12-20)



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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Watch and Pray for North Korea

The eyes of the world are on Pyeongchang, South Korea, for the 2018 Winter Olympic Games. Millions of viewers around the world are enjoying the athletic accomplishments, pageantry & sense of comradery the games inspire.

A little more than 50 miles north of Pyeongchang lies the border with the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea, a land of physical and spiritual darkness ruled by the brutal Kim regime. North Korean Christians are hunted by their government to be executed or sent to concentration camps, and just owning a Bible can be a capital offense.

North Korea will not ultimately be changed by Olympic PR efforts, domestic politics, international negotiations or bombs. It will be changed by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This month, The Voice of the Martyrs invites you to help us shine the light of truth into North Korea by supporting VOM's ministry work there. Your gift will help advance the gospel in four ways:

- 1. Gospel balloons
- 2. BIBLE delivery
- 3. Support for front-line workers
- 4. Covert Gospel operations

As you watch the conclusion of the Olympic Games this week, will you remember to pray for North Korea? Perhaps you could pause during each commercial break to pray for Christians being starved and forced to work each day in prison camps. Perhaps every time you hear a national anthem you could pray for revival in North Korea and for the safe delivery of evangelistic materials like New Testaments and gospel balloons.

By this time next week we'll know the final medal count. We'll know who won each event in this year's Winter Olympics. But only later, in eternity, might we know the full effects of our prayers on the people and nation of North Korea. How many people might place their faith in Christ as a result of gospel balloon drops, Christian radio broadcasts and other projects that VOM supports?

The Voice of the Martyrs 1815 SE Bison Rd, Bartlesville, OK 74006

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.

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.

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

LORD
hear our
prayers