

From Back to God Ministries International

PARABLE OF THE TENANTS - Jesus tells a not-so-subtle story about a vineyard, and his audience knows immediately his admonition and warning is for them. But what about us? Join us as we get to the heart of Jesus' message in his Parable of the Tenants found in Matthew 21 and take seriously its challenge for us yet today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Other

Barnabas Foundation - New Resource - Generosity Today is Barnabas Foundation's quarterly newsletter designed especially for your church. Each issue includes tax-wise strategies for effective giving, plus poignant stories and biblical insights that uncover the true power of generosity. Barnabas Foundation provides Generosity Today as a complimentary service to CRC churches in both an email (HTML) format and as a PDF document for distribution in church mailboxes. If you haven't received a copy but would like to, contact your church office or request our most recent issue by emailing info@barnabasfoundation.com. Learn more at BarnabasFoundation.com or by calling 888.448.3040.

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.

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TODAY

Greeters:	Zach & Terri Johnson
Library:	Julie Link
Coffee Hour:	Paul & Wanda Knapper
Sound System:	Todd Groen
Nursery:	Amber Simons
Ushers:	Bob Marcus & Randy Zieske
Letter to Michelsons:	Cody & Missy Strand
Congregational Visitor:	Harold Groen
Visiting Elder:	Doug Groen



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CHURCH CALENDAR

Tuesday & Wednesday *Classis meetings at Calvary CRC*
Wednesday 2:00 pm *Ladies Aid*
6:00 pm *Supper at Ebenezer Presbyterian followed by a Lenten service*

CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you for all the neat little gifts and uplifting notes in my Care package. It was appreciated very much. I am so grateful for my church family and am so happy to be able to be getting out and about. Love and blessings to each of you. — Marge Link

Thank you all for your faithful prayers for us. We have had a very nice visit from my (Sara) parents and have taken them back to the airport. We'd appreciate your continued prayers for safe travel as we go to Entebbe and back. Please check out our blog posts this week as we have two posts for you at <https://anthsara.blogspot.com> about our experiences during our trip to Tanzania in January. In Christ, Sara and Anthony

The flowers on the organ are in memory of Lois Aalderks/Knapper who would have celebrated her 83rd birthday today.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies Aid will meet on Wednesday, March 7 at 2 pm at Meadows on Main. We will be studying Daniel 8 and in our study guide chapter 9, "*Superpowers in Conflict*." Norma Groen will host.

Anne Groen will be printing the bulletin next Sunday, March 11. Please have all announcements to her by Thursday noon. gotmilk@redred.com

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.

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.



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.

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.emdenrc.org/>.

Next Sunday, March 11 we will be hearing God's word from John 18:28-40 and in the evening continue our study of the book of Romans.



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.

Upcoming dates:

March 5 and 6: Classis at Calvary Christian Church

March 29: Maundy Thursday communion service

May 6: One Voice

Tues., June 5: Watoto Children's Choir - 7 pm

June 10: Communion and potluck

August 5-10: Ecumenical VBS

Sept. 9: Communion and potluck

Sept. 17 and 18: Classis in Alexandria

Oct. 7: Mission Emphasis Sunday and potluck

Nov. 11: Communion and potluck



REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

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 Berger, 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.

Come join us for food and fellowship at JAM's Soup and Homemade Pie Supper on Wednesday, March 21 at Bunde CRC. Serving will be from 5-7:30pm. Take outs are available! Money raised will be used to support our JAM and Jr. JAM ministries.



New York Mission Trip Fundraiser Update



The students will 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.

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.



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.

"Good Grief" is sponsored by Renville County Hospice. The sessions will be held on Monday nights: March 19, March 26, April 2, April 9 and April 16 from 4:30 pm to 6 pm at Renville County Hospital (Willette Room), 100 Healthy Way in Olivia. All are welcome and invited. Please call Heidi at 320-523-3451 to register.

You are invited to a concert by Carpenter's Tools Int'l at Rock of Life CRC in Willmar on March 16 at 6:30 pm. There will be an opportunity for interested musicians (ages 16-30) to audition for summer or full-time teams after the program. We hope to see you there.

Sunday, March 4, 2018

John 18:12-27

The Interrogation

1. Seized and bound (12-14)
2. 1st denial (15-18)
3. The interrogation (19-24)
4. 2nd and 3rd denial (25-27)



PRAYER

~ Please remember those in our congregation

C who have continuous health concerns: Melvin Link, Marge
O Link, Linda Mayer, Gerald Mulder, Louise Peterson

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E The Persecuted Church: **India - Pray for Persecuted Chris-**
R **tians Who Received a New Water Well**

After two years of planning, delays and construction, a new water well benefiting nine Christian families is now operational in a Christian village. The area was the site of large anti-Christian riots in which many Christians died and many others were injured. Those who refused to convert to Hinduism were kicked out of their villages, so they started a new village, where the new well is located. Praise God for providing the well and for continuing to work in the lives of these believers. Pray that the villagers will continue to grow in faith and be a light to the greater area. Pray also for seven believers who remain in prison in connection with the riots. Pray that their faith will inspire others to trust in Christ.

Pray that the Lord will bless these Christian refugees in the start of their new village. May the village grow to be a safe place for Christians to live and worship. May they be protected with God's power. May they be filled and equipped by the Holy Spirit.

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

