

**Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, March 18, 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 Psalm 146
 *God's Greeting of His People
 *We Greet One Another
 *Songs of Praise *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* SJ 162 vs. 1-3
Blessed Redeemer SJ 248 vs. 1-3

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

- Testimony David and Nick Daugherty
 Song of gratitude *Amazing Grace* SJ 299 vs. 1-4
 Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer
 Offering Building Fund/Benevolent Fund
 Sunday School noisy offering Lablab beans
 Song of preparation *At the Cross* SJ 257 vs. 1-3

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

- Prayer for illumination
 *Scripture John 19:1-16 pg. 1683
 Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
 Congregation: Thanks be to God
 Message **Under Pontius Pilate (Part 2)**
 Prayer of Application
 *Song of response *Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary* SJ 372 vs. 1-3
 *Profession of our faith Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 37 and 38

WE DEPART TO SERVE

- *Parting Blessing
 *Closing Song *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* SJ 494 vs. 1,2

*God has promised to be our God and to let us be his people.
 May we focus confidently on the blessing of such a loving
 relationship as we worship God today.*

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, March 25, 2018	SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Greeters: Paul & Wanda Knapper	9:00am Sunday School
Library: Julie Link	(Sept.—May)
Coffee Hour: Tim & Dawn Link	10:00am Morning Worship
Sound System: Curt Groen	
Ushers: Patrick Nelson, James Santjer	Gene & Dawn Michelson
Nursery:	B.P. 2210, Bamako
Letter to Michelsons: Weldon & Char Zondervan	Mali, West Africa
Congregational Visitor: Harold Groen	E-mail address
Offering: am CMCS Tuition Support	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

THE WIDOW'S OFFERING - When the widow brings her small offering, Jesus teaches about generosity, sacrifice, and the heart of giving. But is there more? Join Groundwork as we study Mark 12:41-44 to see why Jesus' response also renews God's call to be people filled with love with a heart for justice and mercy. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From CRC Communications

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS - Do you enjoy taking pictures and have an eye for a great photo? Each Friday, we post a photo with Bible text on the CRCNA Facebook page. We'd love to feature your photos! Landscapes and nature close-ups are especially welcome. We can only use photos that you took, or to which you own the rights, and you need to have the permission of anyone who appears in the photo. Send photos, along with your name and your church name, to communications@crcna.org. Thanks!

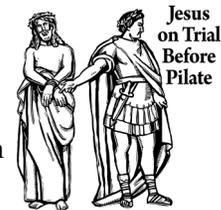
From World Renew

Short-Term Volunteers: - Are you 18 to 24 years old and interested in embarking on a short-term volunteer opportunity with life-long impact? World Renew's Global Volunteer Program provides opportunities to live, work, eat, and play in an international community while exploring how God wants to use your talents and skills for His purpose. For more information, contact Andrew at globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net.

Emden Christian Reformed Church PO Box 390—518 5th Street NW e-mail: emdencrc@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 Pastors Cell: 320-400-3023 Office phone: 320-329-3932	320-329-3932 Renville, MN 56284 web site www.emdencrc.org e-mail: j.k.groen56284@gmail.com You are welcome to stop in and visit without an appointment.
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TODAY

Greeters: Anna & Lindsey Knapper
Library: Julie Link
Coffee Hour: Samantha Link & Dianna Johnson
Sound System: Paul Knapper
Ushers: Bob Marcus & Randy Zieske
Nursery:
Letter to Michelsons: Randy & Verla Zieske
Congregational Visitors: Harold Groen
Visiting Elder: Tim Link



CHURCH CALENDAR

Ladies Games Fellowship Day is cancelled

Wednesday: This Wednesday, March 21 Ebenezer Presbyterian Church invites us to join them for their last Lenten meal at 6 pm and a Worship service at 7 pm.



CHURCH FAMILY

Janel's youngest daughter Tanya in Mpls had some dental work done last week and the dentist found some tumors in her jaw. They were sent in for testing and the results were that she does not have cancer in her mouth. Praise God!!

We are heading to Kenya for a 10 day trip pretty soon. Both of us have some trainings planned during that time, so we would appreciate your prayers for those to go smoothly and for safe travel on the way there and back. In Christ, — Sara and Anthony

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.

<u>Council Notes</u>		
Treasurers Report		
February	Beginning Balance	\$6,180.33
	Total Deposits	\$9,078.47
	Total Expenses	\$8,706.67
	Ending Balance	\$6,552.13
Building Fund	\$17,365.00	
Benevolent Fund	\$4,801.00	
Sunday School Noisy Offering	\$112.44	
Visiting Elder - Tim Link		
Decision made:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Arlan Koppendrayner will be invited for Mission Emphasis Sunday (date to be determined) 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Council will serve a meal before the Maundy Thursday service 		



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.

Next Sunday, March 25 we will be hearing God's word from John 19:17-22 in the morning and in the evening we will study the book of Romans.

Anyone who is interested in donating a lily for Easter, please sign up on the back table before March 25th. Cost will be \$20 per plant. If you would like to donate in honor or in memory of someone special, please include that as well. Contact Samantha Link or Heidi Link for any questions.



We are looking for a couple more people who would be interested in running the projector during services. Basic computer knowledge is necessary, training will be provided. Contact Samantha Link if interested.

On Thursday, March 28 we will be hosting a combined Maundy Thursday service with Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. Council will serve a meal before the service beginning at 6 pm. The service will begin at 7 pm and we will celebrate the Lord's Supper.



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/>.

Upcoming dates:

March 29: Maundy Thursday communion service and meal

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

Sept, Oct or Nov: Mission Emphasis Sunday and potluck

Nov. 11: Communion and potluck



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

The CMCS New York Mission Team would like to say **THANK YOU** to all of you who have so generously supported and blessed the team in their fundraisers this year. The team is preparing to leave for NYC on Tuesday, March 27 and would appreciate your prayers during the week they are there.



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.





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.

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.

Empowered to Connect Simulcast Conference from 9:00 – 5:00 on April 13 – 14, 2018 at Rock of Life CRC, Willmar, MN. Experience practice teaching in a safe and supportive community as we work to equip families, churches, and professionals to better serve children impacted by adoption and foster care. This conference is a wonderful opportunity for foster/ adoptive families, and professionals to receive continuing education credits to use towards their licensing requirements. This free educational offering is organized by Bethany Christian Services and Children of the Promise. Register online: <https://eventbrite.com/e/empowered-to-connect-simulcast-conference-tickets-42882437525>.

"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.



Jews for Jesus presents *"Christ in the Passover"*: You are invited to join us on Sunday, March 25th at 5:30 pm at Raymond CRC to hear Amer Olson of Jews for Jesus re-create the traditional Passover service and explain how it foreshadowed Jesus' death and resurrection in a presentation called *"Christ in the Passover"*.

Olivia's House of Hope Annual Fundraiser. Save the date: April 27, 2018 6:00 - 8:30 pm at St. Aloysius Catholic Church Jubilee Center. A center cut pork chop meal will be catered by The Master's Coffee Shop. Take outs will be available. Live and silent auctions. Tickets are available by calling Janine Kramer at 320-979-5542 or 320-523-1782. Come and enjoy a fun night!

The King

Sometimes we speak or shout the truth without realizing just how right we are. That happened during Holy Week, first when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. The palm-waving crowd hailed Jesus as their king — though he wasn't the earthly king they wanted.

Days later, during Jesus' trial, Pilate taunted the Pharisees, saying, "Here is your king." Furious, they protested, "We have no king but Caesar." Pilate turned Jesus over to them. But still wanting to needle the insistent persecutors, he wrote a sign reading "The King of the Jews" and had it fastened above Jesus' cross (John 19:19).

Was Jesus a king? Witnesses of the Resurrection thought so. The first Christians were accused of "saying there is another king, Jesus" (Acts 17:7). The writer of Revelation envisions the day when the whole world will understand that the risen Christ isn't only Lord and Savior but also **"Lord of lords and King of kings"** (Revelation 17:14).



PRAYER

REQUESTS
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PRAYER

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

Sunday, March 18, 2018
John 19:1-16

Under Pontius Pilate (Part 2)

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THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: Seven Years Later: Word and Deed Continue in Japan

It's 2018, almost seven years after "the big one" that hit in March 2011—the earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear meltdown that killed nearly 18,000 people—and Japan is still plagued by aftershocks from that earthquake.

The 2011 quake was the strongest in Japan's recorded history. But the CRC mounted a historic response to the disaster, partnering with donors and using agency resources and networks to bring relief to survivors. This effort by World Renew, Resonate Global Mission, and other churches from around the world has been a powerful witness in this country where less than one percent of the people are Christians.

"Ministry in word and deed" was no cliché, as water, food, clothing, and many other commodities were distributed and people of all ages and from many nations joined together.

Although the disaster response officially ended in 2017, gifts to the CRC's mission agencies are still having a reverberating effect. The leaders have been equipped and encouraged are now getting involved in ministry.

Rev. Akira Tateishi was a pastor of a local church whom Resonate missionary, Larry Spalink has known and discipled since he was only 12 years old. He found his niche in serving the victims and helping with relief work. His vision, energy, and zeal led to his establishment and ongoing operation of Sakura House, a ministry center along the coast that serves not only the community members there but also residents of a local temporary housing villages.

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.

- Pilate and the people

- Jesus below Pilate

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

