



**Emden Christian Reformed Church**  
**Pastor David Zigterman**  
**Sunday, March 25, 2018**



**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

- Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship
- Welcome and announcements
- \*Call to worship Psalm 24
- \*Opening Song *The King of Glory Comes* PH 370 vs. 1,3,4
- \*God's Greeting of His People
- \*We Greet One Another
- \*Songs of Praise *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* PH 375 1-3
- Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* PH 378 vs. 1-3

**WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE**

- Confession of Sin
- Assurance of Pardon
- Song of gratitude *Christ, the Life of all the Living* PH 371
- Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer
- Offering CMCS Tuition Support
- Children's Message **Far, Far Away**
- Song of preparation *Were You There* PH 377 vs. 1-3

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

- Prayer for illumination
- \*Scripture John 19:17-22 pg. 1684
- Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
- Congregation: Thanks be to God
- Message **The Wisdom and Power of God**
- Prayer of Application
- \*Song of response *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* PH 384 vs. 1-4
- \*Profession of our faith Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 37,38, & 39

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

- \*Parting Blessing
- \*Closing Song *Lift High the Cross* PH 373 vs. 1,2,7

***"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna!"***  
***(Matthew 21:9). Welcome to worship as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, even as this path leads to the cross.***  
***On this glorious Palm Sunday, we remember Christ's courage as he confronted evil and death. May we live boldly for him.***

**Sunday Evening Worship Service**  
**6:00 pm**

**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, April 1, 2018	<b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b>
Greeters: Rachael & Children	9:00am Sunday School
Library: Julie Link	(Sept.—May)
Coffee Hour: Butch & Linda Mayer	10:00am Morning Worship
Sound System: Brad Link	
Ushers: Bob Marcus & Randy Zieske	Gene & Dawn Michelson
Transportation:	B.P. 2210, Bamako
Nursery:	Mali, West Africa
Letter to Michelsons: John & Dorothy Aalderks	E-mail address
Congregational Visitors: Gerald & Connie Mulder	Usumaan@hotmail.com
Offering: am Ministry Shares	
<b>Elders:</b>	<b>Deacons:</b>
Kim Mulder - President	Gerald Mulder - Chairman
Tim Link - Vice President	Curt Groen - Benevolent / Building Fund
Doug Groen - Clerk	Bob Swyter - Treasurer

Banner College Essay Contest - The Banner is pleased to sponsor a writing contest on the topic "Why Christianity Still Matters." We'll publish the winning essays in print and/or online and award cash prizes (up to \$1,000 USD). Details and deadline: [www.thebanner.org](http://www.thebanner.org)

**From Back to God Ministries International**

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](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

STAY ALERT, WATCH AND BE READY - What did Jesus say about his return? How should we prepare for his coming? Join Groundwork as we study Mark 13 and Matthew 24 to see what Jesus taught his disciples shortly before his crucifixion about the end of the world and the best ways to prepare for his anticipated return. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://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](mailto:communications@crcna.org). Thanks!

**From Other**

RENEW18 @ ROSEWOOD - Youth groups (ages 14-21) are invited to a service-and-worship week at Rosewood CRC in Bellflower, California, from July 14-21, 2018. Birthed out of SERVE, the Renew experience immerses students in a diverse community and church where they will partner with neighbors in service projects and grow in their relationship with God through worship and small groups. Cost is \$300 including local transportation. Contact Bonny Mulder-Behnia at [bmulderbehnia@rosewoodchurch.com](mailto:bmulderbehnia@rosewoodchurch.com) or call 562-804-4778.

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All Bulletin announcements due by Thursday noon.	
<b>Pastor David's office hours: Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 am—12:00</b>	
<b>Pastor's Cell: 630-400-3023</b>	
<b>Office phone: 320-329-3932</b>	<b>You are welcome to stop in and visit without an appointment.</b>

**TODAY**

Greeters: Paul & Wanda Knapper  
 Library: Julie Link  
 Coffee Hour: Tim & Dawn Link  
 Sound System: Curt Groen  
 Ushers: Patrick Nelson, James Santjer  
 Transportation: Doug Groen  
 Nursery: Rachael  
 Letter to Michelsons: Weldon & Char Zondervan  
 Congregational Visitor: Harold Groen  
 Visiting Elder: Tim Link



**CHURCH CALENDAR**

Thursday 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday combined supper and service with Ebenezer Presbyterian at Emden CRC. (see announcement)

**CHURCH FAMILY**

Please join us for an Open House Bridal Shower honoring Courtney Groen, bride-to-be of Carter Brock on Saturday, March 31 at the Emden Church Fellowship Hall beginning at 11:00 a.m. The couple is registered at Herberger's and Target. Everyone welcome!



Thank you Emden congregation for the wonderful care packages we received in February. The notes and treats were perfect. We appreciate all the love and support as we continue our career as college students! Thanks again, —Courtney and Jacob Groen

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Each Sunday morning, we will be having a time of prayer before the service beginning at 9:15.



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.

Next Sunday, April 1 we will be hearing God's word from John 20:1-18. There will be no Sunday School or Catechism that Sunday.

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.

Anyone who is interested in donating a lily for Easter, please sign up on the back table TODAY - 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.

**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.

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**

The New York Mission Team (30 students and 12 leaders) will be leaving early this Tuesday for their time in NYC. We want to say **THANK YOU** for all the ways you have supported the team over the past few months. It has touched our hearts and been such a blessing to have you supporting and encouraging us. We now ask for your prayers over the next week as the team ministers and shares the love of Jesus with all those they meet. Thank You and God Bless You!



**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



WOMEN'S RETREAT

The retreat is entitled **"Come Unpack your Bags"** with inspirational speakers, including area favorite Kathy Weckworth. **EARLY BIRD TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR \$25.00 - DEADLINE APRIL 8TH** - tickets sold online at --- BestLifeMinistries.com. Call Unity CRC office at 320-978-4300 to purchase/reserve your tickets. Call Angela Miedema - 320-905-3118 to purchase/reserve your tickets. Tickets - \$29.00 at the door, the day of the event. Lunch is provided.

Thank-you from Friendship Ministries for blessing us with your gift of \$305.00. We had a good year and will finish it off April 24 with a Banquet and entertainment by Paul and Pam. They are appreciated by our students too. —The Friendship Board and Friends

You are invited come and experience THE BEMA at the 36th Annual Legacy Dinner at Central Minnesota Christian School on APRIL 6, 2018. The dinner will begin at 6:30 with dessert following the life-impacting presentation. The Bema live is a fictional account of a Biblical truth in a one-man dramatic presentation about a man and his experience before the Judgement Seat of Christ. Is is a story of loss and reward, love and regret, and finally-glorication! This event is complimentary but RSVP's are required. Please RSVP by Monday, March 26, on the websitewww.cmcschool.org or by calling school at 320-978-8700.

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>.

**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.** 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 available. Live and silent auctions. For tickets call Janine Kramer at 320-979-5542 or 320-523-1782. Come and enjoy a fun night!

Sunday, March 25, 2018  
John 19:17-22

### **The Wisdom and Power of God**

- The foolishness of the cross
- The scandal of the cross
- The power and wisdom of God in the cross



**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

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**O** **PERSECUTED CHURCH:** Pray for Christian Brothers Who Were Beaten and Threatened

**R** In January, a Hindu man named Bhargav heard the gospel and came to faith in Christ. A week later, he shared his faith with a Muslim friend, who didn't respond to the gospel but told his Hindu neighbor about Bhargav's conversion. The Hindu neighbor then spread the news that Bhargav had become a Christian and was sharing his faith with others in the village. A week later, a group of Muslim and Hindu teens beat Bhargav; his brother, Paynam, who had also accepted Christ, was later beaten by some Muslims. Both Bhargav and Paynam have received death threats since the attacks, and they are now staying at a safe house with their families. Pray that Bhargav and Paynam will heal from their injuries and that their faith will be emboldened by this persecution. Pray for their families' protection, and pray that those who are persecuting them will come to know Jesus.

Pray for quick recovery of Bhargav and Paynam and with this their faith and boldness will become stronger for the love of Jesus Christ. May the Lord lift them up during this hard time and make them courageous to continue to share their story of salvation.

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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.

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