

Welcome to Emden CRC
March 3, 2024



WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and announcements

*Call to worship

*God's Greeting of His People

*We Greet One Another

*Songs of Praise (words on screen)

Lord I Lift Your Name On High

You are My King

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Confession of sin

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of pardon

Song: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus SJ 363 vs. 1-3

Congregational Prayer

Offering: General Fund

Noisy Offering

Song of preparation

In Christ Alone (words on screen)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination

*Scripture: Revelation 19:11-20:15 pg. 1935

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Message: The Last Judgment

*Song of response:

A Mighty Fortress PH 469 vs. 1-4

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing

*Closing Song

I Will Sing of My Redeemer SJ 237 vs. 1,4

*please stand if you are able

Our mission: Rooted in God's faithfulness, God has called us to be a resilient community committed to expressing our gratitude by practicing hospitality, using our musical gifts, while embracing and supporting God's mission in our own neighborhood and the world.

Sermon notes:

March 3		March 10
Bob and Joan Swyter	Greeters	Zigtermans
Joan Swyter	Nursery	Dawn Link
Nick Daugherty	Sound system	Paul Knapper
Nick and Alannah Daugherty	Coffee Hour	Kevin and Dani Engstrom
General Fund	Offering	Building Fund

Elders:

Tim Link - President

David Daugherty - Vice President

Doug Groen- Clerk

Deacons:

Janel Watson - Chairman

Josh Groen - Building Fund

Kevin Engstrom- Treasurer

Upcoming dates:

- March 4-5: Classis in Emo
- March 6: Gems, 3:30-6pm; Council, 6:30pm
- March 8: Gems and Gents event
- March 13: Cadets
- March 16: Men's Study, 9am
- March 17: Youth Sunday, potluck

Church announcements:

Next Sunday, March 10, we will hear God's word from John 1:19-34. We will also be celebrating the **baptism of Harper Daughtery**.

Youth Sunday is on March 17. The offering, which will be a noisy offering, will be to support GEMS and Cadets. After the service we will have a **potluck**. Circle 3 is in charge.

GEMS & Cadet Prayer Partners: Youth Sunday is on March 17th. If you are able we would love for you to come around 9:30am to introduce yourself to the youth you have been praying for. You can write them an encouraging note or just tell them how you have been praying for them. Thank you for lifting these children of God up in prayer for this past year.

Wendy Kurka's blessing bag will be mailed to her son. If you would like to add anything to it please add it before March 11th. If you would like to mail a card directly his address is:

David Kurka
1427 East Lake Dr.
Chaska, MN 55318

Shepherding elders:

March: Harold Groen; April: Paul and Wanda

The offering we took for Anthony Systma's translation project of his curriculum *Helping Without Hurting in Africa* was \$2048. Thank you for your generosity! Here is a note from Anthony:

Dear Emden family, we are very grateful for your special offering towards our translation project for Helping Without Hurting in Africa. Translating a manual into French may seem like a small thing, but it will open up this curriculum to be available to millions more people in West Africa who speak French. We can't predict how many people will purchase it and start using it to teach pastors and

community leaders. But the interest in the curriculum keeps rising and people are excited to use it and see mindset change among people in their communities so that true development can happen and the poor can be truly helped. As I write, I'm in Kampala leading a Helping Without Hurting training for about 90 leaders from different organizations and churches, including two people that flew here from Liberia for the training. God is using this training to transform the way people are doing community development and reaching out to the poor in Africa. Thank you for your prayers for both of us and our work in Uganda. And thank you so much for your generosity in supporting this project. It was great to be able to see you in person recently and catch up. You have a special place in our hearts. God bless you all in your ministry in Renville and the surrounding area. -Anthony Sytsma

Dear Emden congregation:

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, phone calls and messages sent to me after my recent hip replacement surgery. It is so good to be remembered by good friends. We miss you all and we pray for you often. We are doing well here in Waupun, WI and have found another loving and caring church home, much like Emden. May the Lord bless you richly. Thank you.

-Judy & Curt Groen

We will have Sunday School and Catechism after the morning service on February 18.

Men's Bible Study will meet on Saturday, March 16 at 9am. We will study chapter 14, "Priorities: How to Decide What's Important," from *The Man in the Mirror* by Patrick Morley. Breakfast included.

Soul Care (Women's Bible Study) will meet on **March 3rd** from 6-7:30pm. We will be studying Revelations 18 & 19.

Requested Announcements

The Wheaton College Men's Glee Club and Women's Chorale, under the direction of renowned choral conductor Dr. Jerry Blackstone, will be performing at **First CRC in Prinsburg, on Sunday, March 3 at 7:30pm.**