

Welcome to Emden CRC
March 10, 2024



WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and announcements

*Call to worship: Psalm 96:2-3

Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

*God's Greeting of His People

*We Greet One Another

*Songs of Praise (words on screen)

No longer slaves

King of my Heart

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Baptism of Harper Thompson

The covenant of baptism

Prayer

Vows

Baptism

Song: Who You Say I am sung by Jesse Daugherty

Congregational Prayer

Offering: General Fund

Song of preparation (words on screen)

I Am Not My Own

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination

*Scripture: John 1:19-34 pg. 1646

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Message: Helpful guidelines for our witness

*Song of response: (words on screen)

By Faith

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing

*Closing Song (words on screen)

Go My Children

*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 10		March 17
Zigtermans	Greeters	Paul and Wanda Knapper
Dawn Link	Nursery	Donna Fuls
Paul Knapper	Sound system	Brad Link
Connie and Isabelle	Coffee Hour	Paul and Wanda Knapper
Building Fund	Offering	General 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 13: Cadets
- March 16: Men's Study, 9am
- March 17: Youth Sunday, potluck (Circle 3)
- March 20: Gems
- March 28: Maundy Thursday meal, 6pm (council serves); service with communion at 7pm
- March 31: Easter breakfast, 9am; service at 10 am
- April 7: Communion and potluck (Circle 4)

Church announcements:

Council notes:

- Treasurer Report - February
 - Beginning Balance: \$35,634.22
 - Receipts: \$8,406.46
 - Expenses: \$8,089.64
 - Ending Balance: \$35,951.04
 - Building Fund - \$17,841.48
- Other notes
 - The loan we requested from classis was approved in principle pending final approval of the finance team.
 - We are exploring the possibility of hosting the Watoto Children's Choir in the fall.
 - We will have a combined Maundy Thursday service with Ebenezer on March 28. A meal will be served at 6pm (council will serve); service with communion at 7pm.
 - On Easter we will have breakfast at 9am and a service at 10 am.
 - Harlan VandenEinde will preach at Emden on June 30

This morning we will celebrate the **baptism of Harper Thompson**.

Next Sunday, March 17, is **Youth Sunday**. 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.

There will be a memorial service for Wendy Kurka on Friday, March 15 at 11 am at the funeral home. Wendy's blessing bag will be given to her son at that time.

The Cadet PineWood Derby will take place on March 20 at CMCS. Supper with free will offering is at 5. Cars are weighed at 6:15. Races begin at 7pm. All are welcome!

Shepherding elders:

March: Harold Groen

April: Paul and Wanda

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.

Rachael plans to step down from leading Women's Bible study but would love to pass the reigns onto someone else. If you are interested in leading a study for women please contact Pastor David or connect with Rachael.

Friendship Ministry thanks you for your donation of \$216.00. We do appreciate your support and prayers for this hour of worship, praise and growing friendships, it is a time of mutual blessing. Come and visit us anytime.

Requested Announcements

The Central MN Christian Junior Class will be picking up furniture or other large donation items to bring to the New to You thrift store on Thursday, March 21 as a class fundraiser. If you have anything that you would like to donate and want the Juniors to pick up from your home or another location, please call the high school office to be added to the list.