

Welcome to Emden CRC
March 17, 2024



WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

*Call to worship

*Opening Song: (words on screen)

Way Maker

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

*Songs of Praise (words on screen)

How Great is our God

Build Your Kingdom

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Ministry updates:

Cadets

GEMS

Congregational Prayer

Noisy Offering: Gems and Cadets

Song of preparation

Living for Jesus

PH 292 vs. 1,2

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Esther Skit

Galatians 5:22-23

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Message: Esther and the Fruit of the Spirit

*Song of response (words on screen)

In Christ Alone

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing

*Closing Song (words on screen)

My Friends May you Grow in Grace

*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 17		March 24
Paul and Wanda Knapper	Greeters	Duane and Verla Mulder
Donna Fuls	Nursery	Layla Engstrom
Brad Link	Sound system	Todd Groen
Paul and Wanda Knapper	Coffee Hour	Tim and Dawn Link
Cadets and Gems	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 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:

This morning is Youth Sunday. We warmly welcome the GEMS and Cadets groups and their families. After the service we will have a potluck.

Next Sunday, March 24, we will be hearing God's word from John 12.

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.

Are you able to help us decorate the Sanctuary for Easter by purchasing an Easter Lily? If so, please sign-up on the sheet on the mailbox counter. Cost is \$25.

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

Shepherding elders:

March: Harold Groen

April: Paul and Wanda

We will have Sunday School and Catechism after the morning service on March 31, April 14 and 28.

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.

Thank you to all for my bag of blessings. It is very nice to be remembered and prayed for. Being part of Emden is a blessing! -Connie

Thank you so much for all the dards, well wishes and all the goodies inside the surprise box. It was so kind of you. Also a big thank you to the GEMS girls for decorating the bag it came in. May God bless you all for your kindness! -Ida H.

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.

You're invited to an area-wide community Easter worship celebration hosted by The Broken at The Rock of Life church in Willmar on March 31 at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Chris Alle will bring the message. Let's join together to celebrate the Risen King!