



Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, April 1, 2018
EASTER SUNDAY



WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

- Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship
- Welcome and announcements
- *Call to worship
- *God's Greeting of His People
- *We Greet One Another
- *Songs of Praise *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* PH 388 vs. 1,3,5
The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done PH 391 vs. 1,3,5

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

- Confession of Sin
- Assurance of God's Grace
- Ministry of Music Heather Link
- Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer
- Offering Ministry Shares
- Song of preparation *Morning Has Broken* SJ 274 vs. 1-3

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

- Prayer for illumination
- *Scripture John 20:1-18 pg. 1685
 Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
 Congregation: Thanks be to God
- Message **The Empty Tomb**
- Prayer of Application
- *Song of response *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* PH 402 vs. 1-3,5
- *Profession of our faith Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 45
- Instant choir *I Serve a Risen Savior* PH 405

WE DEPART TO SERVE

- *Parting Blessing
- *Closing Song *He is Lord* PH 633

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!
A warm, joyous welcome to all who gather to bear witness
to the resurrection of Jesus, our King of kings!
The power of God raised Jesus from the dead
and offers eternal life to all.

Sunday Evening Worship Service
6:00 pm

This evening an Easter Worship Celebration with area churches will be held at 6:00 p.m. at First CRC in Prinsburg. Pastor Jon Bushnell will bring God's Word to us. The offering will be for International Gospel Outreach. Nursery will be provided. A time of fellowship will follow the service. Join us as we celebrate together our Risen Savior!



Next Sunday, April 8, 2018		SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Greeters:	Brad & Julie Link	9:00am Catechism
Library:	Julie Link	(Sept.—May)
Coffee Hour:	Bob & Jill Marcus	10:00am Morning Worship
Sound System:	Ryan Sietsema	Sunday School
Nursery:	Rachael or Paul	
Ushers:	Patrick & James	
Letter to Michelsons:	David & Andrea Daugherty	Gene & Dawn Michelson
Congregational Visitor:	Gerald & Connie Mulder	B.P. 2210, Bamako
Transportation:		Mali, West Africa
Offering:	am General Fund	E-mail address
		Usumaan@hotmail.com
Elders:		Deacons:
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WITNESS TO THE RISEN CHRIST - Hallelujah! Christ is Risen! Now what does he desire from us? Join Groundwork as we study an interaction between Peter and the resurrected Jesus in John 21 to learn one more lesson about grace and forgiveness, and hear his call to earnestly bear witness to Jesus Christ and his saving work in our lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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TODAY

Greeters:	Rachael & Children
Library:	Julie Link
Coffee Hour:	Butch & Linda Mayer
Sound System:	Brad Link
Ushers:	Bob Marcus & Randy Zieske
Transportation:	Samantha Link
Nursery:	Nancy Mulder
Letter to Michelsons:	John & Dorothy Aalderks
Congregational Visitors:	Gerald & Connie Mulder
Visiting Elder:	Tim Link



CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday, 2:00 pm *Ladies Aid* meet at Meadows on Main - We will be studying Daniel 9 and in our study guide chapter 10, "Kneeling on God's Promises."

CHURCH FAMILY



Our sympathy to the Zigtermans on the death of David's grandfather. May they know the comfort and grace of the Lord in the coming days.



Thank you to all those who donated Easter Lilies.

Curt and Judy - In memory of John & Gladys Groen

Tim and Dawn - In memory of Conrad & Sophie Link,
Judy Groen & Bill Johnson

Duane and Verla - In memory of Diane Mulder & Bern Walhof

Harriet and Melvin - In memory of Hilko & Margaret Ryks

Dalen and Donna - In memory of George & Helen Fuls, Garrit & Catherine Mulder

Harold and Norma

Jim and Nelida - In memory of Hilko & Margaret Ryks

Caroline - In memory of Orrin Brouwer

Brad and Julie - In memory Conrad & Sophie Link, Judy Groen
Samantha

Paul and Wanda - In memory of Lois Aalderks

Anthony & Sara Sytsma: We are back from our trip to Kenya and so thankful for your prayers. It was an exhausting trip, but a great one, and we will blog about our experiences later. Right now we could use prayer to get caught up on our work back at home and in Soroti, and that we would find time to take a day off sometime soon. No one is pushing us to work so much without resting, so we need to manage our own lives better and force ourselves to rest this coming weekend. On Easter, I

won't be preaching, and we'll attend our local church in town, and then come home and have a special meal together of Sara's family's traditional croissants. There may also be naps that day!

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



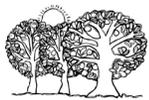
Next Sunday, April 8 we will be hearing God's word from John 20:19-31. We will also continue our study of the book of Romans that evening.

Sunday School occurs during the service on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month. Catechism meets at 9 am on the 1st & 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.



On April 14 at 8:30 am, weather permitting, we are looking for volunteers to help trim the 26 trees around the outside of the Emden Cemetery. Please bring any tools you may need for tree trimming and branch clean up. Any questions talk to Tim Link. Thank you.

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/>.



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:

April 14: Tree trimming at cemetery

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

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-glorification! This event is complimentary but RSVP's are required. Please RSVP by Monday, March 26, on the website www.cmcschool.org or by calling school at 320-978-8700.

The Central Minnesota Christian School Annual Meeting is set for Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 pm. in the Event Center. All society members, including parents and all supporters are encouraged to attend. Items on the agenda include administrative reports, voting for Board members to fill two vacancies for Bunde, one vacancy for Emden, and one vacancy for Raymond. Absentee ballots are available at the CMCS office. Additionally, society members will have opportunity to vote on the proposed budget.



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.



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>.

CMCS Drama Department Presents "**A Little Piece of Heaven**" on April 19 and 20 at 7PM. Our dinner theater show will be on April 21 at 6PM. Tickets go on sale April 9 by calling the CMCS High School Office. All tickets must be paid for in full before the show.

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.



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 or Angela Miedema - 320-905-3118. Tickets - \$29 at the door the day of the event. Lunch is provided.

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!

SUMMERFEST FUNDRAISER

We're serving up summer fun at the Summerfest Diner on Sunday, April 29. Drive on over to support our hometown celebration by joining us for a classic 50's dinner 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Community Center. Menu: hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, chips, and dessert. Free will donation. All proceeds will go directly towards defraying the costs of various Summerfest events. Summerfest has graced our community with fun, food and entertainment for many years and our hope is that it will continue to do so through the support of our community members. Please, join us.

Our true power source

The story is told of someone who plugged a power strip into itself and then couldn't understand why the system wouldn't turn on! We get a kick out of such tales, yet how often do we try to "power" our own lives? We frequently think we need to be the source of our own strength, joy, peace, energy and wisdom.

Jesus doesn't teach us to find life within ourselves — or in any human being or earthly circumstance, object or philosophy. Rather, calling himself the good shepherd, Jesus says, "I have come that [my sheep] may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10).

We don't access that abundant life by "plugging into" ourselves. Instead, Jesus invites us to plug into his power — and joy, peace, hope, truth — through prayer and Scripture, worship and service, fellowship with other Christians and the beauty of God's world.



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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Sunday, April 1, 2018
John 20:1-18

The Empty Tomb

**The Persecuted Church: Voice of the Martyrs
Pray for Christians in Zanzibar**

The government of the semi-autonomous island of Zanzibar is actively working to expel Christians, according to VOM workers who recently visited the area. All schools, even private Christian schools, are now required to teach Arabic and Islam; the construction of new churches is prohibited; and government authorities allow and even encourage Muslim citizens to intentionally drive out Christians. In 2013, 24 churches on the island were burned down, and crimes against Christians are almost never investigated or prosecuted. In addition, pastors have reported receiving poor medical treatment at hospitals, becoming even sicker than when admitted, so Christians don't trust local hospitals. Thankfully, Christian leaders on the island remain committed to maintaining a Christian presence in the predominantly Muslim area. "I can't orphan my church," one pastor told VOM workers. Praise God for their strong commitment to shepherding their flock, and pray for the perseverance of all Christians in Zanzibar. Pray that God will give them the courage and strength to press on in faith and serve the Lord as pastors, leaders and fellow brothers and sisters in Christ .

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.

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.

- New creation (vs. 1-10)

- New Creatures (vs. 11-18)

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

LORD
hear our
prayers