

Sunday Evening Worship Service
6:00 pm

We will not be having an evening worship service at Emden.
You are encouraged to attend a service at one
of the neighboring churches.

Raymond CRC 5:30 pm
Prinsburg First CRC 6:00 pm
Bunde CRC 5:30 pm

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| Confession of Sin | |
| Assurance of God's Grace | 1 Peter 1:18-21, NRSV |
| Song of gratitude | <i>And Can It Be</i> PH 267 vs.1,3,5 |
| Prayer of God's people | conclude with the Lord's Prayer |
| Offering | General Fund |
| Song of preparation | <i>My Jesus, I Love Thee</i> PH 557 vs. 1-3 |

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| Prayer for illumination | | |
| *Scripture | John 20:19-31 | <i>pg. 1686</i> |
| Reader: This is the Word of the Lord | | |
| Congregation: Thanks be to God | | |
| Message | Jesus Appears | Jerry Seehusen |
| Prayer of Application | | |
| *Song of response | <i>Victory in Jesus</i> | SJ 511 vs. 1-3 |
| *Profession of our faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 45 | | |

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| *Parting Blessing | | |
| *Closing Song | <i>Worthy is Christ</i> | PH 629 vs. 1,2 |

*Welcome, as we continue to worship the risen Lord.
May we be “of one heart and soul” (Acts 4:32) in love for one another
and in praise of Christ.*

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| Next Sunday, April 15, 2018 Greeters: Bob & Jill Marcus Library: Julie Link Coffee Hour: Loren & Rhonda Marcus Sound System: Todd Groen Nursery: Amber Simons Ushers: Bob Marcus & Randy Zieske Transportation: Letter to Michelsons: Dalen & Donna Fuls Congregational Visitor: Gerald & Connie Mulder Offering: am Building / Benevolent Fund | | <u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 9:00am Sunday School 1st & 3rd Sunday (Sept.—May) 10:00am Morning Worship Gene & Dawn Michelson B.P. 2210, Bamako Mali, West Africa E-mail address Usumaan@hotmail.com |
| Elders: Kim Mulder - President Tim Link - Vice President Doug Groen - Clerk | | Deacons: Gerald Mulder - Chairman Curt Groen - Benevolent / Building Fund Bob Swyter - Treasurer |

The Banner - Keep the Conversation Going! - The once-a-year appeal for The Banner, the monthly magazine of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, is coming to your mailbox this month. The Banner is delivered free of charge to every household in the CRC in print and online. To keep the conversation going look for the annual appeal in your mailbox or give online now at www.thebanner.org/donate

From Back to God Ministries International

JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS - It seems that on earth, justice cannot keep up with evil and corruption. Join Groundwork as we study Micah 6:8 and Romans 3:21-22 to see why righteousness is intricately connected to justice in God's eyes and learn what this means for how we live faithfully as followers of Jesus Christ. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Resonate Global Mission

Looking for Adventure - Explore the world of mission work while also visiting several countries in Central America. As part of the Cohort of Missioners, you will live with college-age students from North and Central America and serve the communities you are a part of. Visit resonateglobalmission.org/cohort for more information or to apply.

Summer Youth Camp in Hungary - Your presence can make a difference in the life of Hungarian youth and the Hungarian church! From June 15-30, help lead two one-week VBS-style youth camps in Hungary for kids. Visit ResonateGlobalMission.org/HungaryCamp for more information or to apply.

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

TODAY

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| Greeters: | Brad & Julie Link |
| Library: | Julie Link |
| Coffee Hour: | Bob & Jill Marcus |
| Sound System: | Ryan Sietsema |
| Nursery: | Rachael or Paul |
| Ushers: | Patrick & James |
| Letter to Michelsons: | David & Andrea Daugherty |
| Congregational Visitor | Gerald & Connie Mulder |
| Transportation: | |
| Visiting Elder: | Tim Link |



CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday 7:00 pm *Council meeting*
 Next Sunday 2:00pm *RenVilla Service*

CHURCH FAMILY



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

Darla Ruschen was admitted to the Olivia Hospital on Wednesday for tests and treatment. Please keep her in your prayers for strength and healing.



Louise Peterson was admitted to Olivia Hospital on Tuesday with dizziness and some confusion after she fell. She returned to the RenVilla Nursing home on Friday. Keep her in your prayers for strength and healing.

Greetings, friends. First, we want to share a praise with you - we have work permits in Uganda now! After many months of waiting, we drove to Kampala yesterday, picked them up this morning, and traveled back home in the evening. We are very, very thankful to have that process completed.

This week, we have two new posts for you at: <https://anthsara.blogspot.com>. The first one is a video we made where I show and explain a bunch of the demonstrations I've built/made at our home for teaching (I considered naming it "Sara's Shameless Self-promotion Video"). If you can make the time for a video, you should watch it; I think you will be entertained.

And then Anthony shares about many interesting discussions from his most recent TLT in Kenya.

Thank you all for your prayers and care for us!

In Christ, Sara and Anthony

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we welcome Jerry Seehusen who will be leading our morning worship service.

Evening Bible Study has also been cancelled.

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



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.



Next Sunday, April 15 we will be hearing God's word from Acts 9:1-19. There will be a Renville Service at 2pm.

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.



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.

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.

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.emdenrc.org/>.



Upcoming dates:

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| April 14: | Tree trimming at the 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 |
| Oct. 7: | Mission Emphasis Sunday and potluck |
| Nov. 11: | Communion and potluck |



REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

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>.

Friends of the Arts presents **"Polyester"** - a musical comedy. Please come & enjoy - & bring a friend! It will tickle your funny bone! April 13, 14 at 7:30 pm; April 15 at 2:00 pm., held at RCW Old Gym- Handicap accessible. Tickets at the door: Adults: \$15 Students: \$10



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.



Open House Baby Shower honoring Zoey May Veldkamp, daughter to Bryce and Lisa (Post) Veldkamp, will be held on Saturday, April 21st from 10 am to 12 pm. at Raymond CRC. They are registered at Target.

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. More details to come, watch your bulletin for upcoming details.



RCW Community Pool Fundraiser AND Bake Sale Sunday, April 22, 11:00-1:00 Bart's Place, Renville. Take outs available.

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.

On Saturday, May 12th at 7pm, Unity CRC will be hosting a concert featuring **The Benson Family Singers**. The Benson Family Singers are a family music group from Faribault, Minnesota. Peter and Rachelle, along with their four sons, David, Aaron, Luke, and Paul have a unique ministry consisting of barbershop, bluegrass, and gospel music. They specialize in tight, a cappella harmonies and also play a variety of instruments, including guitar, banjo, bass, violin, and mandolin. The Bensons use their music, humor, and message to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. Admission is free and freewill offering will be taken during the concert. Don't miss this incredible family experience!





PRAYER

~ Please remember those in our congregation

C who have continuous health concerns: Melvin Link, Marge
O Link, Linda Mayer, Gerald Mulder, Louise Peterson , Darla
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E The Persecuted Church - Myanmar

R **Pray for Christian Orphans Abducted After Sharing the Gospel**

Several orphans from the Pa'O ethnic group were abducted by angry Buddhists in February 2017 after they distributed gospel tracts during a large Buddhist festival. The orphans, who live under the care of a Christian worker, had distributed gospel tracts in 18 Pa'O villages before being confronted by Buddhist monks at the festival. When the monks called for their arrest and attempted to shave their heads, the youth fled to their home with the Christian worker. But the monks sent villagers and Pa'O rebel army officers after the orphans, and four of them were taken. One managed to escape and return to his native village, while the other three were detained and had their heads shaved. After 10 days, another of the orphans was able to escape and return home. The two remaining boys are thought to be detained in a Buddhist monastery. Pray that the orphans will continue to grow in faith and that their evangelistic efforts will bear fruit and lead others to Christ. Also pray for the Christian worker as he cares for additional orphans and raises them as followers of Jesus.

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.

Sermon Notes
Sunday, April 8, 2018
Jerry Seehusen
John 20:19-31
Jesus Appears

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

