

Sunday Evening Worship Service
6:00 pm

Prelude	a time to prepare our hearts for worship	
Welcome and announcements		
*Call to worship	Psalm 30	
*God's Greeting of His People		
*We Greet One Another		
*Songs of Praise	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	PH 483 vs. 1-3
	<i>And Can It Be</i>	PH 267 vs. 1-4

Video	Listen and Lead	
Song of gratitude	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	PH 462 vs. 1-4
Prayer of God's people	conclude with the Lord's Prayer	
Offering	CMCS Tuition Support	
Children's Message	Changed!	
Sunday School noisy offering		
Song of preparation	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	PH 502 vs 1,3,4

Prayer for illumination		
*Scripture	Acts 9:1-19	<i>pg. 1706</i>
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord		
Congregation: Thanks be to God		
Message Jesus Changes An Enemy Into His Brother		
Prayer of Application		
*Song of response	<i>I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace</i>	PH 495 vs. 1-4
*Profession of our faith Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 45		

*Parting Blessing
*Closing Song *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

This evening we will continue our study
of the book of Romans.
Study questions are available by the mailboxes.



Next Sunday, April 29, 2018		<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u>	
Greeters:	Loren & Rhonda Marcus	9:00am	Sunday School
Library:	Julie Link		(Sept.—May)
Coffee Hour:	Gerald & Connie Mulder	10:00am	Morning Worship
Sound System:	Curt Groen	<div>Gene & Dawn Michelson B.P. 2210, Bamako Mali, West Africa E-mail address Usumaan@hotmail.com</div>	
Ushers:	Bob Marcus, Randy Zieske		
Nursery:	Judy Groen		
Transportation:	Gerald & Connie Mulder		
Letter to Michelsons:	Char Groen		
Congregational Visitor:	Gerald & Connie Mulder		
Offering:	am The Broken church plant		
Elders:		Deacons:	
Kim Mulder	- President	Gerald Mulder	- Chairman
Tim Link	- Vice President	Curt Groen	- Benevolent / Building Fund
Doug Groen	- Clerk	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 give online now at www.thebanner.org/donate.

From Back to God Ministries International

FAMILY FIRE - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

JUSTICE, HEROES, AND JESUS - The pervasive nature of injustice can make our efforts to seek justice feels insignificant. Join Groundwork in studying Isaiah 1:11-17, Hebrews 7:23-8:2, Matthew 5:1-12, and Ephesians 1:18-23 to find confidence in our pursuit of justice by recognizing Christ as prophet, priest, and king. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From World Renew

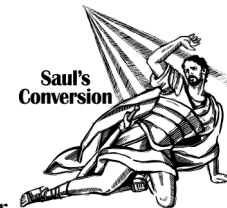
Today is Refugee Sunday - Thank you for demonstrating the compassion of God by reaching out in support of refugees in need of protection and becoming loving neighbors to them. Your prayers and generous gifts will enable World Renew's Refugee Program to continue to assist churches as they respond to the many refugees in urgent need of protection. To find out more about refugee sponsorship and additional opportunities for your church to walk alongside refugees, go to worldrenew.net/refugeesunday or contact Rebecca Walker at 905-336-2920.

Join World Renew for FRB Sunday - World Renew partners with the Foods Resource Bank to support poor farmers around the world through food security programs. We invite you to join us with your prayers and financial support on FRB Sunday, April 22, 2018 to help farmers in need as they work toward a better future for their families and their communities. You can visit worldrenew.net/frb or call 800-552-7972 to learn more.

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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	
Pastors Cell: 320-400-3023	
Office phone: 320-329-3932	You are welcome to stop in and visit without an appointment.

TODAY

Greeters:	Brad & Julie Link
Library:	Julie Link
Coffee Hour:	Duane & Verla Mulder
Sound System:	Gerald Mulder
Ushers:	Patrick Nelson, James Santjer
Nursery:	Rachael
Transportation:	Gerald & Connie Mulder
Letter to Michelsons:	Ben & Adeline Groen
Congregational Visitor:	Gerald & Connie Mulder
Visiting Elder:	Tim Link



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday (Today) 4:00 - 7:00 pm Visitation for Mike Mayer at the K-M Funeral home in Lake Lillian
Monday 3:30 pm Funeral Service for Mike Mayer at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Willmar 713 12th Street SW
Wednesday 7:00 pm **Council Meeting**

CHURCH FAMILY

We offer our sincere sympathy to Butch & Linda Mayer and family at the passing of their son Mike. May the Lord be near to them in the coming days and grant them strength, peace and grace.



Praise God! There are no concerns with the masses removed from Evelyn's neck. Thank you for all your prayers. Pastor David & Rachael

Dear Friends and Family, we are so grateful for all of you. We want to get to know you better. You regularly see us through our photos we post online, but we do not get to see you. Can you email us a photo of your family? Or photos from church events? We would appreciate it! We will pray for each family as we see each photo!

Also, we have updated our blog, <https://anthysara.blogspot.com>, with two new posts:

Helping without Hurting in Nakuru
Some Fun Animal Photos

I think you will enjoy the discussions I wrote about in the Helping without Hurting post. Also, it includes some advice that can be helpful as we think about which organizations to support.

Thank you for your prayers for us! —Anthony and Sara

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

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.



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.

Next Sunday, April 29 we will be hearing God's word from Acts 16:16-34 and taking an offering for The Broken, a church plant located in Willmar. Chris Alle, the pastor of The Broken, will be with us to share about this ministry. Catechism will also meet before church.

Upcoming dates:

Sunday, May 6: One Voice
Tues., June 5: Watoto Children's Choir - 7 pm
Sunday, June 10: Communion and potluck
August 5-10: Ecumenical VBS
Sunday, Sept. 9: Communion and potluck
Sept. 17 and 18: Classis in Alexandria
Sept, Oct or Nov: Mission Emphasis Sunday and potluck
Sunday, Nov. 11: Communion and potluck



REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

The Prairie Arts Chorale will be giving regional concerts Beginning Friday, April 20 and continuing the following weekend. For ticket information, contact Paul Knapper at 320-522-2575



April 22, 11:00-1:00 Bart's Place, Renville. Take outs available.

Olivia's House of Hope and their guests welcome you to our 3rd Annual "Raising Hope" Event on Friday April 27th! Tickets are available! Call 320-979-5542. You don't want to miss it! See you at St. Aloysius Church in Olivia at 6:00pm!



Priscilla Shirer (SIMULCAST) This will be held at Grace Community Church. Saturday April 28, 2018 Cost: \$20.00 includes breakfast, lunch, snacks & materials. Please pre-register by April 20. Childcare provided, mention children's ages when registering. For more information call Leta Jacobs 320-579-1412.



Dedication Service for Hawk Creek Lutheran Church, Sacred Heart: April 29 at 2 pm. RSVP appreciated but not required to hawkvalle@gmail.com or to Marilyn Agre 320-765-2645.

Spring Dinner at First Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 29 from 11:15 to 1 pm. Ham, potatoes, carrots, salad. Adults: \$10. Ages 6-12: \$5.



Community Blessing Breakfast Saturday, May 5th 7:00am to 10:30am at the Unity CRC in Prinsburg, MN. Come join us for Prinsburg's annual Spring Garage Sales and enjoy a FREE Community Breakfast! Breakfast includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, milk, juice and coffee! To-Go orders will be available! Bring your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers!



Community Prayer Service - Let us join together in prayer asking for God's blessing. In light of the National Day of Prayer, we will join together as area churches for a combined Prayer Service on May 6 at First CRC at 6:00 p.m., asking for God's blessing upon the world, our nations, crops and industry, and the church worldwide The offering will be for Children of the Promise and a time fellowship will follow the service.



SAVE THE DATE: The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Raymond Christian Reformed Church on Mon., May 7th from 1-7 pm. Appointments can be made with Wilmar Boonstra at 320-967-4139.

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.



Sunday, April 22, 2018

Acts 9:1-19

Jesus Changes An Enemy Into His Brother

- A heart transformed



Willmar Church Softball Thursday night league starting May 2018 (weather permitting). To sign up a team or if you have questions contact Jason Kowalczyk: 320-905-5733 or Eric Banks: 320-295-8924.

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!



- Live to be forgotten

Dear local churches: We are from Central Minnesota Christian School. Our 5th grade art class is participating in the Crayola marker recycling project. The Crayola program is collecting dried out markers and sending them to Crayola who makes them into diesel. We are asking you to save your dried out markers and send them to CMCS. Thank you. — Carver Van der Hagen.





REQUESTS
—FOR—
PRAYER

PRAYER CORNER

~ Please remember those in our congregation who have continuous health concerns: Melvin Link, Marge Link, Linda Mayer, Louise Peterson, Gerald Mulder, Darla Ruschen

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: Uzbekistan

Police Interrogate 8-Year-Old Christian Boy in Ongoing Harassment

Local officials in Navoi, Uzbekistan, took an 8-year-old boy out of school without his parents' knowledge in order to interrogate him about his family's church attendance. Two days after raiding Nikolay Pivtsev's home, confiscating the family's Bible and computer, police picked up his son from school on January 26 and took him in for questioning. Later, they summoned both the boy and his mother to a meeting in which they threatened fines and imprisonment if Nikolay continued to attend church. Then, a month later, a judge fined the family double the monthly wage. Other Christians in Navoi and elsewhere in Uzbekistan have experienced similar harassment in the last few months. Pray for strength and encouragement and that parents will continue to teach their children about Christ. Pray for the safety and protection for this family and others like them and that the hearts of the local officials will be receptive to the Gospel.

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.

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.

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

