

Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, April 29, 2018

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship
Welcome and announcements
Video *Listen and Lead*
*Call to worship Psalm 97
*God’s Greeting of His People
*We Greet One Another
*Songs of Praise *No Other Plea* SJ 308 vs. 1-4
Jesus Saves SJ 546 vs. 1-3

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

Testimony Chris Alle
Song of gratitude *Redeemed* SJ 309 vs. 1,3,4
Prayer of God’s people conclude with the Lord’s Prayer
Offering The Broken
Ministry of Music Shelli and Emily DeGroot
Song of preparation *Faith of Our Fathers* SJ 118 vs. 1-3

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for illumination
*Scripture Acts 16:16-34 *pg. 1721*
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **There’s Freedom and Then There’s Freedom**

Prayer of Application
*Song of response *How Can I Keep From Singing*
*Profession of our faith Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 45

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing
*Closing Song *To God Be The Glory* SJ 79 vs. 1-3

*We welcome each of you to God’s house. As we gather to draw near to God,
may we also draw near to those worshiping with us.*

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

Next Sunday, May 6, 2018		<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u>
Greeters:	Tim & Dawn Link	9:00 am Catechism
Library:	Julie Link	(Sept.—May)
Coffee Hour:	Kim & Nancy Mulder	10:00 am Morning Worship
Sound System:	Paul Knapper	Gene & Dawn Michelson B.P. 2210, Bamako Mali, West Africa E-mail address Usmaan@hotmail.com
Nursery:	Rachael or Paul	
Ushers:	David & Jesse Daugherty	
Letter to Michelsons:	Janel Watson	
Congregational Visitor:	Janel Watson	
Offering:	am Ministry Shares	
Elders:		Deacons:
Kim Mulder - President		Gerald Mulder - Chairman
Tim Link - Vice President		Curt Groen - Benevolent / Building Fund
Doug Groen - Clerk		Bob Swyter - Treasurer

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.

GOD’S CHURCH SEEKS BIBLICAL JUSTICE - What is the role of the Church in seeking justice? How do we balance our calling to save souls with our justice calling? Join Groundwork as we study John 1:5, Acts 6:1-7, and Galatians 6:9-10 to learn what it means for us as God’s church to seek biblical justice. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.

From Resonate Global Mission

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.

From World Renew

Group Volunteer Overseas with World Renew: - Are you a compassionate, respectful, and adaptable person who would like to volunteer overseas with others who have common interests? With World Renew’s Global Volunteer Program, you will get an authentic cultural experience and learn about the deep history and traditions that define the life of an international community. To find out more, email Andrew at globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net.

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 neighbours 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.

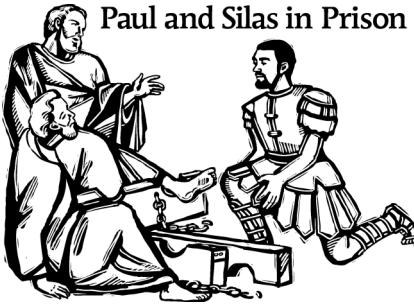
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**You are welcome to stop in and visit
without an appointment.**

TODAY

Greeters:	Loren & Rhonda Marcus
Library:	Julie Link
Coffee Hour:	Gerald & Connie Mulder
Sound System:	Curt Groen
Ushers:	Bob Marcus, Randy Zieske
Nursery:	Judy Groen
Transportation:	Gerald & Connie Mulder
Letter to Michelsons:	Char Groen
Congregational Visitor:	Gerald & Connie Mulder
Visiting Elder:	Kim Mulder



CHURCH FAMILY

Darla Ruschen has moved to the RenVilla for a time of therapy and recovery. Please pray for strength and healing for her.

Louise Peterson is in the Olivia Hospital being treated for back pain and breathing difficulty.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday 2:00 pm ***Ladies Aid*** - see announcement below

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we welcome Chris Alle, pastor of ***The Broken***, who will be sharing with us about this ministry. We will be taking an offering for The Broken, a church plant located in Willmar.

On Wednesday, May 2 Ladies Aid will meet at 2 pm at Meadows on Main. We will be studying Daniel 9 and in the study guide “Kneeling on God’s Promises” (chapter 10).

Nursery Sign-up - We are in need of some help in the nursery. There are several spots open in the next couple of months. Please sign up by the mailbox counter.



There will be Sunday School on May 6 and May 20 as well as a Noisy offering on those dates. May 20 will be the last day of Sunday School and the final Noisy offering taken until fall. The Noisy offering is 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, May 6 we will be hearing God’s word from Philippians 1:1-11 and welcoming *One Voice* for a ministry of music.

We are still in need of 2 host homes for the Watoto Children’s choir on June 5, 2018. Responsibilities are to house a couple of children and a leader on Tuesday night and feed them breakfast on Wednesday morning and bring them back to church between 8:00 and 9:00 am. Please consider if you would like to serve in this way.

Upcoming dates:

- May 6: One Voice, Sunday School, Noisy offering
- May 10: Combined Ascension Day service at Emden - 7 pm
- May 20: Sunday School and Noisy offering
- May 29: Special offering for Gideons
- 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



Council Notes

March Treasurer’s Report	
Beginning Balance	\$6,552.13
Total Deposits	\$8,668.47
Total Expense	\$7,442.63
Ending Balance	\$7,777.97
Building Fund:	\$17,704.00
Benevolent Fund:	\$ 5,400.00
Noisy offering:	\$ 212.94
~ Visiting Elder - Kim Mulder	
Decisions made:	
• Emden will host a combined Ascension day service with Bunde CRC on May 10 at 7 pm.	
• Chet Boen will give an update on Gideons on May 27 and a special offering for the Gideons will be taken at that time.	
• Exploring getting new shingles for the parsonage was approved	
• Brad Link will taken on the duties related to the cemetery. Thank you to Harold Groen for your many years of faithful service in caring for the cemetery.	

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

TODAY: 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.



A Midwest Hearing Loops presentation will be held in First CRC Prinsburg this Tuesday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in learning about the Loop T Coil system designed for churches to aid those with hearing aids or hard-of-hearing, you are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting.

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 – In light of the National Day of Prayer, we will gather as area churches for a Combined Prayer Service on Sunday, 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. Pastor Aaron Greydanus, from Raymond CRC, will bring the message. The offering will be for Children of the Promise. A time of fellowship will follow the service. Let us join together in prayer for God's blessing.



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.

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.



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.



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!



The 9-12 **CMCS Pops Concert** is coming up on Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 PM in the High School Gym. With a Broadway theme this year, the high school band and choir students will perform selections from famous Broadway musicals such as "*Hairspray*," "*The Greatest Showman*," "*Newsies*," "*Annie*," and more! You won't want to miss this!



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.



Sunday, April 29, 2018
Acts 16:16-34

There's Freedom and Then There's Freedom

▪ Contrasts

◦in religion (16-18)

◦in economics (19-21)

◦in politics(22-28)

▪ Grace and joy (29-34)



PRAYER

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

CORNER

The Persecuted Church - Turkey - Trial for American Pastor Andrew Brunson Further Delayed

Following his long-awaited court hearing on April 16, Andrew Brunson was ordered to another prison, and the remainder of his trial was postponed until May 7. Andrew was arrested on Oct. 7, 2016, on terrorism and espionage charges, and he faces up to 35 years in prison if convicted. During the hearing, he told the court that he is a servant of God and that his only reason for being in Turkey was to preach the gospel. He stressed that he loves the country and has been praying for it for 25 years. He also insisted that he has done nothing wrong and rejected the charges filed against him. At one point, Andrew broke down emotionally, telling the court that he has suffered psychologically while in solitary confinement. The pastor has lived in Turkey for more than 20 years, leading a church in the southwestern part of the country. Pray that the Lord will strengthen and comfort Andrew and his family. Pray for the wisdom and direction of Andrew's Turkish lawyer as he defends the pastor during trial, and pray that the court will rule justly, leading to Andrew's release.

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**

