

Welcome to Emden CRC  
April 7, 2024



## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and announcements

\*Call to worship:

\*God's Greeting of His People

\*We Greet One Another

\*Songs of Praise

Low in the Grave Christ Lay PH 396 vs. 1-3

The Strife is O'er PH 391 vs. 1,3,5

## WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Confession of sin

Assurance of pardon

**Song:** My Only Comfort (words on screen)

Congregational Prayer

Offering: General Fund

Noisy Offering

Song of preparation

Breathe on Me PH 420 vs. 1-3

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination

\*Scripture: John 20:19-31 pg. 1686

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message: When mission meets doubt

\*Song of response:

Spirit, Working in Creation PH 415 vs. 1-3

The Lord's Supper - As you make your way back to the fellowship hall, the thank offering will be collected for the Werners serving in Japan and the Lord's Supper litany handed out.

## WE DEPART TO SERVE

\*Parting Blessing and doxology

\*Closing Song

\*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:

April 7		April 14
Dalen and Donna Fuls	Greeters	Todd and Jane Groen
Isabelle Daugherty	Nursery	Rachael Zigterman
Nick Daugherty	Sound system	Brad Link
Samantha Link and Janel Watson	Coffee Hour	Bob and Joan Swyter
General Fund	Offering	Building 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:

- April 7: Communion and potluck (Circle 4)

## Church announcements:

This morning we will be celebrating communion by gathering together around the tables in the fellowship hall. Because communion is the spiritual meal of God's family, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper family style by passing the bread and cup to one another. As you pass the bread to the person next to you, you may say, "**the body of Christ, broken for you.**" As the cup is passed to you, dip your bread in the cup. Then pass it to the next person saying, "**the blood of Christ, shed for you.**" Children not yet taking communion are welcome to receive a blessing. Consider saying to a child, "**Jesus loves you too,**" or "**Jesus knows your name.**"

#### Council notes:

- Treasurer Report - March
  - Beginning Balance: \$35,951.04
  - Receipts: \$5,417.16
  - Expenses: \$12,838.56
  - Ending Balance: \$28,529.64
  - Building Fund - \$20,838.82
- Other Notes
  - We will take part in a combined community service on June 9.
  - We also plan to lead a service at Lake Kandiyohi this summer. Date still to be determined.

After the service we will have a potluck. All are welcome for some food and fellowship!

Next Sunday, April 14, we will be hearing God's word from John 21.

Shepherding elders:

April: Paul and Wanda; May: Janel Watson

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

Letter to missionaries: Please consider writing a letter to our missionaries. A Sign-up sheet is by the mailboxes. Envelopes are ready!

#### Requested Announcements

The Central Minnesota Christian School Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, at 7pm. You can view the Annual Report for the agenda, budget, new voting procedures, absentee ballot, and other pertinent information on the school's website under Stay Connected ([www.centralbluejays.org](http://www.centralbluejays.org)). We will also host a meeting after the Annual Meeting on Shaping Our Future. We invite you to stay for a brief time (approx 45 mins) of interaction with the Board after the annual meeting aimed at gathering your input. Here's a glimpse at the discussion format:

- Prompts to reflect on Central's current opportunities and potential obstacles.
- Looking ahead at hopes for Central in 5 or 10 years.

Your input is valuable. We appreciate your continued engagement and look forward to collaboratively shaping Central's future.

**Interested in seminary?** The Classical Ministry Leadership Team (CMLT) of Classis Lake Superior would love to talk to you! We have financial aid available to help you cover the tuition and costs of a seminary education. If you'd like to learn more or connect with the CMLT about your plans, please e-mail the chair, Pastor Dan De Graff, at [degraff.d@gmail.com](mailto:degraff.d@gmail.com) by May 31.

Fundraise to create a world free of MS. Ham-Meatball Meal, Sunday, April 14 from 11am to 1pm at Dave's Place in Renville. Free will donation and bake sale.

#### *Open House Bridal Shower*

You are cordially welcomed to an Open house Bridal shower honoring **Abby Mulder**, bride-to-be of Grant Jansma on April 20 at the Prinsburg Community Center. Come and Go from 9:30 -10:30 with devotion/ gift opening beginning at 10:30. The couple is registered at Target.

#### Organ/Piano Workshops

Dr. Carrie Groenewold from Dordt University will be at First CRC on April 27 to run two workshops. They are "The King of Instruments: An Organ Demonstration" from 11:00 a.m. to noon. Along with this demonstration pianists are welcomed to bring a piece of music to try on the organ. Following a light lunch the "Hymn Leadership Workshop" will run from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. which will focus on hymn-playing techniques. Please call/text Kim De Berg (320-444-2329) with any questions and if you would like to join us as we will need a head count for the lunch.

Renville County Human Services Children's Unit will be putting on a **FREE** event, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 10:30am -1:30am at BOLD High School Large Gym, in Olivia. This event is to promote positive experiences, bonding, and connections to build resilient families for Child Abuse Prevention Month (April) and Mental Health Awareness Month (May). **All** Renville County families are welcome to join us for this event and have a little family fun!