

Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, May 6, 2018

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude	a time to prepare our hearts for worship
Welcome and announcements	
*Call to worship	Psalm 121
*God's Greeting of His People	
*We Greet One Another	
*Songs of Praise	<i>Come, Christians, Join to Sing</i> SJ 70 vs. 1-3 <i>The Bond of Love</i> SJ 123 vs. 1,2

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Testimony	Nic Groen
Song of gratitude	<i>They'll Know We are Christians</i> SJ 119 vs. 1,2,4
Prayer of God's people	conclude with the Lord's Prayer
Offering	Ministry Shares
Children's Message	
Sunday School noisy offering	Lablab beans
Song of preparation	<i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds</i> SJ 138 vs. 1-3

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination	
*Scripture	Philippians 1:1-11 pg. 1824
Reader:	This is the Word of the Lord
Congregation:	Thanks be to God
Message	Copartners In Grace
Prayer of Application	
*Song of response	<i>More Love to Thee</i> SJ 428 vs. 1,2,4
*Profession of our faith	Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 49

WE DEPART TO SERVE

Ministry of Music	One Voice
<i>You Will Reap What You Sow</i>	by Pepper Choplin
<i>Dominus Vobiscum</i>	by Jacob Narverud
*Parting Blessing	
*Closing Song	<i>My Friends May You Grow in Grace</i>

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24, ESV).

Good morning and welcome to worship and Christian fellowship.

Sunday Evening Worship Service
6:00 pm

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.



SUNDAY SCHEDULE	
9:00am	Catechism (Sept.—May)
10:00am	Morning Worship Sunday School
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

From Back to God Ministries International

THE FRUIT OF LOVE - Most of us desire and long for love in our lives, not just a romantic love, but a satisfying love. Join Groundwork as we study 1 John 4:7-11 to learn about a lasting love that satisfies our deepest needs, a fruit and gift of the Holy Spirit in the life of a Christian. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Resonate Global Mission

Global Prayer Safari—January 31 to February 11, 2019 - The Global Prayer Safari brings together brothers and sisters in Christ from all over the world to join together in prayer for the world. This trip is meant to demonstrate Christ's love to ministry leaders, government officials, business people, and everyday citizens in Ethiopia through prayer and relationship-building. If interested, visit resonateglobalmission.org/Safari or contact Bill at bthornburg@crcna.org

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

Young adult internship opportunity - Calling all young adults! Live out your Micah 6:8 calling through a cross-cultural reconciliation journey this June with World Renew, the Canadian Aboriginal Ministry Committee, and the Office of Race Relations. Scholarships are available. Learn more and apply by May 11 here: worldrenew.net/volunteer/youth-ambassador-reconciliation

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

TODAY

Greeters: Tim & Dawn Link
Library: Julie Link
Coffee Hour: Kim & Nancy Mulder
Sound System: Paul Knapper
Nursery: Rachael or Paul
Ushers: David & Jesse Daugherty
Letter to Michelsons: Janel Watson
Congregational Visitor: Janel Watson
Visiting Elder: Kim Mulder

CHURCH CALENDAR

Tonight 6:00 pm **Prayer Service** at First CRC, Prinsburg
Wednesday 7:00 pm **Council Meeting**
Thursday 7:00 pm **Ascension Day service** at Emden CRC

CHURCH FAMILY

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the loving support received during our son & Sheila's husband, Mike's, illness due to the cancer. Heartfelt thanks for prayers, phone calls, visits, cards, memorial gifts and food. We don't know what we would have done without our church family. Special thanks to pastor David & Rachael and Pastor Joseph Kim for being with us from the beginning to the end with their encouraging Christian love. May God bless you all and Thank you. Sheila's request is to have all memorial gifts sent to the American Cancer Society. — Butch & Linda & Sheila

Our deepest sympathy to Judy and Curt Groen and their families as they mourn the death of her mother, Louise Peterson, who passed away on Tuesday evening. May God give them peace and strength in the coming days. A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, May 21 at 11:00am at Emden CRC. Visitation will be an hour prior to the service.



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we welcome ***One Voice*** to our morning worship who will share their musical ministry with us.



On Thursday, May 10 we will be hosting a combined Ascension Day service with Bunde CRC at 7 pm.

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



Next Sunday, May 13 we will be hearing God's word from Philippians 1:12-30 and study Romans 10 in the evening.

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.

Catechism will meet May 13 and 20.

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.



Upcoming dates:

- 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



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.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

 SAVE THE DATE: The American Red Cross Blood mobile 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!

POPS CONCERT

Splash Canyon VBS will be held at First CRC of Prinsburg

 June 4-8 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each evening. Registration is open for kids ages 4 yrs. (by Sept. 1) through 5th grade. To register, sign up online at www.office@firstcrcofprinsburg.org and click on "VBS Registration", on the Facebook page "Prinsburg VBS", or call Sarah Van Dyken at 320-220-4600. Those who register by May 28 will receive a free CD/DVD of VBS music.

Volunteers: We are in need of JH/HS volunteers to be station helpers and also assisting the adult leaders as they bring the kids to each station. If you can help, please call Kim at (320) 978-4323.

What will be your legacy? Many Christians want to make a lasting statement about the importance of God's Kingdom in their lives. Because of our partnership with Barnabas Foundation, they provide charitable giving services to Christians like you seeking ways to honor God with the resources with which you have been blessed. James Prichard, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation, will help you develop the best possible plan to meet your family's financial and charitable goals. Jim will be meeting with Christian families in our area May 21-22. Call Barnabas Foundation toll-free at 888.448.3040 to schedule your complimentary conversation with Jim. To help you get started, you may also request a free special resource titled "7 Reasons to Review Your Will" by simply sending an e-mail request with "7 Reasons Request" in the subject line to info@BarnabasFoundation.com

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Philippians 1:1-11
Copartners In Grace

- Grace and peace (vs. 1-2)

- Confident prayer (vs. 3-11)



PRAYER

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

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E The Persecuted Church: TURKEY
R Pray for Haddad and Other New Believers

Haddad, a former Muslim, placed his faith in Christ recently after an elderly woman prayed for him at a bus station. His search for truth began with the woman's simple prayer that God would guide him to salvation. He first abandoned Islamic fanaticism and thoughts of terrorism after listening to apologetic programs on the Arabic Christian television station Al Hayat. Later, after deciding to follow Jesus, he got involved in a church without his family and friends knowing.

Last year, however, his mother found Christian books and a Bible in his room and realized he had converted to Christianity. Haddad's family beat him so badly that his leg was broken, and he also sustained injuries to his head and shoulders. After recovering, Haddad fled the country. Pray that Haddad and other new believers will grow in faith and have opportunities to share their faith with their families. Pray for reconciliation between Haddad and his family.

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.

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

