

Emden Christian Reformed Church
 Pastor David Zigterman
 Sunday, March 3, 2019

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship
 Welcome and announcements
 Opening prayer
 *Call to worship Psalm 96 (video)
 *God's Greeting of His People
 *We Greet One Another
 *Songs of Praise *O Worship the King* PH 428 vs. 1,2,5
Fairest Lord Jesus SJ 104 vs. 1-4

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Confession of sin
 Assurance of pardon 2 Corinthians 3:17-18, NRSV
 Song of gratitude *The King of Glory Comes* PH 370 vs. 1-4
 Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer
 Offering Ministry Shares
 Noisy-offering Anthony's TLT initiative
 Song of preparation *Immortal, Invisible* PH 460 vs. 1-4

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination Connie Mulder
 *Scripture Matthew 14:13-21 pg. 1520
 Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
 Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **A Primer on Christian Vocation**

Prayer of Application
 *Song of response *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* PH 568 vs. 1-3
 *Profession of our faith Apostle's Creed

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing
 *Closing Song *My Friends, May You Grow in Grace* LUYH 938

*Welcome to our worship service!
 May your soul be nourished, your faith be strengthened
 and your life be touched by God in a special way while you're here.*

**Sunday Evening 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, March 10, 2019		<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 9:00 am Catechism (1st & 3rd Sunday Sept.—May) 10:00 am Morning Worship
Greeters:	Doug & Anne Groen	
Library:	Julie Link	Gene & Dawn Michelson B.P. 2210, Bamako Mali, West Africa E-mail address Usmaan@hotmail.com
Coffee Hour:	Heidi & Samantha Link	
Sound System:	Gerald Mulder	
Nursery:	Lindsey Knapper	
Usher:	Zach Johnson	
Letter to Michelsons:	Tim & Dawn Link	
Congregational Visitor:	Julie Link	
Offering: am	General Fund	
Elders:		Deacons:
Duane Mulder - President		Todd Groen - Chairman
Kim Mulder - Vice President		Curt Groen - Benevolent / Building Fund
Doug Groen - Clerk		Bob Swyter - Treasurer

From Back to God Ministries International

A Lent Devotional Series - Lent is a season to focus on the hope of Jesus Christ. Receive a free Today devotional email series to help you refresh, refocus, and renew your faith during Lent. Or download the ebook! Subscribe at TodayDevotional.com/Lent.

GROUNDWORK: THE GIFT OF GENEROSITY - Our mailboxes and inboxes are often full of requests for donations and support. Join Groundwork as we study Romans 12:6-13 and 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 to learn why believers should be thankful for the opportunities to give, how to be responsible givers, and how to recognize generosity as a spiritual gift. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Biblical Guide to Discipline - Discipline is one of the most important—and challenging—responsibilities of parenting. "Biblical Discipline: A Guide for Christian Parents," an ebook from Family Fire, offers encouragement and answers your questions about child discipline. Get the ebook with your free email subscription at FamilyFire.com/Discipline.

From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tips - Ash Wednesday Family Faith Formation Tip: Wearing ashes on one's forehead on Ash Wednesday is a symbol of repentance. Talk with your kids about the fact that repentance is more than saying "I'm sorry"—it means asking God to change our heart and mind. For help with explaining what Lent means, check out tinyurl.com/LentQuestions and tinyurl.com/LentKids. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation) Lent Family Faith Formation Tip: Giving up something for Lent? Visit tinyurl.com/40ThingsLent for a thought-provoking list of 40 things (like worry and envy) that parents and older kids might consider giving up for Lent. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

From CRC Communications

Pray for Inspire 2019 - Inspire 2019 is a conference to connect people from across the 1000+ churches in the Christian Reformed Church for three days of worship, workshops, speakers, and conversation. As we plan and prepare for this event, happening August 1-3 in Windsor, Ont., please join us in praying for the event and all who will attend. This week, please pray for keynote speaker Ann Voskamp. Pray that God will bless her as she prepares for Inspire 2019, and as she speaks and interacts with people at the conference, and pray for those who will hear her there.

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All Bulletin announcements due by Thursday noon.

Pastor David's office hours: Tuesday - Thursday 8:30—12:00

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

TODAY

Greeters:	Dalen & Donna Fuls
Library:	Julie Link
Coffee Hour:	Paul & Wanda Knapper
Sound System:	Todd Groen
Nursery:	Rachael Zigterman
Usher:	David Daugherty
Letter to Michelsons:	Samantha Link
Congregational Visitor:	Julie Link
Visiting Elder:	Duane Mulder

CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday - Tuesday	<i>Classis meetings in Edina at Calvary CRC</i>
Monday 7:00 pm	<i>Ladies Bible Study</i> , meet at Bea Eekhoff, Lesson 8,
Wednesday 2:00 pm	<i>Ladies Aid</i>
7:00 pm	<i>Ash Wednesday service at Ebenezer Presbyterian</i>

CHURCH FAMILY

Dear Friends, we are starting to think about our plans for being in the US this year (from mid-June until mid-October). One part of that planning process is looking for a vehicle we can use while we are there. Let us know if you are someone who might have one available during that time.

It also seems we've gotten a bit behind on our blog posts. These three are about things which happened many months ago, but hopefully they're still fun and interesting to read. You can find them at: <https://anthsara.blogspot.com>:

Owalei Celebration Agriculture in the Village CA in Moroto

We are very thankful for safe travel home from our trips to Kenya and Tanzania last week (Anthony was leading TLT in Kenya and I was at the ECHO agriculture conference in Tanzania). It was a stressful drive through Kenya to the Uganda border and we were relieved to be back in our home country. We appreciate your prayers for safety and also for the work we were doing. Both of us had very enjoyable and successful trips and we'll share more about them later.

In Christ — Sara and Anthony

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Wed., March 6 we will have Ladies Aid at Meadows on Main at 2 pm. Adeline Groen will be hosting. We will study Mark 2:1-12.



Sunday School and Catechism will meet the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. Catechism (4th grade through High School) meet from 9:00 to 9:45 am. Sunday School (3rd grade and below) meet during the service. In addition to this, the Sunday School will collect a Noisy Offering on the 1st and 3rd Sunday. The money collected for this offering will be go toward the leadership training initiative Anthony Sytsma is overseeing as part of the Timothy Leadership Training of World Renew. More information about this initiative can be found here: <https://www.myworldrenew.net/timothyleadershiptraining>



Next Sunday, March 10, we will be hearing God's word from Matthew 18:15-35.

Classis will meet on March 4-5 at Calvary CRC in Edina, MN. Our delegates are Bob Swyter, Doug Groen, and David Zigterman.



On March 10 we will be having a combined prayer service at Raymond CRC at 5:30 pm.

Upcoming dates:

- March 4-5: Classis in Edina, MN
- March 4: Ladies Bible Study
- March 6: Ash Wednesday service at Ebenezer, 7pm
- March 10: Combined Prayer service at Raymond CRC
- March 13: Lenten Service with Ebenezer Presbyterian at Emden
- March 18: Ladies Bible Study
- March 20: Lenten Service with Ebenezer Presbyterian at Ebenezer



For the season of Lent we will be having combined worship services with Ebenezer Presbyterian on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. These services will begin on Ash Wednesday and conclude on Maundy Thursday. The schedule is as follows:

- March 6 (Ash Wed.) at Ebenezer
- March 13 at Emden
- March 20 at Ebenezer
- March 27 at Emden
- April 3 at Ebenezer
- April 10 at Emden
- April 18 (Maundy Thursday) at Emden



REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Does working with other churches in our area (Classis Lake Superior) excite you? We would like to invite you to a pre-classis seminar on Monday, March 4, from 10:30AM-2:30PM at Calvary CRC in Edina, MN led by Rev. Al Postma from Pastor-Church Resources on the topic of Classis Renewal. As a former pastor in Classis Lake Superior, Pastor Al has seen the blessing that Classis can be and he is now working to help Classis and churches work better together. We'll talk about some of the challenges and opportunities that Classis are experiencing all around the US & Canada and discuss practical ways to live together as a community. Lunch will be provided. Seminar attendees who are not delegates to Classis, but are interested in collaboration with other churches, will meet for a free lunch from noon – 1 pm and from 3 - 5 pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jim Busscher at james.busscher@comcast.net so we can arrange for your lunch.

In the summer, Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Sacred Heart, First Lutheran Church, Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, and Emden Christian Reformed Church, all of Renville, sponsor a week of **Ecumenical Vacation Bible School**. Led by Green Lake Lutheran Ministries - GLLM, caring and well-trained staff, VBS consists of Bible studies, worship, music, crafts, and games that highlight the life changing love of Jesus! As sponsoring churches, we offer this event FREE to the youth of our communities. To continue this opportunity to all children in our communities, we need YOUR help! Save the Date: 2019 Ecumenical VBS on July 28 - Aug. 1 at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Sacred Heart. This years theme is



Transformed Community | Romans 12:2

*Bible School Fund Raiser - Join us on Sunday, March 10 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for a **Belgian Waffle Feed** at the Renville Community Center. Come, fill your tummy and experience the spirit of Bible camp.



The Waffle Feed on March 10 for the Ecumenical Vacation Bible School **is in need of volunteers**. There are shifts at 8:30 am, 9:30 am, 11 am, and 12:30 pm. Please contact Samantha Link if you are interested.



Pancake Feed - Monday, March 4, 4:30 - 7:00 pm, Roseland Reformed Church, Blomkest. All You Can Eat, pancakes, eggs and sausage. Proceeds will go toward sending kids to Inspiration Hills Camp this summer as well as helping those in need in the community. Free will donation

Everyone is invited to join us at a **Lenten Breakfast** at First Lutheran Church in Renville on Wednesday, March 6 at 9:30 am. This year's program will be presented by Pastor Jane Crawford. Please RSVP to the church office by March 4 at 320-329-3954. Free will offering.



The West Central Men's Chorus will have a rehearsal TODAY, Sunday, March 3 from 3:00 - 4:30 at First CRC in Prinsburg. If you have any questions, contact Michelle Mulder at mkmulder@hotmail.com. All men who are interested are welcome.

The Digital Culture of Kids Parent Presentation

March 18 at 7PM in the CMCS Event Center Technology is a great thing, if used responsibly. But, digital issues like pornography, predators, sexting, social media, screen time, cyberbullying, anxiety, depression concern many families. Although many kids use technology well, Chris McKenna and the Protect Young Eyes team want to make sure families are prepared. They will unpack nine practical, actionable strategies families can implement as soon as they get home. These strategies are presented through a strong, Biblical lens. Regardless of your technology aptitude, you will feel equipped and encouraged when you leave.



Take a trip back to 1965 and relive the old TV series **"Get Smart."** Join the CMCS Drama Department and witness Maxwell Smart, Agent 99, and the Chief as they take on the evil villain Mr. Big and his KOAS agents to keep them from taking over the world with the "Inthermo!" Performances are March 28 and 29 at 7:00pm. There will be a Dinner Theater on March 30 at 6:00pm. Tickets available starting Thursday, March 7. Please contact the High School Office, 978-8700, for purchasing tickets.



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.

Host Families Needed! On Tuesday, March 26, the Central MN Christian Concert Band will be hosting and participating in a concert by the Rehoboth Christian Band from Rehoboth, NM, at 6:00 in the high school gym. These 66 students and chaperones need places to stay for the night before continuing their tour at 7:45 the next morning. If you have spare room in your house and are willing to host students for the night of March 26th, please email Devin Veenstra at devinv@cmcschool.org.



For information regarding both student as well as adult Driver's Training courses, go to the website at: ww.212drivingschool.com.

The Village Children's Museum in Willmar, MN is in need of volunteers. If you are interested or have any questions, call Arlene at 320-894-2338.

Today's bulletin cover was designed by a former CMCS student, Natalie Brouwer.

Rescheduled for Saturday, March 30 - **Classical Home Missions Committee Presents:** **Becoming Effective Churches!** Is it possible to build a Biblically healthy, family friendly church, attract the younger generation and still mobilize and inspire the older generation? Come to a seminar in Bunde, MN at Bunde CRC, March 30, 9:00am-12:30pm to find out! You'll enjoy the teaching, the stories, the comradely and even the food! All are invited. No registration necessary...just come.

Winter is wearing thin, Lord. It is tempting to stay home from worship and hunker down. Please fill us with your Word and inspire us by your Spirit.

"No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn."
—Hal Borland

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PRAYER

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

The Persecuted Church: Laos

Arsonists Target Church Leader's Home

It has been a difficult year for a group of Khmu believers in northern Laos. Last April, village authorities demanded that they renounce their Christian faith or leave the village. After extended negotiations, the authorities had a dramatic change of heart in December and issued a proclamation protecting the Christians' right to practice their faith. The believers celebrated at a Christmas worship service in another city, and eight other families decided to become followers of Christ. However, in the middle of the night on Jan. 23, someone poured gasoline around the home of one of the Christian leaders and tried to burn it down. Fortunately, the fire was noticed in time and successfully extinguished. The arsonists left a note warning Christians to leave the village or "your life will not be safe." Pray for this particular church leader, who is scared and thinking about leaving the village. "If he leaves, many of the Christians will be discouraged," a VOM contact said. Pray that the other Christians will remain firm in their faith.

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.

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Matthew 14:13-21

A Primer on Christian Vocation

- News about John the Baptist

- Compassion (vs. 13-14)

- The concern (vs. 15-18)

- The miracle of feeding (vs. 19-20)

- Conclusion

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

