

**Emden Christian Reformed Church**  
**Pastor David Zigterman**  
**Sunday, January 5, 2020**



**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship  
Welcome and announcements  
Opening Prayer  
\*Call to worship Psalm 46  
\*God's Greeting of His People  
\*We Greet One Another  
\*Songs of Praise *O Master, Let Me Walk with You* PH 573 vs. 1-3  
*Take My Life and Let It Be* PH 288 vs. 1,2,5,6

**WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE**

Confession of sin  
Assurance of Pardon  
Song of gratitude *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* PH 486 vs. 1-3  
Prayer of God's people: conclude with the Lord's Prayer  
Offering Ministry Shares  
Noisy Offering  
Song of preparation *Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer* PH 543 vs. 1

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for illumination  
\*Scripture Mark 1:21-45 pg. 1552  
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord  
Congregation: Thanks be to God  
Message **Jesus' Ministry Begun**  
Prayer of Application  
\*Song of response *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* PH 469 vs. 1-4  
\*Profession of our Faith: The Apostle's Creed

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Parting Blessing  
\*Closing Song *O, For A Thousand Tongues* PH 501 vs. 1,2,7

*Welcome to worship on this first Sunday of a new year.  
Let us praise the God who is always doing something new!  
As we worship God together, let us pray for a fruitful year  
of ministry to the glory of his name.*

**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 / Bunde CRC 5:30 pm  
Prinsburg First CRC 6:00 pm

<p><u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 9:00am Catechism (Sept.—May) 10:00am Morning Worship Sunday School</p>
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<p><b>Elders:</b> Duane Mulder - President Kim Mulder - Vice President Doug Groen - Clerk</p>	<p><b>Deacons:</b> Todd Groen - Chairman Curt Groen - Benevolent / Building Fund Bob Swyter - Treasurer</p>
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### From Back to God Ministries International

GROUNDWORK: JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF LIFE - Jesus' saying "I am the light of the world" is a well-loved and beautiful word for us. Join us as we study the original context of his teaching in John 8:12-59 to be reminded of our need for light and encouraged that the light of Christ will break through the darkness in our lives and world. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### From Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Formation Tip - "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance" (Eccles 3:1-4). As we enter a new year full of unknowns, remind each other to take comfort in the knowledge that all your times are in God's hand. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

### From World Renew

Planning a Mission Trip? - Repair a home for a family who has waited months and months for help. World Renew Disaster Response Services has opportunities for groups of all sizes, skill sets, budgets, and travel preferences. Contact Chris Gibson today at cgibson@worldrenew.net or 800-848-5818 to find your fit.

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

### TODAY, January 5, 2020

Bob & Joan Swyter  
Julie Link  
Gerald & Connie Mulder  
Paul Knapper  
Bob Marcus  
Dawn Link  
Paul & Wanda Knapper  
Ministry Shares  
Duane Mulder

***Greeters***  
***Library***  
***Coffee Hour***  
***Sound System***  
***Usher***  
***Nursery***  
***Congregational Visitor***  
***Offering***  
***Visiting Elder***

### Next Sunday, January 12

Heather & Heidi Link  
Julie Link  
Curt & Judy Groen  
Curt Groen  
Paul Knapper  
Donna Fuls  
Paul & Wanda Knapper  
General Fund  
Duane Mulder

### CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday 2:00 pm ***Ladies Aid***  
7:00 pm ***Council meeting***

### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunday School and Catechism meet the 1st, 3rd, and 5th (when applicable) Sunday of each month. Catechism (7th grade through High School) meets from 9:00 am to 9:45 am. Sunday School (6th grade and below) meet during the service. In addition to this, the Sunday School will collect a Noisy Offering on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th (when applicable) Sunday. The money collected for this offering will go toward the leadership training initiative Anthony Sytsma is overseeing as part of the Timothy Leadership Training of World Renew.

### Upcoming dates:

January 12: Bible Study  
January 18: *The Man in the Mirror* book study 9am  
January 19: Annual congregational meeting  
January 29: Soup Supper



Our next Bible Study will begin January 12. At that time we will begin a study called *Bridges: Christians Connecting with Muslims*.

Ladies Aid will be postponed one week. For the month of January we will meet January 8.

Next Sunday, January 12, we will be hearing God's word from Mark 2:1-22.

**Men's Bible Study:** Beginning Saturday, January 18, there will be a book study of *Man in the Mirror* by Patrick Morely. This study will begin at 9am with a pancake breakfast followed by a brief summary of a chapter of the book and a time for discussion. The next Men's Bible Study will be Saturday, February 15. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.



Our annual congregational meeting will be on Sunday, January 19, following the morning worship service. The following have accepted their nomination for council and were approved by council:



**Elder:** David Daugherty, Nick Daugherty, Brad Link, & Paul Knapper;  
**Deacon:** Connie Mulder, Samantha Link, and Josh Groen

Our Budget envelopes have not yet arrived and are expected to arrive sometime in January. Until that time, you may use an old budget envelope or just write a check.

### REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Prinsburg GEMS will be hosting a Taco-In-A-Bag supper fundraiser on January 10th from 5:00-7:00 pm in the CMCS Event Center during the boys basketball game vs YME. It is a free-will donation. Come out for a night of food, fun and fellowship!



**January Series** Coming this January for the 33rd year, Calvin University presents the 2020 January Series – the award winning series of 15 weekly, lunchtime lectures will be shown at Unity CRC in Prinsburg. This year the series runs weekdays from January 8 through 28, 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. Topics include poverty and hunger, immigration, mass incarceration, religious freedom, the ethics of big data and so much more, by top experts in their fields. A light lunch will be served after each session. There is a brochure by the mailbox counter for more information.

There will be a delicious Pulled Pork Sandwich Feed on Friday, January 31st from 5:15 to 7:15pm at the CMCS Event Center. The meal will include a pulled pork sandwich, chips, bar & beverage. This is a free will donation feed. Please join us in supporting the CMCS Baseball program and the Prinsburg Baseball Boosters to help cover the cost for field fencing repairs & equipment purchases. Come enjoy a great meal before the CMCS girls basketball team host LQPV!



**Men:** Save the Date: Rock of Life CRC (1708 8th St SW, Willmar) is excited to host our Annual "Men with No Regrets" conference on February 1, 2020. There will be several great speakers and plenty of good food to keep us fired up! Plan to bring friends and family members that would benefit from being challenged to give our very best as we work at becoming the Men of God that we are called to be.



Doors open at 7:30 am for check-in, coffee and donuts. Live stream begins at 8:30 am. The cost is \$25 and that includes lunch. To register, go on-line to [www.rockoflifecrc.org](http://www.rockoflifecrc.org) and click on No Regrets Men's Conference, or call or email Renae at 320-235-3060 or [willmarcrc@gmail.com](mailto:willmarcrc@gmail.com). Hope to see you all there along with some of your friends!

Renville County West Schools is looking for a church group or individual(s) to help RCW with the delivery of the BTP totes containing meals and returning the delivery of the BTP totes containing meals and returning the empty totes back to the packing site for the following week. This needs to occur after packing on Tuesday morning. The totes need to be returned by 4 pm on Friday. If this volunteer opportunity interest you, contact Pastor David.

For information regarding both student as well as adult Driver's Training courses, go to the website at: [www.212drivingschool.com](http://www.212drivingschool.com).



**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.

### Renville County Food Shelf

On the first and third Tuesdays of each month we need help from 8 a.m. to 9:30 or 10 a.m. moving food into the food shelf and sorting food rescue produce. On Mondays and Fridays from 12:45 to 3:15, Wednesdays from 9:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. and Thursday evenings from 4:45 to 7:00 p.m. we need volunteers to assist the clients with their shopping. If you are able to help at one of those times, stop in at the food shelf at 108 S. 9th Street in Olivia or call us at 320-523-5339.



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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, Lilah Kleinhuizen, John & Dorothy Aalderks

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### The Persecuted Church: Kenya

#### Ten Killed in Bus Attack

Gunmen killed 10 people, mostly workers from Nairobi, aboard a bus in northern Kenya on Dec. 6. The Islamist group al-Shabab claimed responsibility for the attack on the passengers, many of whom were traveling to job sites in Mandera, a city on the Somalia-Ethiopia border. The attackers allowed ethnic Somalis, assumed to be Muslim, to stay aboard the bus, while ordering all non-Muslims, assumed to be Christians, to exit the bus and then shooting them. Police arrested suspects, including the bus driver, but a VOM worker said there is no certainty that anyone will be prosecuted. "Please remember all the Christians living in northern Kenya during this month, as many will be traveling back home for Christmas," the VOM worker wrote. "Pastors in the area are concerned and worried. They know Christians are targeted at this time of the year."

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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**

