

**Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, January 6, 2019**

**Sunday Evening Worship Service
6:00 pm**

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship
 Welcome and announcements
 Skit Guys A Clean Slate
 Opening prayer
 *Call to worship from Psalm 34
 *God's Greeting of His People
 *We Greet One Another
 *Songs of Praise *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* PH 345 vs. 1-3
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming PH 351 vs. 1-3

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Confession of sin
 Assurance of pardon 1 John 1:5-7
 Song of gratitude *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* PH 469 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 *Christ Is the King* PH 359 vs. 1,3,5

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination
 *Scripture Matthew 2:13-23 *pg. 1498*
 Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
 Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **Immanuel Illustrated**

Prayer of Application
 *Song of response *My Life Flows On in Endless Song*
 *Profession of our faith *Boundless Grace*

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing
 *Closing Song *Glory Be to the Father* PH 635

Greetings to everyone on this first Sunday of the new year! Your presence is a blessing! As we worship God together, let us pray for a fruitful year of ministry to the glory of his name.

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

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| Next Sunday, January 13, 2019 | | <u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> |
| Greeters: | Cody & Missy Strand | 9:00am Sunday School |
| Library: | Julie Link | (Sept.—May) |
| Coffee Hour: | Dalen & Donna Fuls | 10:00am Morning Worship |
| Sound System: | Curt Groen | |
| Usher: | Paul Knapper | Gene & Dawn Michelson |
| Nursery: | Rachael Zigterman | B.P. 2210, Bamako |
| Letter to Michelsons: | Todd & Jane Groen | Mali, West Africa |
| Congregational Visitor: | Harold Groen | E-mail address |
| Offering: am | General Fund | Usumaan@hotmail.com |
| 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

GROUNDWORK: ALL YOU NEED - If you spend any time watching TV or trolling the internet, you'll quickly discover there's a lot you just can't live without...at least according to advertisers. Join Groundwork as we study the Apostle Paul's reminder to early Christians and to us in 1 Thessalonians 1 that in Christ we have all we need in life. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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 final details and finishing touches for the website (crcna.org/inspire).

From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tip - It's true that that faith is "caught" just as much as it's "taught." Kids will learn to value Bible reading more if you let them "catch" you reading God's Word on your own—not just in church or during family devotions. Talk with them about what you're reading and how it connects with your daily life.
(Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

From Resonate Global Mission

Journey Through Egypt - Join Resonate Global Mission on an Egypt Vision Tour. History comes alive as you learn how scripture is connected to ancient Egyptian monuments. Dates: April 2-10, 2019. For more information visit www.resonateglobalmission.org/Egypt.

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

TODAY

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| Greeters: | Bob & Joan Swyter |
| Library: | Julie Link |
| Coffee Hour: | Curt & Judy Groen |
| Sound System: | Paul Knapper |
| Usher: | Bob Marcus |
| Nursery: | Judy Groen |
| Letter to Michelsons: | Harold & Norma Groen |
| Congregational Visitor: | Harold Groen |
| Visiting Elder: | Kim Mulder |



CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday 7:00 pm **Ladies Bible Study** meet at Jolene's, Lesson 5
Wednesday 7:00 pm **Council Meeting**

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School and Catechism will meet the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month starting January 6. 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 RenewMore information about this initiative can be found here: <https://www.myworldrenew.net/timothyleadershiptraining>

Announcement from council: Nick Daugherty and Todd Groen have allowed their names to stand for Deacon. Paul Knapper, Duane Mulder, and Brad Link have allowed their names to stand for Elder. If you have any suggestions please talk to a member of council.

Upcoming dates:

Jan. 13: Bible Study
Jan. 20: Annual Congregational Meeting
Jan. 27: Bible Study
Jan. 30: Soup Supper





In January, we will begin a new Bible Study called *Discovering and Living God's Heart for Immigrants: A Guide to Welcoming the Stranger* by Matthew Soerens and Jenny Yang. This will begin January 13.

Thank you to Todd and Jane Groen for preparing the Christmas Candy bags for the Sunday School Christmas Program.

Recently you received the new January church calendar and the new 3 month schedule for January - March. Please look over it carefully and put the dates on your own personal calendar that you are responsible for Sunday duties. Remember: if you cannot be here the Sunday you are assigned for a duty, it is your responsibility to find a replacement or trade Sundays with someone else.

We will be assigning only one usher for each Sunday so please be sure to check the schedule.

Next Sunday, January 13, we will be hearing God's word from Matthew 3:1-17.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Renville Lions Club will be having a **Belgian Waffle Event** on Sunday, January 13 from 9am-1pm. There will be a Free Will Donation with proceeds going towards the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon on Highway 212 which will help to keep our kids safe when crossing.



Serve
the LORD
with
Gladness



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.

Save the Date: Men you are invited to the 26th annual **No Regrets Men's Conference** on February 2, 2019. The No Regrets Men's Conference is an annual conference for males ages 13 and up. Men, when you invite your sons, you receive a discounted ticket price of \$10 for each of your sons! Invite your sons and friends! The conference will be streamed live at our facility, Rock of Life CRC, located at 1708 8th St SW, Willmar. The doors open at 7:30 am for registration, coffee, juice and donuts. The live stream begins at 8:30 am. Lunch will be provided and the conference will conclude at 4:30 pm. Pay and register online at www.rockoflifecrc.org by January 28 or download the registration form online or call Renae at 320-235-3060 or email willmarcrc@gmail.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.

Reading resolutions

Every January, many Christians resolve to read the entire Bible in one year. That's a worthy goal, but God doesn't require us to read a certain number of verses or chapters per day. Instead, he tells us to simply be in his Word — and thus be with him — so he can grow our faith, light our path and assure us of his love and forgiveness. God's Word is a precious gift, but we need to "unwrap" it!

F.B. Meyer offers this helpful advice for a new year of discovering (and rediscovering!) Scripture: "Read the Bible, not as a newspaper, but as a home letter. If a cluster of heavenly fruit hangs within reach, gather it. If a promise lies upon the page as a blank check, cash it. If a prayer is recorded, appropriate it and launch it as a feathered arrow from the bow of your desire. If an example of holiness gleams before you, ask God to do as much for you. If the truth is revealed ... entreat that its brilliance may ever irradiate ... your life."



PRAYER CORNER

REQUESTS
FOR
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 - Uganda

Man in Uganda Loses Everything for New Faith in Christ

01/02/2019 Uganda (International Christian Concern) – Another convert in Uganda has been attacked for leaving Islam to Christianity reported Morningstar News. The 28-year-old man, Muhamud Gusolo now named Simon, has lost his home, his land, his wife and children, and all support from the community and his family. Simon converted to Christianity in late 2017, and was able to remain at home and living among his community until he started hosting a Bible Study and worship in his home in October 2018.

After this, he started receiving threats from his father and the community. His father disowned him and said that he was a kaffir, which means infidel. He has said that Simon will not receive any inheritance. Then on December 7, a mob was formed and marched to his home. They destroyed his banana plantation, and kicked him out of his house. On December 8, he left the community for safety, but his wife remained with their six children, as she was still Muslim.

Simon has yet to receive any help and continues to receive threats from family and one time friends. Despite Uganda being a majority Christian nation, there are many areas with Muslim majority populations. In these areas, Christians often suffer at the hands of the community and even legal system. It is worst for those who convert from Islam. We must continue to pray for those who suffer at the hands of those who hate Christ.

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.

Sunday, January 6, 2019
Matthew 2:13-23

Immanuel Illustrated

- The flight of God
- Identification
- Hosea 11:1
- Jeremiah 31:15
- Nazareth
- But what about the Innocents?
- Following the fleeing God

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

