

**Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, February 16, 2020**

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

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship
Welcome and announcements
Opening Prayer
*Call to worship Psalm 51:1-3,6-7
*God's Greeting of His People
*We Greet One Another
*Songs of Praise *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* PH 253 vs. 1-4

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Video No place to call home - A refugee's story
Prayer for refugees
Song of gratitude *They'll Know We Are Christians* SJ 119 vs. 1,3,4
Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer
Offering Building Fund/Benevolent Fund
Noisy Offering
Song of preparation *Holy Spirit, Mighty God* PH 278 vs. 1,3

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination
*Scripture: Mark 7:1-13 pg. 1563
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **Traditions and Jesus**

Prayer of Application
*Song of response *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* PH 287 vs. 1-3
*Profession of faith The Apostle's Creed

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing
*Closing Song *O for a Thousand Tongues* PH 501 vs. 1,3,7

*"To all God's beloved ... called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from
God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 1:7, NRSV).
The arms of our loving God are open wide to receive you,
for this time of worship and forever. Welcome!*

Our next Bible Study will be tonight. We are doing a study called
Bridges: Christians Connecting with Muslims

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us
for this informative study and discussion



SUNDAY SCHEDULE
9:00am Sunday School
1st & 3rd Sunday
(Sept.—May)
10:00am Morning Worship

Elders:

Duane Mulder - President
Kim Mulder - Vice President
Doug Groen - Clerk

Deacons:

Todd Groen - Chairman
Curt Groen - Bldg / Benevolent Fund
Bob Swyter - Treasurer

Upcoming dates:

- February 16: Bible Study at 6 pm
February 19: Council meeting 7:00 pm
Ladies Bible Study 7:00 pm
February 26: Ash Wednesday service at 7 pm at Ebenezer
March 2-3: Classis at Calvary CRC in Edina



Today in your mail box you will find a brochure for The Bible League Project Philip to train local church members in evangelism and discipleship. Please read the brochure and prayerfully consider supporting this ministry with a gift to The Bible League. (address on back of brochure)



On Ash Wednesday, February 26 we will have a combined service at Ebenezer at 7 pm.



The next Men's Bible Study will be Saturday, March 28. We are studying *The 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.



REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come join the CMCS Drama Department this coming Tuesday, February 18, in the Event Center at CMCS for a Giovanni's Pizza Dinner Fundraiser, AND catch the CMCS vs. MACCRAY Boys Basketball game! All funds raised will be used to help with the Drama Department's production of the spring musical, "*Hello! My Baby!*" We will be serving Giovanni's Pizza, bars, and pop from 5:00-7:30 PM. A free will offering is being accepted. Hope to see you there!



BUNCO NIGHT: The Outreach Team at Bunde would like to invite you and your guests to a FREE night of fun playing Bunco in the Bunde CRC Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, February 26 from 7-8:30pm. Bring a snack to share and a competitive spirit to enjoy some fun, fellowship, and an opportunity to win some prizes. All ages welcome!

FROM THE CMCS SEARCH TEAM: We would like to express a sincere thank you to those of you who have prayed over the superintendent search process throughout this past year. We are so grateful for the support and feedback we've received through conversations, survey input, and community listening sessions. We praise God for his guidance and providence in bringing a new leader to CMCS. We ask for your continued prayers for Jon DeGroot and his family as they prepare to transition into our community. We also ask for your prayers for the school board and staff, as they continue to work together to carry out the mission of providing Christ-Centered education to the students at CMCS. "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." Eph. 3:20-21

From August 2-6, Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Sacred Heart, First Lutheran Church, Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, and Emden Christian Reformed Church, all of Renville, will 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! The theme of 2020 will be "From generation to generation" focused on Psalm 100:5. 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! Join us on Sunday, March 8 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for a Dad's Belgian Waffle Feed at the Renville Community Center. Come, let us cook for you and experience the spirit of Bible camp. All proceeds will go toward the costs of hosting VBS this summer. A sign-up sheet for any volunteers able to help an hour or 2 will be on the back table. Please call Samantha Link for any questions.



Renville County Hospice offers Annual Grief Support Opportunity.

The Adult Grief Group is sponsored by Renville County Hospice. The sessions will be held on Monday evening March 2 through April 20, 2020 from 4pm to 6pm at the Renville County Hospital (Willette Room), 100 Healthy Way in Olivia. The April 6th session will be rescheduled to April 8th. All are welcome and invited. Please call Amy Boettger, MSW, LICSW at 320-52303451 to register.

Men's Lenten Breakfast - Bethany Reformed Church

Come join us Men of all ages for a delicious pancake & sausage breakfast! Wednesday mornings beginning March 4th – April 8th. 6:30 am breakfast with a short message from area speakers to follow. We encourage everyone to bring a friend who has not yet experienced this great time of fellowship!



Lenten Prayer Breakfast

Sermon Notes
Sunday, February 16, 2020
Mark 7:1-13

Traditions and Jesus

Restorative Justice volunteers wanted. How can you help? Give two hours of your time every other week to a family in need. If you, or someone you know would be interested in helping support other families in your community, please call the number below for more information.

Informational Meeting: When: Thursday, February 20 & 27 @ 5- 6:00 pm
Where: Renville County Government Service Center, Rm 117

Open Community Circles When: Tuesday, March 3, 17, 31 @ 5:30 – 7:30
Where: Renville County Government Service Center, Rm 117

For more information, or to RSVP Please call Andrew Peltz @ 320-522-1573 Or email @ andrewp@renvillecountymn.com

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.

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

Paul's Missionary Journeys In Greece (April 2-14, 2020):

Travel by motor coach (8 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's 2nd and 3rd missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of Biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, Professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, visit www.jeffreyweima.com or contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu



1. Tradition

2. Scribes and Pharisees

3. Jesus' response

Application question: Do we have any traditions that allow us to ignore God's command to love our neighbor?

4. Paul

5. Incarnation

6. Our mission



PRAYER CORNER

REQUESTS
—FOR—
PRAYER

~ Please remember those in our congregation who have continuous health concerns: Marge Link, Linda Mayer, Gerald Mulder, Darla Ruschen , DeeDee Johnson, Lilah Klein-huizen, John & Dorothy Aalderks

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: Nigeria

Pastor Testifies of Eternal Hope Before His Execution

A pastor executed by Boko Haram militants left an inspiring legacy in the form of a hostage video. The Reverend Lawan Andimi was kidnapped from his village in Adamawa state on Jan. 2, 2020. While most villagers were able to escape, the pastor was taken in what appeared to be a targeted kidnapping. On Jan. 7, the pastor’s captors forced him to record a video from his place of captivity. With the black flag of the Islamic State West African Province hanging behind his shoulder, Lawan said, “I have never been discouraged, because all conditions that one finds himself in is the hands of God. ... By the grace of God, I will be together with my wife, my children and my colleagues. [But] if the opportunity has not been granted, maybe it is the will of God.” Confident in his eternal hope, Lawan was beheaded by his captors on Jan. 20. “It is possible that he knew this might be his last message to his family, which is why he asked them not to cry or worry, but to thank God for everything,” a VOM worker in Nigeria said. Pray for the pastor’s family, and pray that his boldness may soften the hearts of his killers.

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.

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