

**Emden Christian Reformed Church  
Pastor David Zigterman  
Sunday, February 23, 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  
\*God's Greeting of His People  
\*We Greet One Another  
\*Songs of Praise *Fairest Lord Jesus* SJ 104

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

Video *A Businessman Responds to the Refugee Crisis*

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Knowing that our God walks with us in our confusion, our doubts, our failings, our struggles, we now come humbly before God to ask for mercy. For the times we fail to offer hospitality to those in our world who suffer injustice, oppression, and poverty, we pray:

**Response: God, have mercy on us and your people**

Leader: For the times we lack courage to address the causes of injustice, oppression and poverty, we pray to our God:

**Response: God, have mercy on us and on your people.**

Leader: For the times we give in to despair and resignation when confronted with the injustice of our world, we pray to our God:

**Response: God, have mercy on us and on your people.**

Leader: For the times we allow our fears to triumph over the call to solidarity, we pray to our God:

**Response: God, have mercy on us and on your people.**

**All: Merciful God, receive our petitions. Heal the brokenness in our hearts and in our world caused by injustice, indifference, selfishness and fear. Open our hearts to hear the cries of your suffering people. Support us as we seek to respond in solidarity and with hospitality. Amen.**

-From liturgy: Offering Hospitality to Refugees, [www.crcna.org](http://www.crcna.org)

Song of gratitude *The Bond of Love* SJ 123  
Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer  
Offering CMCS Tuition Support  
Song of preparation *Standing on the Promises* SJ 181

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***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  
Nick Daugherty - Vice President  
Doug Groen - Clerk

**Deacons:**

Samantha Link - Chairman  
Curt Groen - Bldg / Benevolent Fund  
Todd Groen - Treasurer

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for illumination

\*Scripture Mark 8:27-9:8 *pg. 1566*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **The Way Of The Cross and The Transfiguration**

Prayer of Application

\*Song of response *Jesus Paid it All* SJ 255

\*Profession of faith Apostle's Creed

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Parting Blessing

\*Closing Song *To God be the Glory* SJ 79

*Christ's light shines in our darkness; God's love conquers hate;  
Spirit-given faith is stronger than fear.  
So we gather to praise the all-powerful Lord of Life. Welcome!*

Sermon Notes  
Sunday, February 23, 2020  
Mark 8:27-9:8

**The Way Of The Cross and The Transfiguration**

The way of the cross

The transfiguration



initiative Anthony Sytsma is overseeing as part of the Timothy Leadership Training of World Renew.

This afternoon at 2 pm there will be a service at Renville.

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**Upcoming dates:**

- February 16: Bible Study at 6 pm
- February 26: Ash Wednesday service at 7 pm at Ebenezer
- March 2-3: Classis at Calvary CRC in Edina
- March 4: Ladies Bible Study at 7:00 pm
- March 8: Communion
- March 28: Men's Bible Study at 7 pm



The Calvin Seminary Forum publication is on the back counter for your reading.

**REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**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!

**The Entitlement Fix** - March 2, 2020 - 6:45pm Event Center at Central MN Christian School

There has never been a time in American history where children had so much but were expected to do so little to get it. Research says narcissism has tripled in three generations. To counteract this trend, you need insight into what's going on underneath the self-centered attitudes.

- What are the subtle cultural messages shaping your child's beliefs? How might your parenting be unintentionally contributing to this sense of entitlement? What can you do to change the momentum?

In this workshop, you will learn practical Biblical principles to cultivate a family culture of responsibility, gratitude, and service.

This is a FREE event and childcare will be provided to those who RSVP. Go to the school's website ([www.cmc.school.org](http://www.cmc.school.org)) to register and join us for this seminar on March 2. See you there!

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,



**COUNCIL NOTES**

Treasurer's Report - January	
Beginning Balance	\$14,303.05
Total Deposits	\$5,499.71
Total Expense	\$7,537.59
Ending Balance	\$12,265.17
Benevolent Fund:	\$1,403.15
Building Fund:	\$11,243.92

Visiting elder for March: Doug Groen

Notes:

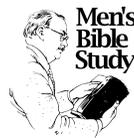
- Council roles:
  - Elder** - President: Duane Mulder; Vice President: Nick Daugherty; Clerk: Doug Groen
  - Deacon** - Treasurer: Todd Groen; Building Fund/Benevolent Fund: Curt Groen; Chairmen: Samantha Link
- An offering to support Jesse and Moise Daugherty on their upcoming mission trips will be taken on March 29.
- Our delegates to classis are David Zigterman and Nick Daugherty.

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



Next Sunday, March 1, we will be hearing God's word from Mark 10:17-31. Next Sunday we will be serving coffee and donuts before church. Also a noisy offering will be collected.

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.





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.

**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!



**Finding your Freedom - Women's conference**

Join us at the Best Life Ministries One-Day event on Saturday, March 21, at Bunde Christian Reformed Church, Clara City, MN. This conference will run from 8:30am-2:30pm. The cost is \$24 per ticket and it includes lunch. Looking forward to a wonderful day together as we hear from Kathy Weckwerth, Sandra Sheih, and Dr. Mary Schulze Michener as they teach from God's Word how you can break free and become your best.

**\* Kathy Weckwerth**

Life is filled with expectations, and those expectations can create discouragement, depression and resentment. We become trapped in perfectionism and find fault and failure when expectations are not met. Join Kathy as she uses God's Word and personal stories to deliver tools to become free from setting ourselves and others up for failure.

**\* Sandra Sheih**

Each one of us experiences struggles in life, such as the loss of a loved one, Chronic illness, family dynamics, money, addiction, parenting issues, or caring for a parent. There may be seasons when the weight of our problems seems too much to bear. In this inspirational workshop, Sandra will teach tips and tactics on how to rise above the struggles and depend on God to help you walk in freedom.

**\* Dr. Mary Schulze Michener**

As women, we can feel trapped by our emotions. Fear, anxiety, sadness, and anger can corner us and hijack the way we think and respond. In this inspiring workshop, Dr. Mary teaches ways to have freedom from uncontrolled emotions and share strategies to cope with difficult situations by utilizing God-given ideas and responses.

\* You can get tickets by calling the Bunde CRC Church Office at 320-847-3520, Jennifer Wassenaar at 320-894-2345, Sarah Hankel 320-220-4068 or <https://bestlifeministries.com/>

**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](mailto: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.



**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](http://www.jeffreyweima.com) or contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu)





**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 Kleinhuizen, John & Dorothy Aalderks, Carson Groen

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**THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: Nigeria  
Fulani Islamic Militants Attack Christians in Plateau State**

On January 8, 2020, Fulani Islamic militants attacked the predominantly Christian village of Kulben, in northern Nigeria’s Plateau state, killing at least 12. The men of the village took their wives and children to safety in the bush before returning to defend their homes and land from the three-hour onslaught. Since the attack, 36 villagers have been staying in a nearby village, as most are now too afraid to return home. Pray for those who lost family members, homes and farmland in these attacks.

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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**

