

Emden Christian Reformed Church
 Pastor David Zigterman
 Sunday, February 24, 2019

Sunday Evening Service
6:00 pm

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship
 Welcome and announcements
 *Opening song *As the Deer*
 *Opening prayer
 *Call to worship Psalm 148
 *God's Greeting of His People
 *We Greet One Another
 *Songs of Praise *For the Beauty of the Earth* PH 432 vs. 1-4
Beautiful Savior PH 461 vs. 1,2,4

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Confession of sin
 Assurance of pardon Romans 8:1-2,18-21
 Song of gratitude *He Leadeth Me* PH 452 vs. 1-3
 Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer
 Offering CMCS Tuition Support
 Song of preparation *Like A River Glorious* PH 560 vs. 1,2

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination
 *Scripture Matthew 14:13-23a 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 *Our World Belongs to God* PH 459 vs. 1-3
 *Profession of our faith *Our World Belongs to God,* stanza 1

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing
 *Closing Song *O Worship the King* PH 428 vs. 1,2,5

*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.*

Bible Study

This evening we will continue our study of *Discovering and Living God's Heart for Immigrants*. We will study Session C: The Most Vulnerable: Understanding Refugees, Undocumented Immigrants, and Victims of Human Trafficking.



Next Sunday, March 3, 2019		<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 9:00 am Catechism (1st & 3rd Sunday Sept.—May) 10:00 am Morning Worship
Greeters:	Dalen & Donna Fuls	
Library:	Julie Link	Gene & Dawn Michelson B.P. 2210, Bamako Mali, West Africa E-mail address Usamaan@hotmail.com
Coffee Hour:	Paul & Wanda Knapper	
Sound System:	Todd Groen	
Nursery:	Rachael Zigterman	
Usher:	David Daugherty	
Letter to Michelsons:	Samantha Link	
Congregational Visitor:	Julie Link	
Offering: am	Ministry Shares	
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

FAMILY FIRE - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

GROUNDWORK: THE GIFT OF SERVICE - We use the word “service” in many contexts today: community service, worship service, military service, and more. Study 1 Corinthians 12:1-7, John 13:12-17, and Romans 12:1-3 with Groundwork to remember the biblical definition of service and why it’s an important part of a Christian’s life. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.

From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tip - Looking at mementos often sparks storytelling. Create a “family faith box” in which you collect mementos of your faith journey together. It could include baptism outfits, church bulletins from significant events, photos, wedding vows, and more. Have fun at family gatherings looking at the mementos and sharing stories of God’s faithfulness. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

From Other

Conference: The Prodigal Love of God - Join us April 4-6, 2019, at Dordt College for The Prodigal Love of God Conference: Reencountering Dort at 400 and Beyond. Through invited plenaries and panel discussions, this conference will feature conversations about the historical legacy and the future of Protestantism as well as the opportunities facing the global church in the decades ahead. Confirmed speakers include Marilynne Robinson, Richard Mouw, James K.A. Smith, Timothy George, Paul Lim, Suzanne McDonald, Jemar Tisby, and Tish Harrison Warren. For info go to www.dordt.edu/plg. Register at prodigalloveofgodregistration.eventbrite.com/

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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TODAY

Greeters:	Curt & Judy Groen
Library:	Julie Link
Coffee Hour:	David & Andrea Daugherty
Sound System:	Brad Link
Nursery:	Isabelle Daugherty
Usher:	Cody Strand
Letter to Michelsons:	Heidi Link
Congregational Visitor:	Gerald & Connie Mulder
Visiting Elder:	Duane Mulder



CHURCH CALENDAR

Today	2:00 pm	<i>RenVilla service</i>
	6:00 pm	<i>Bible Study</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>:

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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

This afternoon there will be a service at Renville at 2 pm. Everyone is invited to come

This evening we will continue our study of Discovering and Living God’s Heart for Immigrants. We will study Session C: The Most Vulnerable: Understanding Refugees, Undocumented Immigrants, and Victims of Human Trafficking.

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 3, we will be hearing God's word from Matthew 16:24-17:8.

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

Spiritual Emphasis Community Night

On the evening of March 1, we will be hosting our students and the community for a time of worship from 6:30-7:00, and one last presentation from Cory Nikkel, from 7:30-8:30. This event will be held in the CMCS Event Center. If you are unable to attend our parent presentation or the community event but would still like to be involved, pray! Pray that the Lord would use Cory to inspire and ignite our students for living fully submerged in who Jesus is!

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.

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.



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 Theme: **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.



The West Central Men's Chorus will have a rehearsal TODAY, Sunday, February 24 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.



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Matthew 14:13-23a
A Primer on Christian Vocation



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.

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

- Compassion (vs. 13-14)
- The concern (vs. 15-18)
- The miracle of feeding (vs. 19-20)
- Dismissal (vs. 21-23)

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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.

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

