

**Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, March 1, 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 *We Praise You, O God* PH 237 vs. 1-3
Father, Long before Creation PH 464 vs. 1-4

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Confession of sin for misuse of what God has given us
Assurance of pardon Ephesians 2:4-10 (NLT)
Song of gratitude *Not What My Hands Have Done* PH 260 vs. 1-3
Prayer of God's people: conclude with the Lord's Prayer
Offering Ministry Shares
Song of preparation *Seek Ye First* PH 209

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination
*Scripture Mark 10:17-31 *pg. 1570*
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
Congregation: Thanks be to God
Message **Seeking The Kingdom of God**
Prayer of Application
*Song of response *Boundless Grace*

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing
*Closing Song *My Friends, May You Grow in Grace*

*God has promised to be our God and to let us be his people.
May we focus confidently on the blessing of such a loving relationship
as we worship God today.*

We will not be having an evening worship service at Emden.
You are encouraged to attend a service at one
of the neighboring churches.

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

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
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From Back to God Ministries International

GROUNDWORK: JESUS HEALED. - Each of the four Gospels contains stories of people Jesus healed. Join Groundwork as we examine Jesus' acts of healing ministry in Matthew 8:1-3, Isaiah 35, and John 9 to help us better understand this aspect of his earthly ministry and how even his acts of healing point us to the Kingdom of God. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Words From The Cross - Words From The Cross is a seven-part Bible study podcast from Groundwork. In the season of Lent, dig deep into the significance and resonance of Christ's words from the Cross and let them focus your heart on our salvation through his death and resurrection. Get it when you subscribe to Groundwork at groundworkonline.com/words.

From Faith Formation Ministries

Lent At-Home Faith Formation Tip - Engage in Lent with a Lenten journey calendar similar to an Advent calendar. On a large piece of paper, draw a path with 40 stepping stones on it, and an empty tomb at the end of the path. Since Lent started on Feb. 26, color in all the stepping stones from then until today. Each day, color in another stone and pray together. For help with explaining what Lent means to young children, check out tinyurl.com/LentQuestions and tinyurl.com/LentKids. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

From The Banner

The Banner magazine wants to hear from you! - Please take our survey at thebanner.org/Survey. Help us improve to serve you better. Your participation is voluntary, confidential, and will only take about 10 minutes. Thank you!

~ OUR MISSION ~

Our mission is affirming the Lordship of Christ, expressing our faith through worship, fellowship, growth and service. We would welcome you to share with us the joy of this exciting venture of faith.

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Pastor David's office hours: Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 am—12:00 Pastor's
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You are welcome to stop in and visit without an appointment.

TODAY, March 1, 2020

Doug & Anne Groen
Julie Link
Tim & Dawn Link
Paul Knapper
David Daugherty
Rachael Zigterman
Harold Groen
Ministry Shares
Doug Groen

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

Next Sunday, March 8

Todd & Jane Groen
Julie Link
David & Andrea D
Brad Link
Zach Johnson
Jane Groen
Harold Groen
General Fund
Doug Groen

CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday - Tuesday *Classis meetings in Minneapolis*

Wednesday: 2:00 pm *Ladies Aid at Meadows*

7:00 pm *Ladies Bible Study* - Lesson 7

CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you to my church family for the Care pkg so many of you had a part of - all the little notes, gifts, treats were much appreciated. I can't say that I feel a lot better but I know that the Lord is with me every day and I thank Him every day for His care. Special blessings to each one of you.
Psalm 34:3 — Marge Link

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Heather Link will be printing the bulletin for next Sunday, March 8. Please have all bulletin announcements to her by Thursday, 4:00 pm. hthrink@gmail.com, 320-522-0071



Sunday School and Catechism will 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, the Sunday School will collect a Noisy Offering on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th (when applicable) Sunday. The money collected will go toward the leadership training initiative Anthony Sytsma is overseeing as part of the Timothy Leadership Training of World Renew.

Daylight Savings time will begin on Saturday night, March 7 so be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour before bedtime Saturday night!



Next Sunday, March 8, we will be hearing God's word from Mark 10:32-52 and celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Please keep Classis in your prayers which meets on Monday and Tuesday. Our delegates to classis are David Zigterman and Nick Daugherty.

Ladies Aid will be Wednesday, March 4 at 2 pm at Renvilla.

An offering to support Jesse and Moise Daugherty on their upcoming mission trips to New York and Puerto Rico will be taken on March 29. Please also consider supporting them in additional ways as indicated in the letter that they placed in your mailboxes last week.



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 time of discussion.

Upcoming dates:

March 2-3: Classis at Calvary CRC in Edina
March 4: Ladies Bible Study at 7:00 pm
March 8: Communion
Bible Study 6:00 pm
March 11: Council 7:00 pm
March 18: Ladies Bible Study at 7:00 pm
March 22: Bible Study 6:00 pm
March 28: Men's Bible Study at 7:00 pm



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Ebenezer Presbyterian Church will be having Wednesday evening service at 7 pm throughout the season of Lent. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Dad's Belgian Waffle Feed March 8 at the Renville Community Center from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.. All proceeds will go toward the costs of hosting VBS this summer. From August 2-6, Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Sacred Heart, First Lutheran Church, Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, and Emden CRC, all of Renville, will sponsor a week of Ecumenical Vacation Bible School. Led by Green Lake Lutheran



Ministries 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.



Roseland Reformed Church will be having our annual pancake supper on Monday, March 9 serving from 4:30 pm until 7:00. Proceeds will be benefiting Holly Pennings for an upcoming mission trip to Guatemala with Hope Haven and local community projects. Free-will donation.

Men's Lenten Breakfast

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! *Freewill offering to offset costs for the use of the Bethany Community Space.*



MS FUNDRAISER BUFFET Sunday, March 15, 11:00 - 1:00 at Bart's Place. Free-will donation and Bake Sale. MS Walk is May 3rd.



The CMCS Music Department kicks off its Spring season with the Spring Band Concert on Tuesday, March 10, in the high school gym at 7:00. All four band levels will be performing and even combining to bring a wonderful evening of music to the community. Selections will include energetic, jazzy pieces from beginning students, some popular movie themes from the middle school level, and some significant works in band literature from the Concert Band. A free-will offering will be taken to support the CMCS music program.

The Renville County Back-the-Pack Program provides free meals and snacks to students for RCW who may need additional help to obtain nutrition over the weekends. This program ended in December. The Renville Ministerium is trying to determine if this program can be restarted. For that to take place, volunteers are needed. Volunteers are needed to transport meals on Tuesdays and Fridays. If this interests you, contact Pastor David.

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.cmcschool.org) to register and join us for this seminar on March 2. See you there!

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/>

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.

Food Shelf



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.

Sermon Notes
Sunday, March 1, 2020
Mark 10:17-31

Seeking The Kingdom of God

1. The rich man's sadness (vs. 17-22)
2. You can't serve both God and money (23-27)
3. To let go is to gain (28-31)



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

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: Nepal Finding Peace in Christ

Grishma came to faith in Christ in 2016 after some teenage friends invited her to church. She had never known who her father was, and her stepfather abused her. When he learned that she had become a Christian, he beat her and threatened to stop paying her school fees. Then, when Grishma continued going to church, he kicked her out of the house. Desperate for money, Grishma took a job as a dancer, where she suffered further abuse. She also stopped going to church. After nearly three years, however, she remembered the peace she had found in Jesus and decided to return to church. When her employer found out, he fired her. Today, Grishma is studying at a discipleship training school. “She wants to follow Jesus throughout her whole life,” one of her pastors said, “and she wants to work for a ministry and serve Him.” Thank God for Grishma’s faithfulness, and pray for her next steps.

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**

