

**Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, March 8, 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: from Psalm 34
*God's Greeting of His People
*We Greet One Another
*Songs of Praise *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* PH 253 vs. 1,2,4
When We Walk with the Lord PH 548 vs. 1-3

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon
Song of Gratitude *Take My Life and Let It Be* PH 288 vs. 1,4,6
Prayer of God's People: conclude with the Lord's Prayer
Offering: General Fund
Song of Preparation *Holy Spirit, Mighty God* PH 278 vs. 1-3

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
*Scripture: Mark 10:32-52 *pg. 1571*
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
Congregation: Thanks be to God
Message **How To Be Great**
Prayer of Application
*Song of response: *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* PH 249 vs. 1-4
The Lord's Supper
Thank Offering: The Broken

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing
*Closing Song *By the Sea of Crystal* PH 620 vs. 1-3

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

*Our gracious God has drawn each of us here.
It is good to be together to blend our voices in prayer and
praise of him whose mercy knows no bounds. Welcome!*

Elders:

Duane Mulder - President
Nick Daugherty - Vice President
Doug Groen - Clerk

Deacons:

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

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.

Open Community Circles

When: Tuesday, March 17, 31 @ 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Where: Renville County Government Service Center, Room 117

For more information, or to RSVP Please call Andrew Peltz 320-522-1573

Or email andrewp@renvillecountymn.com

From Back to God Ministries International

GROUNDWORK: I BELIEVE - What is a creed? Is the Apostles' Creed biblical? Join Groundwork as we begin a study of the Apostles' Creed and the scriptures that inform it. Dig into Romans 10:9 and Deuteronomy 6:1-9 to discover the function these summary statements have in the life of faith and the value they offer us yet today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Faith Formation Ministries

Lent At-home Faith Formation Tip - Many Christians practice giving something up for Lent in order to make more space for God. If you have kids in your household, think together about how you might make more space for God this week. For example, you might take a technology break each day and spend the time reading about Jesus' life and ministry in The Jesus Storybook Bible or Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible and talking about the stories together. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

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

TODAY, March 8, 2020

Todd & Jane Groen

Julie Link

David & Andrea Daugherty

Brad Link

Zach Johnson

Jane Groen

Harold Groen

General Fund

Doug Groen

Greeters

Library

Coffee Hour

Sound System

Usher

Nursery

Congregational Visitor

Offering

Visiting Elder

Next Sunday, March 15

Curt & Judy Groen

Julie Link

Loren & Rhonda M

Curt Groen

David Daugherty

Isabelle Daugherty

Harold Groen

Bldg / Benev Fund

Doug Groen

CHURCH FAMILY

I would like to say Thank You to the Emden church family for the concern shown to me after my surgery. Thank you for all the prayers lifted up on my behalf, the phone calls, cards, and flowers. All of these were greatly appreciated and your kindness felt! Blessings to you, Julie Link

CHURCH CALENDAR

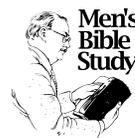
Wednesday 7:00 pm *Council Meeting*

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This evening we will be having Bible Study at 6 pm. All are welcome.

Next Sunday, March 15, we will be hearing God's word from Mark 12:13-17.

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



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.

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.

Classis Report:

- Pastor David Zigterman was chosen to serve as a delegate to Synod.
- Classis approved the formation of regional Safe Church teams. Each church is responsible for appointing one person to the regional team. If you have an interest in serving in the role, please let Pastor David know.

Upcoming dates:

March 11: Council 7:00 pm
March 18: Ladies Bible Study
March 22: Bible Study 6:00 pm
March 28: Men's Bible Study 7 pm
April 9: Maundy Thursday service with communion 7 pm



REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - Vacation Bible School Waffle Feed



Join us **TODAY** from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for a **Dad's Belgian Waffle Feed** at the Renville Community Center.

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 Christian Reformed Church, 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.



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

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



Lenten Prayer Breakfast

Men's Lenten Breakfast - Bethany Reformed Church -

Come join us Men of all ages for a delicious pancake and 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!

SPRING BAND CONCERT 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. A free-will offering will be taken to support the CMCS music program.

SPRING CHORAL CONCERT We invite you to come out to Central MN Christian's choir concert on Monday, March 16 at 7pm in the CMCS High School gym. Like in the past, we will need your voices to help out on our final piece of the night!

Rock of Life CRC invites you to our Annual Soup and Dessert Supper fundraiser on March 11 from 4:30-6:30 pm. We will be serving a variety of soups, bread and cheese, beverages and desserts. We will be collecting a free-will offering and the proceeds will go to help fund supplies and expenses for "Days for Girls"-the mission work of our Coffee Break Women's Bible Study. We would love to see you there and fellowship with you!

FROM THE CMCS TRANSITION TEAM: The Transition Team has been working diligently to create a smooth transition for Mr. Jon De Groot into his role of Superintendent. The Transition Team, along with Jon, have been working on digesting the survey results received during the search process. We would like to thank you for the feedback, as the results have been shared with the School Board and Leadership Team. Please continue to pray for these teams as the feedback provided is directly informing our plans and perspectives moving forward.

Several onsite opportunities are being coordinated by the Transition Team to interact with Faculty/Staff, Students and the broader constituency. The first opportunity is scheduled for Friday, March 13th. Jon will be leading the closing events for Spiritual Emphasis Week with Praise and Worship beginning at 7:00 p.m., a message given on the challenge to live in the Joy of The Lord, and a time of fellowship to follow. All community members are welcome to join us!

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.

SOUP SUPPER You are invited to the JAM Soup and Homemade Pie Supper on Wednesday, March 18 from 5-7:30pm in the Bunde CRC fellowship hall. Money raised will be used to support JAM and Jr. JAM ministries. Please join us for some great food and great fellowship!

BACK-THE-PACK 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.

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.

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.



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 8, 2020
Mark 10:32-52
How To Be Great

1. Jesus' third passion prediction (vs. 32-34)
2. The misguided request of James and John (vs. 35-45)
3. Jesus heals a blind man (vs. 46-52)



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: Iran A Great Harvest Waiting in Iran

Though Iranians have faced political and economic crises in recent months, Christian workers report that they are more open to the gospel than before. Evangelists in Iran say that for every ten people they speak to about Christ, six or seven are ready to respond. “At no point before has Iran been so eager and ready to hear the message of the gospel,” a ministry leader said. He said there are also many secret followers of Christ in the country who have not openly declared their faith. Pray for Christian workers who are helping to reap this great harvest.

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**

