

**Emden Christian Reformed Church**  
**Pastor David Zigterman**  
**Sunday, March 24, 2019**

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

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

- Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship
- Welcome and announcements
- \*Opening Song *Blest Be The Tie That Binds* SJ 138 vs. 1,2
- \*Opening prayer
- \*Call to worship
- \*God's Greeting of His People
- \*We Greet One Another
- \*Songs of Praise *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name* PH 471 vs. 1-3  
*Jesus Shall Reign* PH 412 vs. 1,3,5

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

- Confession of sin
- Assurance of pardon Isaiah 25:6-8
- Song of gratitude *I Will sing of My Redeemer* SJ 237 vs. 1-3
- Prayer of God's people: conclude with the Lord's Prayer
- Ministry of Music
- Offering CMCS Tuition Support
- Song of preparation *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* SJ 256 vs. 1,4

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

- Prayer for illumination
- \*Scripture Matthew 22:1-14 *pg. 1534*
- Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
- Congregation: Thanks be to God
- Message **A Difficult Parable**
- Prayer of Application
- \*Song of response *All Glory Laud and Honor* PH 375 vs. 1-3
- \*Profession of our faith Apostle's Creed

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

- \*Parting Blessing
- \*Closing Song *Oh, For a Thousand Tongues* PH 501 vs. 1,4,7

*Even amid Lent we live in the light of Easter, and every Sabbath celebrates salvation! God made the Sabbath holy and gave it to all as a gift. He invites us to lay aside our work and worries, to trust that because He is in control, we're free to rest and worship. Welcome!*

This evening we will continue our Bible Study called *Discovering and Living God's Heart for Immigrants: A Guide to Welcoming the Stranger* by Matthew Soerens and Jenny Yang.



<p>Next Sunday, March 31, 2019</p> <p>Greeters: Zach &amp; Teri Johnson</p> <p>Library: Julie Link</p> <p>Coffee Hour: Bob &amp; Jill Marcus</p> <p>Sound System: Brad Link</p> <p>Nursery: Jane Groen</p> <p>Ushers: David Daugherty</p> <p>Letter to Michelsons: Loren &amp; Rhonda Marcus</p> <p>Congregational Visitor: Julie Link</p> <p>Offering: am The Broken Church</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b></p> <p>9:00am Catechism (Sept.—May)</p> <p>10:00am Morning Worship Sunday School</p>
<p><b>Elders:</b></p> <p>Duane Mulder - President</p> <p>Kim Mulder - Vice President</p> <p>Doug Groen - Clerk</p>	<p><b>Deacons:</b></p> <p>Todd Groen - Chairman</p> <p>Curt Groen - Benevolent / Building Fund</p> <p>Bob Swyter - Treasurer</p>

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### From Back to God Ministries International

FAMILY FIRE - 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: GIDEON AND GOD'S UNCONVENTIONAL WAYS - When God chooses Gideon as Israel's next deliverer, he upends human logic and expectation. Study Judges 6-7 with Groundwork to see why Gideon's story reminds us that God is in control and he can win mighty victories in unconventional ways. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### 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 safety at Inspire 2019, and for the health of all involved, freeing people to focus on God's leading at the event, rather than on pain or fear.

### From Faith Formation Ministries

Lent Family Faith Formation Tip - As another exercise in self-examination, read Galatians 5:22-23 as a family this week. Talk about which fruits of the Spirit are easier for each of you to practice, and which are harder. Then pray for each other, asking the Spirit to grow those fruits in your family. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

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All Bulletin announcements due by Thursday noon.	
<b>Pastor David's office hours:</b>	<b>Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 am—12:00</b>
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<b>Office phone: 320-329-3932</b>	<b>You are welcome to stop in and visit without an appointment.</b>

## TODAY

Greeters:	Todd & Jane Groen
Library:	Julie Link
Coffee Hour:	Loren & Rhonda Marcus
Sound System:	Curt Groen
Nursery:	Donna Fuls
Usher:	Zach Johnson
Letter to Michelsons:	Butch & Linda Mayer
Congregational Visitor:	Julie Link
Visiting Elder:	Kim Mulder



## CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday 7:00 pm *Lenten service at Emden with Ebenezer Presby*

## CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to James & Phyllis Santjer who are celebrated their 60th Wedding anniversary on March 12. The family invites everyone to join them today after the morning service for cake and coffee. May God continue to bless their marriage and their family. James & Phyllis' great grandchildren will be providing special music.



Dear Friends, This week, we have three new posts on our blog: <https://anthsara.blogspot.com>

*ECHO 2019 Maresha Ripper in Teso Psalm 127*

I have some trips coming up to Kenya and Tanzania and would appreciate your prayers for safe travel and smooth border crossings.

And please pray for Anthony as well, who has a couple weeks of TLT preaching trainings coming up. Thank you!

In Christ, —Sara and Anthony

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Easter Lilies

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily to help decorate the church for Easter, please, sign the list by the mailbox counter and pay Samantha Link by **today, March 24.** \$21 each

Tonight we will continue our study of *Discovering and Living God's Heart for Immigrants*. All are welcome.



Next Sunday, March 30, we will be hearing God's word from Matthew 25:1-13. The offering will be for The Broken.

**Upcoming dates:**

- March 27 Lenten Service at Emden with Ebenezer
- March 31 VBS Waffle Feed
- April 3 Lenten Service at Ebenezer
- April 10 Lenten Service at Emden with Ebenezer
- April 18 (Maundy Thursday) at Emden with Ebenezer Presbyterian



**Sunday School and Catechism** will meet the 1st and 3rd Sunday of



each month beginning January 6. Catechism (4th grade through High School) meet from 9:00 am 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>.

**REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Men's Lenten Breakfasts** will be Wednesdays, March 13 – April 17, starting at 6:30 – 7:05 am at Bethany Reformed Church in Clara City. Men and sons are invited to join us for pancakes & sausage and a brief message from area speakers. This year's theme is "*Glory of the Cross*"



The West Central Men's Chorus will have a rehearsal TODAY, Sunday, March 24 from 2:00 - 4:30 at First CRC in Prinsburg. If you have any questions, contact Michelle Mulder at [mkmulder@hotmail.com](mailto:mkmulder@hotmail.com).

\* **The Chorus will be performing** on Sunday, March 31 at 2:00 pm at the First CRC in Prinsburg and also on Sunday, April 7 at 2:00 pm at the Vineyard Methodist Church in Hutchinson. Everyone is invited to come and hear the men in concert.

You are invited to a concert entitled, "*We are Not Alone*" performed by the Rehoboth Christian High School band.

Rehoboth Christian School was founded in 1903 as a ministry to the Native American people. Come and worship with us! Tuesday, March 26 at CMCS, Prinsburg, MN at 6 pm. We hope you join us!



Take a trip back to 1965 and relive the old TV series "Get Smart." Join the CMCS Drama Department and witness Maxwell Smart, Agent 99, and the Chief as they take on the evil villain Mr. Big and his KAOS agents to keep them from taking over the world with the "Inthermo!"



Performances are March 28 and 29 at 7:00pm. There will be a Dinner Theater on March 30 at 6:00pm. Tickets available starting Thursday, March 7. Please contact the High School Office, 978-8700, for purchasing tickets.

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.

For information regarding both student as well as adult Driver's Training courses, go to the website at: [www.212drivingschool.com](http://www.212drivingschool.com).



Save the Date: 2019 Ecumenical VBS on July 28 - August 1 at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Sacred Heart Theme: *Transformed Community* | *Romans 12:2*

\*Bible School Fund Raiser - Join us on Sunday, March 31 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.



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.

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.

## April 2019 Mississippi "Helping Hands" Project

A "Helping Hands" trip is being organized to the deep south over spring break. Junior and Senior high school students are invited to come along to lend a helping hand at the Cary Christian Center in Cary Mississippi. Will you join us? The Lord has blessed us GREATLY on previous trips!!! Please pray about it...and if the Lord is prompting you to join us, please sign up in the school office.



If you have questions, please contact Duane Bonnema at 320-212-9660 (cell) or 320-967-4472 (home); or Andy Ypma at 320-510-0142 (cell) or 320-978-6206 (home). The cost will be \$175 per student. If this cost places a burden on you, contact Duane or Andy.

Our group will be leaving Friday, April 12, at 6:00 a.m., and returning Saturday, April 20 (the evening before Easter). We are in need of a couple more adult leaders, especially with skills in carpentry, shingling, and home repair. If you know someone who is interested, please contact Andy or Duane. We are also looking to borrow a van or suburban type vehicle. If you have one available, please let us know. If you are unable to join us on this trip, but are willing to help, you can be a part of this ministry effort by praying for us. We need your prayers and we need God's guidance as we prepare to lend a helping hand to those in need.

*...This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. — I John 3:16-18*

### Indulge for Lent?

Rather than sacrificing something for Lent — especially something easy and spiritually insignificant, such as chocolate — Patty Kirk, in *Guideposts* magazine, suggests finding new ways to indulge in God's presence. Surely one can do this by having extra devotions or attending Lenten worship services. But Kirk offers these ideas:

- Spend time outdoors, sensing God's magnificence.
- Spend time with others, extending generosity and compassion. Remember Jesus' promise that when you care for others, you care for him (Matthew 25:31-46).
- Pray for the "little things," coming before God in childlike trust and feeling peace.
- Watch attentively for God's answers to prayer, and receive them as reminders of his presence.
- Turn anxiety into prayer. As you frame concerns as prayers and entrust them to God, you "sacrifice" the tendency to wallow in worry.

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Matthew 22:1-14

## A Difficult Parable

- Refusal (vs. 1-7)
- The town searched (vs. 8-10)
- The wedding garment (vs. 11-14)



**PRAYER** ~ Please remember those in our congregation who have continuous health concerns: Melvin Link, Marge Link, Linda Mayer, Gerald Mulder, Darla Ruschen, DeeDee Johnson, Lilah Kleinhuizen

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**The Persecuted Church: India  
Former Muslim and Former Hindu Lead Church**

A married couple who started a new church in their city had to change venues recently because of persecution. Hani, a former Hindu, and Chakama, a former Muslim, have actively shared their faith ever since coming to Christ and getting married. The community where they were living kicked them out because of their bold witness, so they moved to another city. Their church in the new city has grown to more than 55 families, and they have also started two prayer meetings in surrounding villages. Chakama's family continues to threaten her for leaving Islam. Recently, community opposition to their church forced them to relocate, but they have not stopped meeting and the church continues to grow. Pray for Hani and Chakama as they lead the church, and pray for their continued influence on the community around them.

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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.

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