

**Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, March 31, 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 prayer
 *Call to worship
 *God's Greeting of His People
 *We Greet One Another
 *Songs of Praise *As the Deer*
 We Bow Down
 10,000 Reasons

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Confession of sin
 Assurance of pardon
 Song of gratitude *Amazing Grace - My Chains are Gone*
 Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer
 Offering *The Broken*
 Song of preparation *Be Unto Your Name*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination
 *Scripture Matthew 25:1-13 *pg. 1540*
 Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
 Congregation: Thanks be to God
 Message **Getting Ready For The Kingdom**
 Prayer of Application
 *Song of response *Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King*
 *Profession of our faith *Boundless Grace*

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing
 *Closing Song *Go My Children*

*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!*

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

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

Next Sunday, April 7, 2019		<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u>
Greeters:	Lindsey & Anna Knapper	9:00am Sunday School
Library:	Julie Link	1st & 3rd Sunday
Coffee Hour:	Gerald & Connie Mulder	(Sept.—May)
Sound System:	Todd Groen	10:00am Morning Worship
Usher:	Chuck Sietsema	
Nursery:	Isabelle Daugherty	Gene & Dawn Michelson
Letter to Michelsons:	Kim & Nancy Mulder	B.P. 2210, Bamako
Congregational Visitor:	Paul & Wanda Knapper	Mali, West Africa
Offering: am	Ministry Shares	E-mail address
Elders:		Deacons:
Duane Mulder - President	Todd Groen - Chairman	
Kim Mulder - Vice President	Curt Groen - Benevolent / Building Fund	
Doug Groen - Clerk	Bob Swyter - Treasurer	

Keep The Banner Going - The annual appeal for The Banner, the monthly magazine of the Christian Reformed Church, is coming to your mailbox this month. Although The Banner is delivered free of charge to every household in the CRC in print and online, our annual donation appeal makes this possible. To keep the conversation going look for the annual appeal in your mailbox or give online now at www.thebanner.org/donate

From Back to God Ministries International

GROUNDWORK: SAMSON AND THE RIDDLE OF GRACE - Samson was born to serve God, and yet he fails over and over again. Sounds familiar? Study Judges 13-16 with Groundwork to see God's grace at work in the life of his imperfect servant and be assured that God's grace is always bigger than our failures. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Faith Formation Ministries

Lent Family Faith Formation Tip - In preparation for Holy Week, consider setting up a simplified Stations of the Cross in your home or at your church. This memorable activity is a kid-friendly way to remember Jesus' suffering and sacrifice. Visit tinyurl.com/CrossStations for easy instructions. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

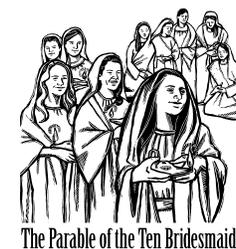
From CRC Communications

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 Mary Hulst. Pray that God will give her what she needs to share his message and speak inspiration, challenge, and encouragement to those gathered at Inspire 2019. Pray also for the interactions she will have with people at the event.

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	without an appointment.

TODAY

Greeters:	Zach & Teri Johnson
Library:	Julie Link
Coffee Hour:	Bob & Jill Marcus
Sound System:	Brad Link
Nursery:	Jane Groen
Ushers:	David Daugherty
Letter to Michelsons:	Loren & Rhonda Marcus
Congregational Visitor:	Julie Link
Visiting Elder:	Kim Mulder



CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday 7:00 pm **Ladies Bible Study**, meet at Bea Eekhoff
 Wednesday 2:00 pm **Ladies Aid**
 7:00 pm **Lenten Service at Ebenezer Presbyterian**
 Next Sunday **Coffee & Donuts before morning service**

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



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>.

Next Sunday, April 7, we will be hearing God's word from Matthew 25:31-46.

Upcoming dates:

March 31: VBS Belgian Waffle Feed
 April 1: Ladies Bible Study
 April 3: Lenten service at Ebenezer at 7 pm
 April 10: Lenten service at Emden at 7 pm
 April 18: Maundy Thursday service at Emden - Meal at 6 pm
 Service with communion at 7 pm
 May 12: Michelson's goodbye visit to Renville



REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS



Today - Bible School Fund Raiser - Join us today 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.

Today - The West Central Men's Choir will perform at 2:00 pm at the First CRC in Prinsburg. They will also perform 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.



"A Musical Mosaic" will be performed on Sunday, April 7, 4:00 pm at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, 320 10th St, in Olivia, MN 56277. This concert, in a diverse array of familiar choral and orchestral music expression, will include pieces such as *The Awakening*, *God Bless America*, *Beethoven's Hallelujah Chorus*, *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*, and *The Music of Living*. There will be a free-will collection taken, with 100% of the proceeds going to the Renville County Food Shelf. The concert is free and no tickets are required.



Please join with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ as Kurt Selles, the Director of Back To God Ministries International, will be bringing God's message and reporting on the ministry of BTGMI on Sun., April 14th at 5:30 pm at Raymond CRC. We look forward to worshipping God and celebrating what God is doing through our partnership in this ministry.

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***"



Prayer request/update from Hancock CRC
The Hancock Christian Reformed Church is very grateful to God as he has blessed our church fellowship with the love and unity we experience. Over the past few years, a number of people have come to worship with us and join our church. We are celebrating that in March, 11 people became officially part of our church through adult

baptisms, baptism of covenant children, professions of faith, and transferred memberships. We also are facing the challenge of aging members with declining health, and a few currently on hospice care. Please pray for the pastor, council, committee leaders and teachers for ongoing health and strength in their work. Likewise, that God continue to bless us as we witness to the Hancock and broader communities.

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, MS. 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.



MISSION TRIP

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

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



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.



PRAYER CORNER

REQUESTS
FOR
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

Sunday, March 31, 2019

Matthew 25:1-13

Getting Ready For The Kingdom

Sermon Notes

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: World Renew Responds to Cyclone Idai - South Africa

Cyclone Idai destroyed homes and devastated crops, infrastructure and livelihoods throughout southern Africa. World Renew is responding. This storm exacerbated the humanitarian needs caused by flooding throughout Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe that has affected families since the beginning of March. Having lost homes and possessions, many families are sleeping on the ground with no protection from the elements.

The World Renew team in Malawi has already visited affected communities to assess the needs. Through conversations with local community members, the team has identified that many families do not have access to essentials like food, reliable shelter, or kitchen supplies. The majority of people affected are farmers, whose crops have been damaged or completely destroyed, leaving them with few ways to earn the income necessary to begin the difficult journey of recovery, which may take months.

Plans are already in place to provide families with blankets to stay warm and tarps to build temporary shelters until their homes are repaired. Families will also receive kitchen kits to replace the household possessions they lost.

However, the needs are far greater than World Renew can currently meet. Your donations will help scale up the response to reach even more affected families. Please donate today, and please pray for displaced families, that the peace of Christ would shine in the midst of uncertainty. Donations can donate online by designating your gift to "Cyclone Idai" over the phone, or by mailing checks to: United States 1700 28 th St SE Grand Rapids, MI 49508 1-800-552-7972

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

