

Welcome to Emden CRC

March 9, 2024



## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

\*Opening Song (words on screen)

Praise

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

\*Songs of praise (words on screen)

What a Beautiful Name

Goodness of God

## WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Gems Litany (see handout)

Gems theme song

Ministry updates:

GEMS

Cadets

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Gems and Cadets organizations

Noisy Offering (Gems and Cadets local ministry)

Liturgical Dance

You Say

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

\*Scripture: Romans 12:1 pg. 1763

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Message: A living sacrifice

\*Song of response (words on screen)

Change My Heart O God

## WE DEPART TO SERVE

\*Parting Blessing

\*Closing Song (words on screen)

My Friends May you Grow in Grace

\*please stand if you are able

*Our mission: God has called us to be his faithful and grateful family in the Renville area by practicing hospitality, enjoying the gift's God has given us, while embracing and supporting God's mission in our own neighborhood and the world.*

## Sermon notes:

March 9		March 16
Tim and Dawn Link	Greeters	David and Andrea Daugherty
Layla Engstrom	Nursery	Isabelle Daugherty
Todd Groen	Sound system	Nick Daugherty
Jaden and Cassandra Thompson	Coffee Hour	Dalen and Donna Fuls
Gems and Cadets	Offering	Building Fund

### Elders:

Brad Link - President  
David Daugherty - Vice President  
Doug Groen- Clerk  
David Zigterman - Pastor

### Deacons:

Jake Groen - Chairman  
Josh Groen - Building Fund  
Kevin Engstrom- Treasurer

## Upcoming dates:

- March 9: Youth Sunday with potluck; Renville service, 2pm
- March 19: Gems
- March 20: VBS meetings, 6:30 pm
- April 2: Gems; Council

## Church announcements:

Next Sunday, March 16, we will be hearing God's word from Matthew 26:47-75.

### Council notes

- Treasurer Report: February
  - Beginning Balance: \$35,318.45
  - Receipts: \$9,219.68
  - Expenses: \$11,766.85
  - Ending Balance: \$32,771.28
  - Building Fund:
    - Beginning balance: \$9,299.97 + 15k = 24,299.97
    - Offerings: \$1,274 + \$6.60 in dividends
    - Expenses: \$206.17
    - Ending balance: \$9,374.40 + \$15,000 loan from classis = \$24,374.40
- Other notes:
  - Council discussed and are exploring a possible church plant

We warmly welcome families who have children participating in GEMS and Cadet. After the service, we will have a potluck. All are welcome!

Sunday School schedule:  
March 23, April 13 and 27

Please keep Linda Mayer in your prayers as she recovers from her surgery. If you would like to send her mail her address is:  
2507 10th St SW  
Willmar, MN 56201-5059

Shepherding elders:  
March: Harold Groen  
April: Duane and Verla Mulder

## Requested Announcements

Have you been heard? Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2025 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit

[crcna.org/survey/6377](http://crcna.org/survey/6377) to answer the survey questions by March 31.

The Central MN Christian School Drama Department is preparing for its Spring Play, "The Glass Slipper," by Vera Morris. The cast includes 17 High School students and two Middle School students in this retelling of the Cinderella story. Performances will be on Thursday, April 3, and Friday, April 4, at 7:00pm in the Central Event Center. A Dinner Theater experience will be offered on Saturday, April 5, at 6:00pm. Tickets go live on Wednesday, March 12, at [centralbluejays.org/resources](http://centralbluejays.org/resources). Tickets for Thursday and Friday will be \$10 a person. Dinner Theater tickets will be \$45 a person.

The Bunde-Raymond Youth Group would like to invite you to join us at our annual Soup & Pie Supper fundraiser! We will be serving up this delicious free will donation meal at Bunde CRC on Wednesday, March 19th from 5pm to 7pm. There will be a to-go option as well. Funds raised from this event will go towards mission trips, activities, and speakers. Thanks for your support!

Central Minnesota Christian School invites you to *Central Preview*, an event for prospective families interested in Christian Education on Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30pm in the Event Center. If you would like to attend *Central Preview*, where you will receive a tour, meet staff, and learn more about the school, RSVP by March 14 at [centralbluejays.org/preview](http://centralbluejays.org/preview) or by contacting the High School office at 320-978-8700.