

**Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, April 7, 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 based on Revelation 22:12 and Matthew 25:31
 *God's Greeting of His People Revelation 22:21
 *We Greet One Another
 *Songs of Praise *Standing on the Promises* SJ 181 vs. 1-3
 Blessed Redeemer SJ 248 vs. 1-3

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Confession of sin
 Assurance of pardon 1 Peter 2:24, NRSV
 Song of gratitude *Jesus Paid It All* SJ 255 vs. 1-4
 Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer
 Offering Ministry Shares
 Noisy-offering: Anthony's TLT initiative
 Song of preparation *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story* SJ 328 vs. 1-3

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination:
 *Scripture Matthew 25:31-46 pg. 1542
 Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
 Congregation: Thanks be to God
 Message **The Sheep and the Goats**
 Prayer of Application
 *Song of response *Thanks to God for My Redeemer* SJ 587 vs. 1-3
 *Profession of our faith Our World Belongs to God, stanza 57

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing
 *Closing Song *Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You* SJ 595 vs. 1-3

Welcome to God's church! May you find refuge and encouragement as we worship the Lord. We especially welcome those who are worshipping with us for the first time and we appreciate your presence.

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 14, 2019		<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u>
Greeters:	Bob & Jill Marcus	9:00am Sunday School
Library:	Julie Link	1st & 3rd Sunday
Coffee Hour:	Chuck & Twyla Sietsema	(Sept.—May)
Sound System:	Paul Knapper	10:00am Morning Worship
Usher:	Todd Groen	
Nursery:	Judy Groen	Gene & Dawn Michelson
Letter to Michelsons:	Gerald & Connie Mulder	B.P. 2210, Bamako
Congregational Visitor:	Paul & Wanda Knapper	Mali, West Africa
Offering: am	General Fund	E-mail address
		Usmaan@hotmail.com
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: A GRIM REALITY AND A REASON TO HOPE - The book of Judges contains some pretty gruesome stories. Why are they included in the Bible? Join Groundwork as we examine Judges 3:20-23 and Judges 21 to discover the purpose of Judges and learn important lessons about sin, leadership, and hope. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Faith Formation Ministries

Lent Family Faith Formation Tip - As Holy Week approaches, look for opportunities to prepare your kids for what's coming. Talk about the Last Supper, and visit tinyurl.com/ChildrenandCommunion for insights into how kids understand communion. In age-appropriate ways, discuss the painful realities of crucifixion. And talk about the miracles described in the Bible as the greatest miracle of all—Christ's resurrection—approaches. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

From World Renew

World Renew DRS Mid-West Flood Response - You Can Help! Mid-West Flood Response: Your donation to World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) today helps communities flooded by the Missouri River in Nebraska, Iowa, and Missouri with clean up, assessments, and repair. Please give generously to help homeowners who are unable to recover on their own. Learn more and donate at worldrenew.net/spring-storms-2019, call 800-552-7972, or mail your check, with Spring Storms 2019 in the memo line, to: World Renew DRS, 1700 28th St., S.E., Grand Rapids, Mich., 49508. To volunteer, contact World Renew at 800-848-5818 or drs@worldrenew.net.

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All Bulletin announcements due by Thursday noon.

Pastor David's office hours: Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 am—12:00 Pastor's

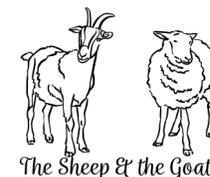
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**You are welcome to stop in and visit
without an appointment.**

TODAY

Greeters: Lindsey & Anna Knapper
Library: Julie Link
Coffee Hour: Gerald & Connie Mulder
Sound System: Todd Groen
Usher: Chuck Sietsema
Nursery: Isabelle Daugherty
Letter to Michelsons: Kim & Nancy Mulder
Congregational Visitor: Paul & Wanda Knapper
Visiting Elder: Kim Mulder



CHURCH CALENDAR

Today 2:00 pm *West Central Men's Choir in Hutchinson*
Wednesday 7:00 pm *Lenten Service at Emden with Ebenezer Presby*
8:00 pm *Council Meeting*

CHURCH FAMILY

Greetings from Tanzania! This week we have two posts for you at our blog: <https://anthsara.blogspot.com>

Bible Study and Fireless Cooker in Pallisa

Creative Farmers in Toroma

I had a great week in Kenya last week and a fun weekend visiting friends here in Tanzania. Now, I am heading to the World Renew Tanzania spiritual retreat and will be back home in Uganda by Sunday. Anthony has been holding down the fort in Soroti while I've been away. Thank you all for praying for my travel. Please continue to pray for safety on the road and smooth border crossings as I head home. In Christ, —Sara and Anthony

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 14, we will be hearing God's word from Matthew 21:1-17.

Upcoming dates:

- April 10: Lent service at Emden at 7 pm
Council 8 pm
- April 14: Evening Service at Raymond CRC
(Bible Study cancelled)
- 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 - The West Central Men's Choir will perform at 2:00 pm at the Vineyard Methodist Church in Hutchinson. Everyone is invited to come and hear the men in concert.

"In all things, give thanks." 1 Thessalonians 5:18
Wow, the support for our youth overflowed at the Ecumenical VBS Belgian Waffle Feed on March 31! Thank you to our congregations and neighbors within our communities for showing your support of the kids in our communities and of our Ecumenical VBS program. Kids, you are LOVED!



Save the date for 2019 VBS: July 28 - August 1 at Our Saviors Lutheran in Sacred Heart
Thank you! The Ecumenical VBS Committee of First, Our Saviors, Emden and Ebenezer.

"A Musical Mosaic" will be performed today, 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 worshiping God and celebrating what God is doing through our partnership in this ministry.

Upcoming Concerts at CMCS

- April 8: 7-1 Choir Concert, 7PM, Event Center
- April 25: K-6 Spring Program, 7PM, High School Gym
- April 26: K-5 Grandparents' Day, 10:30AM, HS Gym
- May 14: 9-12 Pops Concert, 7PM, High School Gym



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"**



Lenten Prayer Breakfast

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, 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. - 1 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.



Sermon Notes
Sunday, April 7, 2019
Matthew 25:31-46
The Sheep and the Goats

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 number of years a number of people have come to worship with us and join our church. We are celebrating that in the month of 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 also 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.

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.

"The resurrection ... was only the beginning of a great, grand and vast outreach that has never ended and will not end until our Lord Jesus Christ comes back again."
—A.W. Tozer

"Easter is the soul's first taste of spring."
—Richelle Goodrich

"Nothing is so strong as gentleness, and nothing is so gentle as true strength."
—St. Francis de Sales



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

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: Pakistan Christian Woman Assaulted and Locked in a Room by Muslim Employer

After fleeing domestic abuse, Aansa Bibi took a job as a house cleaner for a Muslim family. Her employer’s daughters enjoyed listening to Aansa sing Christian worship songs, but the girls’ aunt cautioned her brother about allowing an infidel Christian to work in their home. When Aansa’s employer told her she must accept Islam if she wanted to keep her job, Aansa replied that she could never leave Jesus Christ. The next day, her employer sent her to a friend’s house, where she was beaten, raped and locked in a room to “teach her a lesson.” After two days, Aansa escaped and found refuge in a women’s shelter. But while staying at the shelter, Aansa’s ex-husband kidnapped her children, and her Muslim employer is still looking for her. Pray for Aansa’s recovery and for the return of her children. Pray also that she will find a good job.

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**

