



**Emden Christian Reformed Church**  
**Pastor David Zigterman**  
**Sunday, April 21, 2019**



## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

- Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship  
 Welcome and announcements  
 \*Opening Song *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* PH 388 vs. 1-5  
 (instant choir)  
 \*Opening prayer  
 \*Call to worship based on Colossians 2:3; Revelation 5:12, NIV  
 \*God's Greeting of His People  
 \*We Greet One Another  
 \*Songs of Praise *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done* PH 391 vs. 1-5  
*Alleluia! Alleluia!* PH 387 vs. 1-4

## WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

- Confession of sin  
 Assurance of pardon 1 Peter 1:18-21  
 Song of gratitude *Your Great Name* by Natalie Grant Heather Link  
 Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer  
 Offering Building Fund/Benevolent Fund  
 Noisy-offering Anthony's TLT initiative  
 Song of preparation *Low in the Grave Christ Lay* PH 396 vs. 1-3

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

- Prayer for illumination:  
 \*Scripture Matthew 28:1-10 pg. 1549  
 Reader: This is the Word of the Lord  
 Congregation: Thanks be to God

## Message **The Empty Tomb**

- Prayer of Application  
 \*Song of response *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* PH 402 vs. 1,3,5  
 \*Profession of our faith Celtic Alleluia

## WE DEPART TO SERVE

- \*Parting Blessing  
 \*Closing Song *I Know that My Redeemer Lives* LUYH 193 vs. 1,3,7

*Happy Easter! On this glorious day when we remember the victory of our Lord over sin and death, we warmly and lovingly welcome all who have come to join in the celebration. We're overjoyed to celebrate with you that Christ's resurrection means the gift of new life for all! Alleluia!*

## Sunday Evening Worship Service

This evening we are invited to worship at a combined service at 1st CRC in Prinsburg.

Next Sunday, April 28, 2019		<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u>
Greeters:	Paul & Wanda Knapper	9:00am Catechism
Library:	Julie Link	(Sept.—May)
Coffee Hour:	Darla Ruschen & Janel Watson	10:00am Morning Worship
Sound System:	Curt Groen	Sunday School
Nursery:	Judy Groen	
Usher:	Todd Groen	
Letter to Michelsons:	David & Andrea Daugherty	Gene & Dawn Michelson
Congregational Visitor	Paul & Wanda Knapper	B.P. 2210, Bamako
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Duane Mulder - President		Todd Groen - Chairman
Kim Mulder - Vice President		Curt Groen - Benevolent / Building Fund
Doug Groen - Clerk		Bob Swyter - Treasurer

### From Back to God Ministries International

**GROUNDWORK: EASTER: THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST** - Matthew's gospel records the fear and doubts experienced as Jesus' followers first encounter their risen Lord and Savior. Join Groundwork as we explore Matthew 28 to celebrate the victory of Christ's resurrection and learn how to respond to doubts in our own faith. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### From CRC Communications

**D-Day Memories** - Do you remember D-Day, the Allied invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944? Do you know someone who does? In commemoration of the 75th anniversary of this important event during World War II, the CRC News plans to include an article about it in our June 5 news email. Can you share your memories or put us in contact with veterans or survivors of the Normandy landings? Email [cmeehan@crcna.org](mailto:cmeehan@crcna.org)

**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 Soong-Chan Rah. Pray that God will guide him as he prepares the message he will share at Inspire 2019, and that his words will encourage those listening. Pray also for interactions and conversations he will have with people at the event.

### From Faith Formation Ministries

**Easter Sunday Family Faith Formation Tip** - Got Lego, Playmobil, or other small figures? Use them to reenact Jesus' resurrection with kids today. Read the Easter story from John 20:1-18 in a child-friendly version of the Bible like the NlRV (available at [BibleGateway.com](http://BibleGateway.com)). Then read it again, slowly, as kids act the story out with figures and experience it in a new way. (Faith Formation Ministries; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))

**Good Friday Family Faith Formation Tip** - Without experiencing the darkness of Good Friday, we can't fully appreciate the joy of Easter. Let kids know that it's appropriate to be sad this week as we remember Jesus' suffering and sacrifice, but remind them that death does not have the last word in God's salvation story! (Faith Formation Ministries; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))

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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:	Gerald & Connie Mulder
Library:	Julie Link
Coffee Hour:	Kim & Nancy Mulder
Sound System:	Brad Link
Usher:	Chuck Sietsema
Nursery:	Rachael Zigterman
Letter to Michelsons:	Duane & Verla Mulder
Congregational Visitor:	Paul & Wanda Knapper
Visiting Elder:	Kim Mulder



### CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday 7:00 pm **Ladies Bible Study** - meet at Bea Eekhoff,

### CHURCH FAMILY

You are invited to an open house baby shower in honor of Josh and Megan Groen on Saturday, May 4, at 10:30 a.m. at the First Lutheran Church in Renville. The couple is expecting a baby boy in June. They are registered at Target



Greetings Friends! This week our April prayer letter is in your church mailboxes.

Thank you for your faithful prayers for us. I am grateful to have made it home after an enjoyable and productive trip to Kenya and Tanzania. Now, we would appreciate it if you could pray for Anthony's work permit. Mine is approved and ready to pick up, but we will need to travel to Kampala next week to request additional paperwork which has been delaying the approval of Anthony's renewal.

May you have a joyous celebration of Easter as we remember Jesus' death and resurrection and the hope this gives us for salvation and forgiveness of sin. — In Christ, Sara and Anthony

### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The last day of Sunday School, Catechism, and Noisy Offering will be Sunday, May 5.

Next Sunday, April 28, we will be hearing God's word from Matthew 28:16-20.



Ladies Bible Study will meet Monday night at Bea Eekhoff. We will be studying lesson 2 and also any questions or comments you may have on the 3 day Bible Studies since the last lesson.

Upcoming dates:

May 12: Michelson's goodbye visit to Renville



### REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Upcoming Concerts at CMCS**

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



The Summerfest Committee is hosting a Mexican fiesta on Sunday, May 5. Join us for a Cinco de Mayo celebration from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Community Center. The menu will have a flare of Mexican flavor: pork carnitas sandwich, coleslaw, Mexican rice, chips and salsa, and dessert. Free will donation. To-go meals available. All proceeds will go directly towards defraying the costs of our hometown Summerfest events. Summerfest has graced our community with fun, food and entertainment for many years and our hope is that it will continue to do so through the support of our community members. Please, join us.

For information on upcoming Prairie Arts Chorale concerts, contact Paul Knapper.

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).



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.

**Save the Date for VBS!** From June 3 - 7 in the evenings, First CRC in Prinsburg will be hosting *Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World*. More volunteers are needed. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sarah Punt at 320-979-6941.



## **Our true power source**

The story is told of someone who plugged a power strip into itself and then couldn't understand why the system wouldn't turn on! We get a kick out of such tales, yet how often do we try to "power" our own lives? We frequently think we need to be the source of our own strength, joy, peace, energy and wisdom.

Jesus doesn't teach us to find life within ourselves - or in any human being or earthly circumstance, object or philosophy. Rather, calling himself the good shepherd, Jesus says, "I have come that [my sheep] may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10).

We don't access that abundant life by "plugging into" ourselves. Instead, Jesus invites us to plug into his power - and joy, peace, hope, truth - through prayer and Scripture, worship and service, fellowship with other Christians and the beauty of God's world.

## **When we can't find Easter**

Easter is the most joyous Christian holy day ... except when it's not. What do we do when our mood isn't what we think it "should" be? The kids are sugared up, we're juggling family gatherings (and maybe conflicts), our everyday challenges remain, and festive hymns - however rousing - fail to lift our spirits. We wonder, "What's wrong with me, that I can't seem to find Easter?"

Been there, done that. And it's okay. *You're* okay.

Jesus' resurrection doesn't scoop us out of our troubles, but the death-defying Christ walks through them beside us, on our own Emmaus road (Luke 24). We aren't alone. When we can't find Easter, Easter somehow finds us - if not on this designated Sunday, perhaps two days from now, or next week or mid-May. Watch for it; keep your heart open. Christ is risen indeed - and you shall be too.

-Heidi Mann



## PRAYER

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

**E** \*\*\*\*\*  
**R**

### The Persecuted Church: Sierra Leone

#### Tailoring Program Helps Transform Lives

A group of women who were disowned by their families after coming to faith in Christ are now receiving vocational training that will help them support themselves. Upon graduation from the VOM-supported program, the women will be equipped to set up a small tailoring business. *“These women have been transformed spiritually, physically, morally, emotionally and socially,”* said the VOM partner who oversees the program. He said the women are also active witnesses for Christ in the town where the training center is located. *“Through their effective evangelism,”* he said, *“we are getting ready to baptize 15 converts.”* Praise God for His work in these women’s lives, and pray for the success of their new businesses.

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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.

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.

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

