

ReFrame Ministries

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Remembering Moms on Mother's Day - Honor your mom next week with your offering for Free A Family® Sunday from World Renew. Nvou Gyang, a single mother of four sons, can feed and support her family with World Renew's help through Free A Family®. Remember your Mother and other women of influence in your life in a unique way this year through your gifts and offerings for World Renew and Free A Family® Sunday on May 9. Give at church or online at worldrenew.net/FreeAFamily®.

Share God's Love with the People of India - All over the world, countries have faced the global impact of COVID-19. But right now, the scale of loss in India from this pandemic is heartbreaking. Daily new case counts are exceeding 350,000 and every five minutes, someone dies from COVID-19. The news is grim, but through our prayers and gifts we can extend God's love to the people of India. World Renew is responding by providing vulnerable families with hygiene kits and cash for food and medicine. To donate go to: worldrenew.ca/corona

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TODAY

Brad Link
Ministry Shares
Heidi & Heather Link
Layla Lewis

Sound System
Offering
Coffee Hour
Nursery

NEXT SUNDAY 5/9/21

Todd Groen
General Fund
Duane & Verla Mulder
Dawn Link

CHURCH CALENDAR

- May 2: Congregational meeting to discuss kitchen remodel
Catechism & Circle of Grace class
Difficult Conversations: a study of the CRCNA human sexuality report at 5pm
- May 12: Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- May 16: Circle of Grace
- May 23: Communion - offering for The Broken

CHURCH FAMILY

Verla & Duane Mulder wish to thank you for the prayers offered, cards sent & condolences offered since the passing of sister Gladys. We miss her but thank God that her struggles are over & she is with the Lord she loved.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will be continuing in-person worship. Please wear a mask. We have masks available. Feel free to take one and use. Please maintain a distance of 6 feet whenever possible. Hand sanitizer is also located throughout the building. If you do not feel well, we request that you refrain from coming. You can watch our services on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/emdenrcr>. The sermon will continue to be made available on the website.

If you would like to continue giving during this time you may send your offering to PO BOX 390, Renville, MN 56284 or drop it off in the clay pot in the narthex. There is now also an online option. Visit <https://www.emdenrcr.org/online-giving> for more information.

After the service this morning there will be a congregational meeting to discuss upgrading the kitchen.

On Sunday, (Tonight) May 2 at 5pm we will begin **Challenging Conversations: A Study of the CRCNA human sexuality report**. This is a 5 session study designed to help a congregation work through the study report. The dates for this study are May 2, May 9, May 16, May 23, and June 6. Copies of the summary report are available by the mailboxes.

On May 2 and 16 after the service there will be a Circle of Grace class for our young children. The goal of the Circle of Grace program is to educate children to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others.

The last Catechism class of the year will be today after the service.

Next Sunday, May 9 we will be hearing God's word from Psalm 72 and Lord's Day 48 of the Heidelberg Catechism.

Please consider this prayer challenge: spend 1 minute each night at 8:00 pm to pray for our nation.



Our church will be hosting NA (Narcotics Anonymous) meetings on Sundays at 2 pm. There will be no meeting for the 3rd and 4th Sundays in April. For more information, please call 218-616-7967.

The Emden Church in Renville will host a Hymn Sing on Sunday, June 27 at 4:00 PM. This Hymn Sing will be facilitated by Ned Wohlman, Randy Groen, and Paul Knapper, with accompanists Janel Watson and Pam Knapper. This event will include a few trio selections and of course, the roof raising singing of many 'good old hymns' of yesteryear. It's going to be a good time so mark your calendars today!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

9-12 CMCS Pops Concert: Tuesday, May 18, 7:00 pm in the HS Gym. We have recently seen a few positive cases of COVID surface within our school community. Therefore, we ask that you take precautionary measures when attending and stay home if you have symptoms. Family or community members who are uncomfortable gathering in larger groups are welcome to watch online from home on our YouTube channel. Our live streaming team works hard to ensure a great experience for our constituency.



Enrollment forms for the Back-the-Pack program can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/backthepackprogram/>. If you know of anyone who might be interested or in need of this program, please share this link with them.

The Haiti Literacy Team wants you to know it's not too late...you can still get your kitchen towel set for Mother's Day or shower gift even if you haven't preordered. Come tomorrow, May 3, to Unity CRC between 7-8:30pm to purchase your towels. Each set is unique. You can purchase a single towel, a coordinating set of 2 or a seasonal set of 4. All proceeds go to support the Haiti Literacy Program. Questions? Contact Kris TeBrake at 320-894-6394.

Suicide Intervention Training, July 26-27 - Learn to save a life. LivingWorks ASIST is a two-day face-to-face workshop featuring powerful audiovisuals, discussions, and simulations. At a LivingWorks ASIST workshop, you'll learn how to prevent suicide by recognizing signs, providing a skilled intervention, and developing a safety plan to keep someone alive. Pastors Perrin Werner (Grace CRC) and Daryl Thul (South Santiago Lutheran Church) will be facilitating the course. Both are Master Trainers and have taught the course in both military and civilian contexts and used these methods to save lives. Cost \$125. Unity CRC in Prinsburg will be hosting the upcoming ASIST workshop on July 26-27 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Participants must be present on both days. Email Pastor_Perrin@gracecrcigh.org

Kids' Video Bible Study - Learning the Bible can be fun. Keep your kids engaged with "God's Big Story," a 7-part introductory Bible study from Kids Corner that takes your child on a trip through the Bible and God's rescue plan for his people. Check it out at kidscorner.net/gods-big-story.

Interested in seminary? Concerned about the cost? If you are hoping to pursue vocational ministry as Minister of the Word in the CRCNA, there is financial help available! The Classis Ministry Leadership Team (CMLT) intentionally journeys alongside seminary students toward candidacy, and can help connect you with funds raised from the churches of Classis Lake Superior. If you'd like to learn more or connect with the CMLT about your plans, please e-mail Robert Hoekstra at pastor@hopecrc.com by June 1.



PRAYER CORNER

Please remember those in our congregation who have continuous health concerns:

REQUESTS Marge Link, Butch & Linda Mayer, Darla Ruschen,
—FOR— DeeDee Johnson, Carson Groen
PRAYER

**The Persecuted Church - Benin
Former Satan Worshipper Now Follows Christ**

Jean’s family were devil worshippers who participated in traditional ceremonies, worshipping Satan and cursing people, when an evangelist came to his house in 2011 to share the gospel. As the evangelist preached about the peace of God in Jesus, Jean placed his trust in Christ. After he became a Christian, his father tried to stab him with a knife and then tried to shoot him with a bow and arrow. Jean fled to his uncle’s house, where he remained for two years until his uncle told him to leave. Jean is married and has a daughter, and they are currently staying with a Christian friend while Jean does farm work to survive. Pray that Jean will be able to provide for his family. Pray also that he would be able to lead his family to faith in Christ as well.

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.

~ OUR MISSION ~

Our mission is affirming the Lordship of Christ, expressing our faith through worship, fellowship, growth and service. We would welcome you to share with us the joy of this exciting venture of faith.

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



Sermon Notes
Sunday, May 2, 2020
Psalm 89 & Lord’s Day 47
Hallowed Be Your Name