

From Back to God Ministries International

THE FRUIT OF FAITHFULNESS - You might say remaining faithful is affected by our circumstances and what we need to remain faithful to. Study Lamentations 3:22-23, 1 Corinthians 16:13, and Hebrews 12:1-3 with Groundwork to discover how God's faithfulness to us helps develop the spiritual fruit of faithfulness in our own lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From World Renew

Cook Stoves and Kitchens - Refugees are struggling to survive in the Rohingya refugee camp near Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. World Renew plans to provide community kitchens and cook stoves for hundreds of people and we need your help. Please donate \$7 or more via our partner, One Day's Wages, by July 3 to have your donation matched 1:1 for this critical emergency response. (You can opt out of all communications from One Day's Wages.) Go to onedayswages.com/worldrenew to give today.

Free A Family from poverty - June 24 is Free A Family® offering Sunday for World Renew. Join in helping a whole family and their entire community leave poverty behind for less than \$1 a day. Galatians 5:10 says that the purpose of freedom in Christ is to serve others humbly, in love. Please give generously to World Renew to help more families improve their lives. Thank you.

June 24 is Maternal and Child Health Sunday - In remote areas of developing countries, pregnant mothers often lack the resources and care that they need to help give their young children a strong beginning to life. As a result, hundreds of thousands of women in our world die during pregnancy or childbirth every year, and nearly nine million children die before reaching the age of five. Through World Renew, God is equipping families to radically improve health outcomes for mothers and young children. Next week, June 24, is Maternal & Child Health Sunday. Please prayerfully consider what you can give to World Renew to help give practical help and lasting hope to mothers and children in need.

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

TODAY

Greeters: Darla Ruschen & Janel Watson
Library: Julie Link
Coffee Hour: Chuck & Twyla Sietsema
Sound System: Paul Knapper
Ushers: David & Moise Daugherty
Nursery: Judy Groen
Transportation:
Letter to Michelsons: Zach & Teri Johnson
Congregational Visitor: Julie Link
Visiting Elder: Doug Groen

Honor Your Father



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Each Sunday morning, we will be having a time of prayer before the service beginning at 9:15.



 Nursery Sign-up - We are in need of some members to help in the nursery. There are several spots open in the next couple of months. Please sign up by the mailbox counter.

Next Sunday, June 24 we will be hearing God's word from Philippians 4:1-9 in the morning and study Romans 11:16-36 in the evening.

Council Notes

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| April Treasurer's Report | |
| Beginning Balance | \$7,777.97 |
| Total Deposits | \$10,016.21 |
| Total Expense | \$9,310.41 |
| Ending Balance | \$8,483.77 |
| May | |
| Beginning Balance | \$1,202.00 |
| Total Deposits | \$9,064.18 |
| Total Expense | \$8,061.40 |
| Ending Balance | \$9,486.55 |
| Building Fund: \$17,708.44 | |
| Benevolent Fund: \$5,005.69 | |
| Noisy offering: \$347.90 | |
| Visiting Elder - Doug Groen | |

Upcoming dates:

Updated: June 17: Communion only

August 5-10: Ecumenical VBS

Sept. 9: Communion and potluck

Sept. 17 and 18: Classis in Alexandria

October 21: Mission Emphasis Sunday and potluck

Nov. 11: Communion and potluck



REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

As a thank you to our community, the Renville Lions Club is hosting a FREE Hot Dog and Root Beer Float Event on Monday, July 9, 2018, from 5-7pm at Memorial Park in Renville. Please join us!



Renville County Human Services is currently seeking individuals who are willing to be foster parents to children who are in need of a home. Foster parents can be blended families, one or two parent families, retired or single. The most important aspects of fostering a child is your willingness to provide a loving, safe, and stable environment. Foster parents are considered part of a team of individuals who are working to make a better life for a child. Foster parents help a child through a difficult time, share their gifts and talents and receive reimbursement for their dedication and service to children. Please call Bonnie Lund or Stacie Roxberg, Renville County Human Services at 320-523-2202 to find out more about how to become a foster parent for Renville County.



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.

Jeff Schmitz from United Campus Ministry at Ridgewater College in Willmar is seeking anyone who is interested in helping oversee their outreach to the Willmar campus and serve on their board at the Ridgewater ministry. If you are interested in helping in this area, please call Jeff at (320-905-0345).

First Lutheran of Renville, Our Saviors Lutheran of Sacred Heart, Emden Christian Reformed of Renville, and Ebenezer Presbyterian in Renville will be bringing the children of our communities together to learn about Jesus. Ecumenical Vacation Bible School, "Get Lost," will commence August 5-9 at First Lutheran, Renville led by counselors from Green Lake Lutheran Ministries. The week consists of Bible studies, worship, music, crafts, games and fellowship. The Ecumenical VBS will be from 5-8pm (includes supper) and is open to all children ages 4-13. Emden will cover the cost of registration. Registration forms can be found by the mailboxes. Please fill one out if you are interested and return to Pastor David or a member of council.



****To make the week a success, we need the help from all four congregations.** The VBS Committee is asking for congregational help in three ways:

****The Green Lake Camp Counselors need housing** during VBS on the evenings of August 5-8. There are 6 counselors as of May. The counselors can stay together or be split into groups of 2, 3 or 4 if needed.

If you are not able to house them, would you be interested in having them for breakfast or lunch one day? Let's make the counselors feel welcome in our communities.

****We are also looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen** and with the campers (adults or our middle/high school members) during the week. We are gathering names from the three hosting congregations and will be putting together a schedule of workers. More than likely we would only need you to help one night!

****Lastly, in July there will be "Get Lost!" donations board.** We are asking each congregation for help with groceries to provide all our campers with supper each night. More information will be provided in July. We great appreciate any donation and the service of your time. Please contact Samantha Link if you can house counselors or assist during VBS. Thank you. —The VBS Committee

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PRAYER

~ Please remember those in our congregation who have continuous health concerns: Melvin Link, Marge Link, Linda Mayer, Gerald Mulder, Darla Ruschen

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The Persecuted Church: Mission Network News: New pressure faces

Nepalese Christians - Nepal (MNN) — For the past several years, the Gospel has moved more in Nepal than almost any country in the world. Christians were showing the nation that the Gospel was more than just a political agenda. But Joe Handley of Asian Access says that recently, things have taken a turn for the worse.

Thanks to the Church’s work with orphan care through orphanages and human trafficking through rescue centers and job-training facilities, Nepal took notice.

“Back then, they were so impressed with what the Church was doing that they were saying ‘Hey, we need to work together! Let’s bring more freedom to you so you can make these kinds of changes to society,’” Handley said.

“The communist government even asked key church leaders to be a part of reshaping the state constitution, and that constitution was ratified about three or four years ago, giving new levels of religious freedom.” But now, Nepalese Christians are telling a different story.

“Unfortunately, with the newfound move and pressure from places like India and the government kind of moving in a more restrictive fashion, those freedoms are being pushed in the opposite direction,” Handley says. Most of that pressure comes from Indian nationalists who want to see India become a Hindu nation. Since Nepal is predominantly Hindu, these nationalists see Nepal as a perfect ally. However, they’re bothered by the religious freedom Christians enjoy, so they’re pushing Nepalese politicians to go back to restricting worship. That has inspired extremists to make moves against the Church. Key Christian leaders in the country have received death threats, nationalists lobby against the Christian Church in the political arena, Christian burial grounds are being denied or taken away, churches have been burned to the ground, and children from Christian families are being threatened at school.

“Now there are new laws being pushed that are related to anti-conversion and anti-Church laws that I’m hearing about,” Handley says. “There are significant limitations when it comes to preaching the Gospel, and any kind of church activities are being watched pretty closely.” But Christians aren’t going to stay quiet. Handley says Nepalese Christians are asking for your prayer as they move forward to reach their neighbors with the grace of the Gospel. “They tell me that ‘We’re not going to stop. No matter what the government does, it won’t stop the work of God, and we will continue to obey Christ’s command to take the Gospel to the ends of the nations and the ends of the earth.’”

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.

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