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From Back to God Ministries International

FAMILY FIRE - FAMILY FIRE is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

GROUNDWORK: JESUS' SECRET - In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus commands demons to be quiet and warns his disciples not to tell anyone who he is. Why does Jesus keep his identity secret? Study Mark 3:10-12, Mark 8:27-33, and Mark 10:42-45 with Groundwork to discover what Jesus wants us to understand before he reveals his true identity. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From CRC Communications

JOIN US AT INSPIRE 2019 - For three days in August, we're bringing people to Windsor, Ontario, for a time of learning, worship, fellowship, and encouragement. Keynote speakers include Ann Voskamp, Ed Stetzer, Mary Hulst, and Soong-Chan Rah. Workshops on a wide variety of topics will equip and inspire you and connect you with others serving in similar ways. Register today at www.crcna.org/inspire.

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 ideas, inspiration, and hope in those planning Inspire, preparing workshops and talks, setting up ministry displays and times of worship and prayer. Pray especially that all who come to Inspire 2019 will find inspiration for the continuing journey, ideas for ministry and worship, and hope in Christ.

REGISTER FOR INSPIRE 2019 - The registration deadline has been extended to July 8. Don't miss out on this weekend of encouragement, connection, and learning! Find out more and register at crcna.org/inspire

From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tip - Technology is here to stay, but everybody needs a break from it now and then. Once a week (or even once a day) take a "family tech sabbath" for an hour or more. Use that time to connect about how the day or week is going, take a walk, have a meal or snack, or read together. Build connections that will last a lifetime. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

Emden Christian Reformed Church PO Box 390—518 5th Street NW e-mail: emdenccrc@centurytel.net Secretary: Judy C Groen (320) 905-3921 All Bulletin announcements due by Thursday noon. Pastor David's office hours: Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 am—12:00 Pastors Cell: 320-400-3023 Office phone: 320-329-3932	320-329-3932 Renville, MN 56284 web site www.emdenccrc.org e-mail: j.k.groen56284@gmail.com You are welcome to stop in and visit without an appointment.
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TODAY, June 30, 2019

Greeters:	Brad & Julie Link
Library:	Julie Link
Coffee Hour:	Dalen & Donna Fuls
Sound System:	Todd Groen
Usher:	Dalen Fuls
Nursery:	Donna Fuls
Congregational Visitor:	Harold Groen
Offering: am	Gideons
Visiting Elder:	Duane Mulder

Next Sunday, July 7

Darla Ruschen, Janel Watson
Julie Link
Doug & Anne Groen
Paul Knapper
Randy Zieske
Jane Groen
Julie Link
Ministry Shares
Duane Mulder

CHURCH CALENDAR

July 3 - 4 Celebrate July 4th in Prinsburg.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we welcome Chet Boen from the Gideons who will give us an update on their work.

Next Sunday, July 7, Art Miller will be leading the service.

The Relay For Life team (Emden Tumornators)

is gearing up for this years Walk In the Park Cancer Fundraiser on August 2 starting at 4:00 pm at Nester Park in Olivia. We are planning on having a movie night (showing *Break Through*) with pizza and popcorn on Wednesday, July 24, starting at 6:00 with the movie starting at 7:00, so mark your calendars and spread the word! Everyone is encouraged and welcome to join us.



Relay For Life



Upcoming dates:

July 14: Communion and potluck

July 28-August 1: Ecumenical VBS

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is invited to enjoy the Ice Cream Social and Fireworks in Prinsburg on Wednesday, July 3, starting at 8:30 with fireworks at 10:00, at the Unity CRC parking lot.



Celebrate July 4th in Prinsburg. We have many events starting on July 3rd. Visit the school's website for more detailed times of the events at www.cmcschool.org. Annual Freedom Fun Run and Adam's Race is July 4th starting at 8:00 am. Kids races start after the Freedom Fun Run at 8:30 am. Registration for both races begins at 7:15. This is an event hosted by PrinsBank that will benefit Central MN Christian School. Participation is free and everyone receives a FREE t-shirt. For more details please visit the school's website. We will have a bus available so participants can park in the main parking lots at school and catch a ride to Unity from 7:15-7:45. There will also be a bus available from Unity to First Church for the Patriotic Service after the races.



The 4th of July will be a full day of events in Prinsburg, beginning with the Walk / Run at 8:00 am, church service at 10:00 with a delicious dinner starting at 11:00. Stay around town for a full afternoon of fun and food and fellowship.

Ecumenical VBS is quickly approaching and we are looking for some helping hands. First, in the social hall there are tags with items needed for meals during the week. Feel free to take one or more and return item(s) to box by July 21st. Next, if you are available any evening the week of July 28-August 1, we are looking for kitchen help or help with the VBS kid groups, can be 1 evening or more if you'd like. Lastly, we are looking for a few open rooms available for the Green Lake Bible Camp Counselors to stay for the week. There are 5-6 counselors that will need a place to stay. If you are able to help in any of these areas please let Sam Link know. Also, if any VBS kids need a ride to Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Sacred Heart any of these evenings please let Sam know so transportation can be arranged.



Each year Bible League International Volunteers send out a **Love Letter** to the members of their respective congregations. Our division does this the month of July and this letter will be made available to you in your church mailbox next Sunday. As Volunteers we are no longer working for just one country, but the funds we raise are being used in countries that need it the most. Please read the letter, pray about it and contribute as God leads and enables. There will be a yellow gift bag by the mail box counter which you can put your donation in or else mail it to Sandy Wubben in the envelope provided. Won't you please help to transform lives for Him?



Central MN Christian Superintendent Search Committee invites you to attend a Community Listening Session! Each Listening Session will last approximately 1.5 to 2 hours. A series of questions will be asked, with discussion to follow in groups of 5 to 10 at each table. We hope to see 60 to 70 participants at each session. RSVP is required by calling the school office (320-978-8700) or via the school website.

Community Listening Sessions – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, July 8th: CMCS Event Center

Monday, July 15th: EPIK at AG Church – Willmar

Monday, July 22nd: Bunde CRC

As a Search Committee, we are asking you to offer your perspective in a number of areas throughout the search process. Each one of you represents the community and school family in a variety of roles. Please know we value your insight as we navigate through this process. We also ask you to lift up the committee and school in prayer as we seek God's guidance and direction for the next Superintendent of CMCS. Susanne Mulder is the Prayer Team Leader, feel free to contact her at 320-212-2994 or search@cmcschool.org. More information will be available at the 4th of July events, as well as on the school website: www.cmcschool.org.

Unity CRC is gearing up to host Global Leadership Summit again this year. The faculty team/speakers is sure to impact every sphere of influence in your life...family, school, work and church! You are invited to join in a 2-day world-class leadership training. August 8 -9 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Individual to 10 person team rate \$199, 10-24 team rate \$159, 25+large team rate \$139, Student(age 19+) \$89, Student (ages 12-17) \$49, Educators (staff/faculty/board) and Military personnel \$89. These rates are good til June 25. Register at https://www.willowcreek.com/events/leadership/htmlreglink_guest.asp?siteld=868852. Please contact Unity office for any questions, 320-978-4300 or unitycrcoffice@gmail.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.

For information regarding both student as well as adult Driver's Training courses, go to the website at: www.212drivingschool.com.





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, Curt Groen

Sunday, June 30, 2019
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Our Lord's Return

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH - IRAN

God Is at Work in the Hardest Hearts

Many Iranians have lost faith in Islam, and a VOM contact reports that even some government officials have given their lives to Christ. Recently, an official in Iran's secretive religious police unit came to faith in Christ through the witness of a Christian family member. The official had been investigating one of the many house church groups that meet secretly throughout the country. And when he learned that a family member was part of the group, he angrily confronted the person. But over time, his family member's gentle witness and loving behavior changed his heart and mind, and the official eventually placed his faith in Christ. Today, he maintains his role inside the religious police, but he tries to protect Christians. Praise God that he is moving in the hardest of hearts.

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.

- Opening assertion (vs. 13)

- Reason #1 (vs. 14)

- Reason #2 (vs. 15-17)

- Conclusion (vs. 18)

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

