

Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, July 21, 2019

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude	a time to prepare our hearts for worship
Welcome and announcements	
Opening prayer	
*Call to worship	Daniel 2:20
*God's Greeting of His People	
*We Greet One Another	
*Songs of Praise	<i>Immortal Invisible God only Wise</i> PH 460 vs. 1-4 <i>Beautiful Savior</i> PH 461 vs. 1-4

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Confession of sin and assurance of pardon	
Song of gratitude	<i>I Will Sing of the Mercies</i> PH 169 vs. 1,2
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	<i>O Worship the King</i> PH 428 vs. 1,3,5

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination	
*Scripture	Hebrews 1:1-4
Reader:	This is the Word of the Lord
Congregation:	Thanks be to God
Message	God Has Spoken
Prayer of Application	
*Song of response	<i>Like a River Glorious</i> PH 560 vs. 1,2
*Profession of our faith	Our World Belongs to God, stanza 31

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing	Philippians 1:9-10
*Closing Song	<i>Standing on the Promises</i> SJ 181 vs. 1-3

*Welcome to Emden Church as we rejoice in the Spirit's gifts,
receive God's Word and become refreshed to go forth and serve
again in Jesus' name.*

Sunday Evening Worship Service
6:00 pm

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

<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u>	
9:00am	Catechism (Sept.—May)
10:00am	Morning Worship Sunday School

Elders:	Deacons:
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: THE STORY CONTINUES - The Gospel of Mark ends more abruptly than any of the other Gospels. Study Mark's unique and surprising conclusion with Groundwork as we examine Mark 16:1-8 and discover what Mark is calling us to do now that we recognize Jesus Christ for who he really is and understand what he came to do. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tip - Serving others together is an amazing way to help your family grow in faith. Loving your neighbor builds compassion and empathy—and it's fun! You'll find an awesome list of 35 kid-friendly service projects at tinyurl.com/KidServiceProjects. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

From CRC Communications

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 accessibility, and for people of all levels of ability to be included, involved, comfortable, and blessed. Pray that Inspire 2019 will be a true family reunion, reflecting the church in all its diversity and beauty.

<u>TODAY, July 21, 2019</u>		<u>Next Sunday, July 28</u>
Greeters:	Cody & Missy Strand	Bob & Joan Swyter
Library:	Julie Link	Julie Link
Coffee Hour:	Todd & Jane Groen	Harold & Norma Groen
Sound System:	Curt Groen	Todd Groen
Usher:	Randy Zieske	Loren Marcus
Nursery:	Judy Groen	Rachael Zigterman
Congregational Visitor:	Julie Link	Julie Link
Offering: am	Bldg / Benev Fund	CMCS Tuition Support
Visiting Elder:	Kim Mulder	Kim Mulder

CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday 6:00 *Walk in the Park Fund Raiser* - movie night and pizza and popcorn (see announcement below)

CHURCH FAMILY

Update on Kevin Mulder: He started his second round of chemo treatments today (7/15.) He did great after the first round and we even got in some fun time with family. The side effects weren't too bad and mostly manageable with the exception of the fatigue. When he needs to rest, he needs to rest. He will have four more treatment cycles after this one and that will take him into December. Following that, he will have a targeted therapy infusion every two months for two years. He's doing great, gaining a little weight and appreciates all the prayers and looking forward to getting back up north to do some fishing. And so far he hasn't complained about the haircuts I have given him.



Dear friends, family, and churches.

We have one new blog post to share with you at <https://anthsara.blogspot.com> **Pictures from Everyday Life**

Since coming to the USA, our schedules have been very full. But in the midst of many appointments and planning, we have been enjoying some family time. This was the longest time that we had been out of the USA: three full years. Our parents were overjoyed to have us back. And when coming back after a long time, there is always a little bit of reverse culture shock.

Here are some of our top culture shocks:

1. Tap Water. It's really odd to brush our teeth with it and to drink it without filtering it. And having the choice between super cold refreshing water instantaneously or choosing to wash your hands in hot water, is quite an amazing thing that should never be taken for granted.
2. Grocery stores. I, Anthony, had a lot of fun grocery shopping, though

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All Bulletin announcements due by Thursday noon.

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

it was also overwhelming. I understand why some missionaries go into stores in the US and weep, being overwhelmed by all the choices. I had no tears, but I was a bit frantic, wanting to buy everything in sight (it was all so cheap!) and lamenting that I wouldn't be able to buy and try most of what I wanted during our short time in the US. But I've been having a lot of fun eating chips and junk food that I can't get in Uganda. 3. I was very surprised to find myself having knee-jerk reactions of fear when seeing police or dogs here in the USA. I love dogs and police in the USA. But I am so used to being afraid of them in East Africa, that it was hard for my mind to make the switch here. There are a lot of dangerous street dogs in Uganda, and we are often afraid of the police trying to extort us.

4. Scary electronic advancements. Technology is moving way too fast, and I cannot keep up. I'm not convinced it is all healthy. Seeing friends speak into their television remotes made me thankful that life in Uganda is less focused around technology.

5. Driving on the right side of the road. If you have not experienced it, it's really weird switching back and forth between driving on the left side of the road to the right side. Sara's mind is more elastic than mine on this, so I let her drive the first few days while I acclimatized myself.

Thank you for your prayers for us. We look forward to seeing many of you over the next few months. —Anthony and Sara Sytsma

I thank God for continued healing. Thank you to everyone for your thoughts, prayers, concerns, cards, visits and food brought to our home. We feel so blessed to have such a loving church family around us. My therapy is to slowly wean myself off of my back brace. —Curt Groen

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



New Church Phone Directory: On the back table are copies of the church phone directory. Please check them over and update any information for yourself. If you no longer have a home phone, please be sure to cross that off the list and add cell phone numbers. Please put a check mark by your name when you have updated it. Thank you.

Upcoming dates:

July 24: Walk in the Park movie & pizza, popcorn fundraiser

July 28-August 1: Ecumenical VBS

August 11: Communion

August 21: Church picnic

August 25: Anthony and Sara visit and potluck



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. Free-will offering.



Next Sunday, July 21, we will be hearing God's word from Hebrews 2:10-18.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Next Sunday is the last day for you to give your **July Love Gift** for the Bible League. Your gift may be placed in the yellow gift bag by the mailbox counter or mail directly to Sandy Wubben in the attached envelope. Thank you for your consideration of your gift to help supple Bibles. —Sandy Wubben



CIRCLE is once again conducting a Back to School Supply Drive for low income students in Renville County. Please



place your donations in the box located in the entry way by Aug. 19th. All items collected will be distributed to low income students in Renville County, before school begins so they start school excited and ready to learn. We are especially in need of Backpacks (new or used), crayons, wide ruled notebooks, pocket folders, loose leaf paper and as always colored pencils and markers. If you would like to support the project with a financial donation please mail it to: CIRCLE, P.O. Box 225, Renville, MN 56284 Memo: Back to School Supplies

The CMCS Superintendent Search Committee asks you to prayerfully consider joining the search committee for the final Listening Session on Monday, July 22nd at 7:00 p.m. The event will be held at Bunde CRC and childcare is available upon request, please RSVP by calling the school office (320.978.8700) or www.cmcschool.org. All community members are welcome to attend, the committee encourages each of you to bring your thoughts, prayers and vision for the next Superintendent of CMCS.

We also ask you to continue to lift the entire process up in prayer and ask for the Lord's direction. As Proverbs 16:9 (NLT) says, "*We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.*" Our prayer is God will continue to lead us through this process and determine our steps along the way. If you have a prayer request please contact Susanne Mulder (Prayer Team Leader) at 320-212-2994 or search@cmcschool.org

Lastly, the Search Committee asks each of you to participate in the Individual Survey to give feedback regarding current and future areas of CMCS. The survey is available via the link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cmcssearchsurvey> or paper copies are available in the high school office. Thank you to all who have given their feedback!

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?siteId=868852. Please contact Unity office for any questions, 320-978-4300 or unitycrcoffice@gmail.com.

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

Sermon Notes
Sunday, July 21, 2019
Hebrews 1:1-4
God Has Spoken

- Vote of no confidence

- God has spoken



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: Eritrea
Authorities Arrest Hundreds of Believers in June**

The Eritrean government increased its pressure on Christians in June, arresting about 500 people in various raids, according to a VOM contact. In one raid on an underground church, authorities arrested 45 believers, including children, pregnant women and elderly people. “They were taken to Agordat, a notoriously hot place,” the VOM contact said. “People in the area are under fear. Let’s pray, please!” The VOM contact said one reason for the crackdown is that many young people, most of them Catholic, left the country after recent unrest against the government. The government also shut down several Catholic hospitals. “Pray for the protection of our brothers and sisters in Eritrea,” the VOM contact said, “and that the gospel will never stop being preached there.”

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

