

From Back to God Ministries International

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From Other

Tour the Biblical Lands of Israel - March 11-22, 2019. Experience a renewal of your faith and a deeper understanding of the Bible as you tour biblical lands with Pastor Peter Tuininga and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See Jerusalem, Galilee, Jericho, and other biblical places that will help the Bible come alive for you. For information go to toursofisrael.wordpress.com or contact Peter Tuininga at 1-289-877-8433 or peter.tuininga@gmail.com. Register by December 15, 2018.

From World Renew

Support Hurricane Florence Survivors - World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is responding to Hurricane Florence as the storm hits the U.S. East Coast this week. DRS regional managers are working with local officials and organizations in the Carolinas and Virginia to start initial planning to send early assessment and rapid response volunteers. The fall start-up of a reconstruction site in Tarboro, NC, in response to Hurricane Matthew (2016) has been delayed by Florence. Please pray for those in the storm's path, for World Renew, and for others helping the survivors. You can donate to Hurricane Florence response at worldrenew.net/donate, by calling 800-552-7972, or mailing your check, made out to World Renew, with "DRS Hurricane Florence" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 1700 28th St., SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508.

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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.

TODAY

Greeters:	Chuck & Twyla Sietsema
Library:	Julie Link
Coffee Hour:	David & Andrea Daugherty
Sound System:	Curt Groen
Ushers:	Duane Mulder, Harold Groen
Nursery:	
Letter to Michelsons:	Bob & Jill Marcus
Congregational Visitor:	Harold Groen
Visiting Elder:	Kim Mulder



CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday - Tuesday *Classis in Alexandria*

CHURCH FAMILY

All women are invited over the Zigterman house on Thursday October 18th at 9am for a time of fellowship and hot drinks. If anyone is interested in bringing a small snack to share you are welcome to.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School and Catechism begins today. Sunday School and Catechism will meet the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. Catechism (4th grade through High School) meet from 9:00 am to 9:45 am. Sunday School (3rd grade and below) meet during the service. In addition to this, the Sunday School will collect a Noisy Offering on the 1st and 3rd Sunday. The money collected for this offering will be go toward the leadership training initiative Anthony Sytsma is overseeing as part of the Timothy Leadership Training of World Renew. More information about this initiative can be found here:
<https://www.myworldrenew.net/timothyleadershiptraining>

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, September 23 we will be hearing God's word from Genesis 39:1-23.

Classis will take place on September 17-18 in Alexandria, MN. Our delegates are Kim Mulder (Elder), Curt Groen (Deacon), and David Zigterman (Pastor). Please pray for us while we are at that meeting

Upcoming dates:

Sept. 17 and 18: Classis in Alexandria

October 7: Disability Awareness service

October 21: Mission Emphasis Sunday and potluck

Nov. 11: Communion and potluck



COUNCIL NOTES

Treasurer's Report - August

Beginning Balance	\$7,408.48
Total Deposits	\$9,237.84
Total Expense	\$8,607.35
Ending Balance	\$8,038.97
Building Fund:	\$10,918.59
Benevolent Fund:	\$4,892.41

Decision made:

September 30 offering: for Jeff Schmidts and his work as chaplain for United Campus Ministry

October 14 special offering for the church plant Trinity Hill in Chanhassen, MN.

The annual Disability Awareness service will be held Sunday evening, Oct. 7 at 6:00 pm at the Rock of Life church in Willmar. Our guest speaker is Pastor Dan DeVries, Chaplin at Hope Haven. Emden is in charge of ushers and serving lunch. If you are able to serve that evening, please let Pastor David know. (We will be ordering bars to serve but we need people to help serve).



Thank you for partnering with New 2 You Thrift Store and our Corners of Your Field Program. Over the past 27 months, we have been able to provide over \$27,000 in gift cards to more than 60 local churches and community organizations for use in their benevolence ministry. From providing relief to those affected by homelessness, domestic violence,

floor/fire, school clothes for children in need, or winter coats for those who could not afford one, your partnership with New 2 You is making a difference in our community. Every time you donate your extra clothing, housewares, furniture or more with New 2 You, credit is earned for your organization. Because of donation made by members of our church to New 2 You, Emden had been given two \$20 gift cards for New 2 You. If you know of anyone who could use one of these, please contact a deacon.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

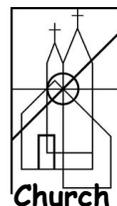


Soles4Souls: Wearing out Poverty - If you have any shoes you are no longer using, please consider giving your shoes to this organization by placing them in the blue container near the entrance of the church.

Children of the Promise will be holding our first annual corn maze in Clara City this September 1st through October 31st. We invite your congregation to join us in the fun, found on Wolverine Drive. Our maze is 8 acres, paired with pumpkins, treats, and special events every weekend. Our hours are Thursday: 3 - 11PM, Friday & Saturday: 9AM - 11PM, and Sunday: noon - 6PM. All profits will go to Children of the Promise. Our mission to provide a healthy, Christian home and family for every Haitian child. We hope to see you there! For more information, go to facebook.com/1SEEDMN.



Safe Church retreat (Sept. 17-18) in Alexandria at Classis Lake Superior:



The retreat will begin Monday morning at 10:30 and will go until the evening. Bonnie Nicholas, denominational director of Safe Church will lead the retreat portions for Monday. Jeff Vanderhooft - Classis Lake Superior SCT chair, will lead the retreat on Tuesday morning. The retreat will conclude at noon(ish) on Tuesday. Any and all safe church reps who come to the pre-classis seminar and accompanying training session will have all their expenses covered (i.e. travel as well as room and board.). Please let Pastor David know if you have an interest in attending the Safe Church retreat or if you would like to be part of a Safe Church team.

CMCS Retreat - September 21- 23 the CMCS high school students have the opportunity to spend a weekend at Lake Geneva Christian Center near Alexandria.

How can you help? First, pray that each one attending may experience a nearness to God. May He have His will. Second, Snacks, Snacks, Snacks. Kids come with appetites. If you can help – please bring goodies to the CMCS office by September 21.

Would you be able to help financially? Costs keep going up and we are trying to keep it affordable to students. In addition to lodging, we have travel and speaker expenses. Financial gifts may also be brought to the CMCS office. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Renville County Human Services is looking for people willing to volunteer to serve as guardians for adults who need assistance in making decisions due to developmental delays, mental illness or other conditions such as dementia. Guardians are people who are Court appointed to make decisions on behalf of people who, due to their mental status, are not able to make those decisions on their own behalf. The guardian's major responsibilities include authorizing placement and services, attending annual meetings or care conferences, completing annual well-being reports to the court, and authorizing medical care if needed. The amount of time is determined on a case-by-case basis. Family members, relatives or sometimes family friends typically serve as guardians for people. However, the reality is that not everyone has someone willing to be responsible for his or her decision-making and urgently needs a guardian. Compensation may be available for performing the service. Please contact Rita Berg at 320-523-3524 if you are interested in becoming a volunteer guardian.

Community Supper - 3rd Thursday of each month
5:00 – 6:30 PM First Lutheran Church
316 SW 3rd St ~ Renville
Next supper is Sept. 20 EVERYONE is welcome

RENVILLE METHODIST HAM DINNER
at the Renville COMMUNITY CENTER
Sunday, Sept. 30 from 11:00 - 1:00

Adults: \$11.00, Age 6-12: \$5.00 Take Outs (east/back door): \$11.00
ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT juicy ham (along with our famous horseradish sauce and raisin sauce), real mashed potatoes and ham gravy, green beans, and cranberry-raspberry jello salad. And your choice of a dessert.



The Friesen Historical Society invites the public to a Community Picnic and Flag Retirement Ceremony on Saturday, September 22 at the Friesen Historical Site, north of Bunde, 4075 140th Ave SE, Clara City, MN. A picnic meal will be served starting at 5 pm. There will be a free-will donation for the supper. Come tour the house, gardens and antique tool shed. The Clara City Boy Scout Troop #269 will oversee the Flag Retirement Ceremony beginning at 6:30 pm. Veterans are welcome to participate. Don't know what to do with an old flag that you have, bring it with. This ceremony is very meaningful. Please bring your own lawn chair.

The Village Children's Museum in Willmar, MN is in need of volunteers. If you are interested or have any questions, call Arlene at 320-894-2338.

Sunday school's origins

Sunday school began in England as early as 1751. Better known is Robert Raikes' work in Gloucester 30 years later. Concerned about poor children who worked in factories six days a week and often turned to crime, he offered classes on the only day kids were free. Soon various organizations offered a loose network of such Sunday schools, which taught basic reading and writing, using the Bible as a text.

Ten years later, Samuel Slater started the first U.S. Sunday school in his Rhode Island textile mills. By the mid-1800s, Sunday school attendance was an almost-universal childhood experience. As society became more secular and public education was mandated by the 1870s, Sunday schools focused on spiritual practices: prayers, hymns, catechism knowledge and Scripture memorization.

Well into the 20th century, Sunday school served as the church's main outreach tool. Many adults fondly remember their teachers and lessons, and Sunday school continues to play a significant part in faith development.



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

**The Persecuted Church: Nigeria
Pastors Targeted in Fulani Attacks**

Fulani herdsmen continue their attacks against Christians in northern Nigeria, specifically targeting pastors. Pastor Silas was talking with a church security guard after choir practice when Fulani Muslims attacked, killing the pastor and wounding the guard. “Silas was the target because he was a pastor,” a VOM worker said. In a separate incident, Fulani raiders killed the Rev. Vincent Damina as he fled an attack on his church. And in still another attack, Pastor Jacob Magit’s wife and six of his church members were killed in an attack on his church. He is now the sole caretaker for his children as well as the children of the other church members who were killed. As a result of ceaseless attacks throughout the year, about 7,500 people are now living in area camps for internally displaced people. Pray for those who have lost family members or been injured in these attacks. Pray also for the workers who are providing aid.

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.

Sunday, September 16, 2018
Genesis 12:1-9
The Call Of Abram

- God's promise (vs. 1-3)

- Abram's journey (vs. 4-9)

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

