

From Back to God Ministries International

KNOWING OUR TRUE IDENTITY - At our core, are humans naturally good or naturally evil? More personally we ask: who am I? What shapes my identity? Join Groundwork in studying Genesis 1:27, Psalm 8, Acts 17:24-28, and Romans 3:9-20 to discover why we believe humans are both children of God and sinners. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tip - To help kids understand what happens in church, be a "worship whisperer." Point out the different sections of the liturgy. Explain what "confession" means, or share with your child why a certain song is meaningful to you.

(Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

Intergenerational Worship Workshop in Sioux Falls, South Dakota - Join Faith Formation Ministries at First CRC on September 29, 2018 from 9am - 3pm to learn about the importance of spiritual formation in the home. Syd Hielema and Jill Friend will present on four important topics intended to help us strengthen both our families and church: Connecting the dots between worship, home and other church ministries; strengthening and growing an intergenerational (IGEN) leadership culture; naming and nurturing IGEN strengths already present in the congregation; and faith storytelling ideas that will bless an IGEN culture. Registration is free and lunch will be provided. Learn more and register at network.crcna.org/faith-nurture/intergenerational-worship-workshop-sioux-falls-sd

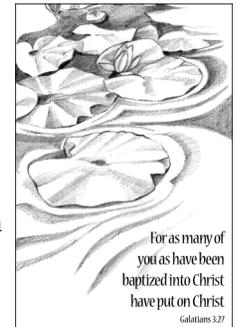
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**You are welcome to stop in and visit
without an appointment.**

TODAY

Greeters: Harold & Norma Groen
Library: Julie Link
Coffee Hour: Loren & Rhonda Marcus
Sound System: Brad Link
Ushers: Duane Mulder, Harold Groen
Nursery:
Letter to Michelsons: Kim & Nancy Mulder
Congregational Visitor: Harold Groen
Visiting Elder: Kim Mulder



CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday 2:00 pm **Ladies Aid** (see announcement below)

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we welcome Rob Braun who will be leading our morning worship service.

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.

The Zigterman's will be on vacation from August 27 to Sept. 3. If a need arises, please contact one of the Elders.

Ladies Aid will meet on Wed., Sept. 5 at 2 pm. We will be studying chapter 12 "Darkness Before Deliverance" in our study material and Daniel 11:36-12:13



On Friday evening, Sept. 7, the Knapper's invite the church family to play frisbee golf at the RCW frisbee golf course followed by a bonfire and smores at the Knapper place.

Next Sunday, September 9 we will be hearing God's word from Genesis 9:1-17 in the morning. We will also be celebrating the Lord's Supper which will be followed by a potluck.

At 2 pm, Emden will lead a service at the RenVilla Health Center.

At 4 pm, instead of our Bible Study, we will have a hymn sing.

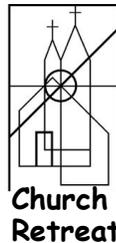
Emden Christian Reformed Church in Renville will host a Hymn Sing on Sunday, September 9 at 4:00. Featured musicians will include Pastor Dan Bowman on the saw, Violinist Dan Knapper, Pam Knapper and Janel Watson on the keyboards, along with vocalists Maureen Weideman, Ned Wohlman, and Paul Knapper. An hour of hymn singing will conclude with ice cream treats. Bring a friend or two along, and enjoy an afternoon of music and fellowship



Sunday School and Catechism will begin September 16. 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 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>.



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.



Upcoming dates:

- Sept. 7: Frisbee Golf & bonfire at Knappers
- Sept. 9: Communion, potluck, and hymn sing
- Sept. 17 and 18: Classis in Alexandria
- October 7: Disability Awareness service
- October 21: Mission Emphasis Sunday and potluck
- Nov. 11: Communion and potluck



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. Remember, where you give your excess matters. 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

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.



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.

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) will offer a brief pro-life presentation on Thursday, Sept. 13, 7 pm at the Evangelical Free Church of Redwood Falls (1370 E. Bridge St., Redwood Falls). You will learn about how to help pregnant women in need, Minnesota abortion statistics, efforts to overturn our law against assisted suicide, and more. Discover how you can make a difference in protecting innocent human life. Enjoy fellowship at this free one-hour gathering! For more information, visit the Events-Fall Tour section at www.mccl.org.



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



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.



Ask a friend or two to join you at the retreat and/or evening concert hosted by Bible League International Volunteers on September 11 at the first Reformed Church in Sioux Center, Iowa. Registration deadline is September 4. Need a ride? Call Sandy Wubben at 320-212-0944



A child's prayer for protection

If indeed childhood was ever carefree, it's hardly so now. Some children face bullying, while others deal with rough home lives. Many fret over their performance at school and in sports. News of dangers and tragedies makes parents want to shelter their kids from worldly harm.

Whether real or imagined, childhood anxieties are best confronted in the same way as adult anxieties: through prayer and the assurance of God's presence. Teach this traditional prayer to a young person in your life — and find comfort in it yourself:

God in heaven, hear my prayer. Keep me in thy loving care.
Be my guide in all I do. Bless all those who love me too.
Amen.



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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R The Persecuted Church - Sri Lanka - **Four Christians Assaulted**

A pastor, his wife and two other Christians were assaulted recently after leaving a birthday party at the home of another Christian. Five villagers confronted the Christians, threatening and verbally abusing the pastor. When the Christians continued walking away, the attackers began throwing stones at them, injuring the pastor's wife and another female. The pastor later filed a complaint at the local police station.

Although Christians in Sri Lanka can worship openly, local Buddhists often stir up anti-Christian sentiment, leading to attacks like this one.

Pray for healing of the two injured women, and pray that Christians will have the courage to keep meeting despite these threats.

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.

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

