

**Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, October 27, 2019**

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship
Welcome and announcements
Opening prayer
*Call to worship
*God's Greeting of His People
*We Greet One Another
*Songs of Praise *Why Do I Sing About Jesus* SJ 321 vs. 1-3
Constantly Abiding SJ 353 vs. 1-3

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Confession of sin
Assurance of pardon
Song of gratitude *Standing on the Promises* SJ 181 vs. 1-3
Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer
Offering CMCS Tuition Support
Song of preparation *Amazing Grace* SJ 299 vs. 1-4

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination
*Scripture Hebrews 13:7-14 pg. 1879
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
Congregation: Thanks be to God
Message **Jesus the same....**
Prayer of Application
*Song of response *Great is Thy Faithfulness* SJ 17 vs. 1-3
*Profession of our faith: Apostles' Creed (on screen)

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing
*Closing Song *To God be the Glory* SJ 79 vs. 1-3

*Today is Reformation Sunday.
We recall with gratitude the saints who led the reform of the Church.
We rejoice at the spiritual freedom we Christians
have been given by faith in Christ.
With joy in our hearts, we welcome all who have come to celebrate
our victory through Christ our Lord.*

**Sunday Evening Worship Service
6:00 pm**

Combined Reformation Service

First Christian Reformed Church of Prinsburg welcomes you to this year's Reformation Day Service tonight, Sunday, October 27 at 6:00 p.m. at Bethany Reformed Church in Clara City. Rev. Tim Berends will be giving the message and an offering for Hope Pregnancy Center will be collected. Nursery will be provided and coffee & treats will be served following the worship service.



SUNDAY SCHEDULE
9:00am Sunday School
1st & 3rd Sunday
(Sept.—May)
10:00am Morning Worship

Elders:		Deacons:	
Duane Mulder	- President	Todd Groen	- Chairman
Kim Mulder	- Vice President	Curt Groen	- Benevolent / Building Fund
Doug Groen	- Clerk	Bob Swyter	- Treasurer

Paul's Missionary Journeys In Greece (April 2-14, 2020):

Travel by motor coach (8 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's 2nd and 3rd missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of Biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, Professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, visit www.jeffreyweima.com or contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu



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: QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FAITH OF OUR FAMILIES - How do I nurture the faith of my children? My heart aches for a loved one who doesn't believe in God. Join Groundwork as we dig into Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Proverbs 22:6, Ephesians 1:18-19a, and more to answer questions you have sent us about encouraging the faith of those we know and love. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Faith Formation Ministries

At-Home Faith Formation Tip - "Regardless of what a family looks like, its adult members can have a big impact on the development of children's faith. And they do that primarily by modeling faith in everyday moments. What do those moments look like? They are amazingly ordinary. Holding hands, praying at the table, going to bed . . . talking about a bad day at school—those moments all have the potential to form faith."—from *Dear Parent: A Guide for Family Faith Formation*, by Laura Keeley and Robert J. Keeley, available at FaithAliveResources.org (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

Emden Christian Reformed Church PO Box 390—518 5th Street NW e-mail: emdenrcr@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 Pastor's Cell: 320-400-3023 Office phone: 320-329-3932	320-329-3932 Renville, MN 56284 web site www.emdenrcr.org e-mail: j.k.groen56284@gmail.com You are welcome to stop in and visit without an appointment.
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TODAY, October 27, 2019

Bob & Jill Marcus
Julie Link
Cody & Missy Strand
Paul Knapper
Chuck Sietsema
Judy Groen
Janel Watson
CMCS Tuition Support
Kim Mulder

Greeters
Library
Coffee Hour
Sound System
Usher
Nursery
Congregational Visitor
Offering
Visiting Elder

Next Sunday, Nov. 3

Gerald & Connie Mulder
Julie Link
Chuck & Twyla Sietsema
Brad Link
Moise Daugherty
Rachael Zigterman
Harold Groen
Ministry Shares
Kim Mulder

CHURCH FAMILY

Pastor David and Rachael will be on vacation October 26 - Nov.2.
If a need arises, please contact one of the Elders.

Please keep Twyla Sietsema in your prayers this week as she is having total knee replacement on Monday, October 28. May God grant healing.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Upcoming dates:

October 27 6:00 pm Reformation Day Service -
Bethany Reformed Church - Clara City
November 10: Communion and potluck



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Jerry Seehusen who will be leading our morning worship service.

Catechism will meet every Sunday morning during the month of November.

Sunday School and Catechism will meet the 1st, 3rd, and 5th (when applicable) Sunday of each month. Catechism (7th grade through High School) meets from 9:00 am to 9:45 am. Sunday School (6th grade and below) meet during the service. In addition to this, the Sunday School will collect a Noisy Offering on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th (when applicable) 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.



In preparation for World Hunger Sunday next week, there are both adult and children's devotional booklets on the back table for you to use this week. Please feel free to take one.

On November 3 and 17 the Sunday School and Catechism will be using a curriculum called Circle of Grace. Parents will be receiving further information about this curriculum in their mailboxes. Each year Circle of Grace will be taught to the Sunday School and Catechism classes. Circle of Grace is a Christian safe environment curriculum that helps to form and educate children and youth about the value of positive relationships with God and others. As part of this education program we will take time during the services on Nov. 3 and 17 to learn a poem and a song that the Sunday School will be learning. The poem is:

CIRCLE OF GRACE

Raise your hands above your head and then bring
your outstretched arms slowly down.

Extend your arms
in front of you
and then behind you
embrace all of the space around you
then slowly
reach down to your feet.

Knowing that God is in this space with you.

This is your
Circle of Grace.

You are in it.

What would our world look like if we all lived believing and
truly knowing that God is that close?

Next Sunday, November 3, we will be hearing God's word from 1 Kings 18:17-40.

Daylight Savings time ends next Saturday, November 2. Be sure to set your clocks back 1 hour!



Ladies Bible Study will begin on Wednesday,

November 6 at 7:00 pm. at Meadows on Main in the activity room. We will be studying Max Lucado's book *Life Lessons from Ephesians*. If any ladies would like to join us, please contact Judy for a book.

We will be meeting the first and third Wednesday during November & December.



Women's Bible Study

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Renville Health Services is having Trick or Treating from 4 to 6 on Thursday, October 31st.

DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLE FEED is coming on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 9am-noon. Join us at the Prinsburg Event Center at CMCS. You will be served waffles, sausages, toppings, and beverages all for a freewill donation. Also find apples, squash, apple and pumpkin pies, and Haitian coffee for purchase and updates on the literacy program. All this to benefit the Haiti Literacy Program. Contact Christy Groen with questions at 320-212-9643. We appreciate your support! Check our Facebook page for more information on upcoming events and ministry updates. <https://www.facebook.com/Haitiliteracyprogram/>



First CRC Youth Group Potato Supper and Bake Sale – our annual Youth Group Potato Supper on Wednesday, November 6, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the First CRC church basement. Free-will donations will be taken to fund our youth group projects. There will also be a silent bake sale auction at 6:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Harvest Festival 2019 is just around the corner! The annual school festival at Central MN Christian School starts at 3pm on Saturday, November 23. Come join us for the Elementary and Middle School Dedication, and then enjoy a wonderful night of fun and fellowship. There will be delicious food options - home-cooked meals, snack foods, drinks, sweets and homemade baked goods. Silent Auction, the Market, and the Live Auction provide the perfect chance to get your Christmas shopping done while supporting Central MN Christian School. Kids will have a blast at the Kids Carnival with games, inflatables, and more (\$5 admission). Cap off the evening with a cake from the Cake Walk. All proceeds benefit CMCS. Cash and check accepted at all booths; credit card and debit card also accepted at Live and Silent Auction.



The Prairie Arts Chorale, Singers of Southwestern Minnesota, invites you to join them for "A Time for Dancing." Tap your toes as you join us in reviewing several familiar tunes and various styles of dance as portrayed through our vocal collection including "Cheek to Cheek," "Lord of the Dance," and "Barn Dance," just to name a few. For concert locations & ticket information, contact Paul Knapper at 320-522-2575.

Renville County Food Shelf

On the first and third Tuesdays of each month we need help from 8 a.m. to 9:30 or 10 a.m. moving food into the food shelf and sorting food rescue produce. On Mondays and Fridays from 12:45 to 3:15 Wednesdays from 9:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. and Thursday evenings from 4:45 to 7:00 p.m. we need volunteers to assist the clients with their shopping. If you are able to help at one of those times, stop in at the food shelf at 108 S. 9th Street in Olivia or call us at 320-523-5339.



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.



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.

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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, DeeDee Johnson, Lilah Kleinhuizen,

The Persecuted Church - Indonesia **Two Christian Men Released from Prison**

Two elderly Christian men who were imprisoned in February for distributing gospel tracts on the island of Sumatra have been released. Andreas Sarno and Bintang Sirait were sentenced to eight months in prison for distributing several copies of a booklet about Jesus Christ in a Muslim-majority region near their home in Jambi City. Andreas has distributed Christian literature regularly since his partial retirement five years ago. Praise God for these men's release and for their desire to share Christ with their Muslim neighbors.

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.

~ OUR MISSION ~

*Our mission is affirming the Lordship of Christ, expressing our faith through worship, fellowship, growth and service.
 We would welcome you to share with us the joy of this exciting venture of faith.*

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

