

Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, November 3, 2019

Sunday Evening 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
Bunde CRC 5:30 pm

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship
Welcome and announcements
Opening song *Be Still and Know* SJ 24 vs. 1,2
*Call to worship: from Psalm 46

**1 God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.**
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
3 though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.
**7 The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”

**11 The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

*God’s Greeting of His People
*We Greet One Another

*Songs of Praise *Faith of Our Fathers* SJ 118 vs. 1-3
Rock of Ages SJ 490 vs. 1-3

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

Circle of Grace poem

*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?*

<p>~ OUR MISSION ~ <i>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.</i></p>	
<p><u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 9:00 am Catechism (1st & 3rd Sunday Sept.—May) 10:00 am Morning Worship</p>	
<p>Elders: Duane Mulder - President Kim Mulder - Vice President Doug Groen - Clerk</p>	<p>Deacons: Todd Groen - Chairman Curt Groen - Benevolent / Building Fund Bob Swyter - Treasurer</p>

Circle of Grace song (on screen)
Words: God gave me my circle of grace. From my hands to my beautiful knees and my nose, God wants me to keep it safe.

Prayer of God’s people	conclude with the Lord’s Prayer
Offering	Ministry Shares
Noisy Offering	Anthony’s TLT initiative
Song of preparation	<i>Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above</i> SJ 45 vs. 1-3

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for illumination		
*Scripture	1 Kings 18:17-39	pg. 557
	Reader: This is the Word of the Lord	
	Congregation: Thanks be to God	

Message **Showdown at Mt. Carmel**

Prayer of Application		
*Song of response	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	SJ 400 vs. 1-4

*Profession of our faith: from Belgic Confession, article 35

*We believe and confess that our Savior Jesus Christ
has ordained and instituted the sacrament of the Holy Supper
to nourish and sustain those
who are already regenerated and ingrafted into his family,
which is his church ...
With humility and reverence we receive the holy sacrament
in the gathering of God’s people,
as we engage together, with thanksgiving,
in a holy remembrance of the death of Christ our Savior,
and as we thus confess our faith and Christian religion.
Therefore none should come to this table
without examining themselves carefully,
lest by eating this bread and drinking this cup
they “eat and drink judgment against themselves.”
In short,
by the use of this holy sacrament
we are moved to a fervent love of God and our neighbors.*

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing		
*Closing Song	<i>Go, My Children, with My Blessing</i>	LUYH 946 vs. 1-3

*Welcome to worship and Christian fellowship. We are all one in Christ Jesus!
It’s good to be here together to worship our Lord.*

Free Advent Devotional - How Long, Lord? is an email devotional series put together by World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice that features reflections from CRC ministries around the world during Advent 2019. Witnessing destruction and injustices can often lead us to ask the same question that God’s people and the prophets in the Bible asked: “How Long, Lord?” As we continue to wrestle with that question we can also have hope that our pain will not be forever and that the God who made us is with us, now and forever. Each devotion will be delivered to your email inbox every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, starting December 2, 2018, through Christmas Day. Go to crcna.org/advent to sign up today!

From Back to God Ministries International

GROUNDWORK: KNOW THAT GOD IS WORKING - When life has fallen apart, it can be difficult to know where or how to begin rebuilding. Join Groundwork as we study the rebuilding of Jerusalem in Ezra 1-2, Ezra 7:1-8, and Nehemiah 1:1-4 for biblical wisdom and guidance for rebuilding with confidence after life knocks us down. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From World Renew

Today is World Hunger Sunday! - Please give to support the work of World Renew as they walk with hungry families around the world. Each of the 821 million hungry people on our planet are as particular and precious to God as you are. Thank you for giving as you are able to a ministry that firmly believes that God can “accomplish abundantly far more than all we ask or imagine.” You can use the envelope in today’s bulletin to make your contribution.

From Faith Formation Ministries

At-Home Faith Formation Tip - Some wisdom to think about and talk about this week: "It’s a gift to joyfully recognize and accept our own smallness and ordinariness. Then you are free with nothing to live up to, nothing to prove, and nothing to protect. Such freedom is my best description of Christian maturity, because once you know that your 'I' is great and one with God, you can, ironically, be quite content with a small and ordinary 'I.'" —Richard Rohr, Radical Grace: Daily Meditations. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

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TODAY, November 3, 2019

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

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

Next Sunday, November 10

Paul & Wanda Knapper
Julie Link
Youth Family
Brad Link
Bob Marcus
Lindsey Knapper
Harold Groen
General Fund
Kim Mulder

CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday 2:00 pm ***Ladies Aid***
7:00 pm ***Ladies Bible Study*** (see announcement below)
Next Sunday
2:00 pm ***Communion & Pot Luck***
RenVilla Service



CHURCH FAMILY

10/25 - We have safely made it back to our home in Soroti, Uganda! We had no lost luggage or difficulties on the road. It is so nice to be back in our own home. Our dogs were pretty happy to see us. Beorn started peeing all over, on the porch, on the vehicle, etc... We are looking forward to seeing and catching up with our friends who we have missed now for over 4 months. There is a lot of work to do, but we are ready to jump in. Thank you so much for your prayers for us. — Anthony & Sara Sytsma

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, November 10, we will be hearing God’s word from Hosea 11:1-9. We will also be celebrating the Lord’s Supper and have potluck together. **Circle 3 is serving and all those whose last names begin with A-L, please bring a large salad, M-Z, please bring a hotdish.**

In the afternoon at 2 pm there will be a service at Renvilla. At 3pm communion will be served at Meadows on Main.

At 6 pm we will continue our Bible study of Vanishing Grace by Philip Yancey.

Sunday School and Catechism 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.



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

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

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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

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS



TODAY - Holy Redeemer Catholic Church Turkey Dinner; 11:00 - 1:00, Renville Community Center - Turkey & Stuffing, mashed potatoes & gravy, carrots, cole slaw, cranberries, pumpkin bar. Adults & take outs - \$11, Ages 3 - 11 - \$5, under 3 - free. Take-outs available at east door.

Central MN Christian School invites the community to a Veteran's Day Assembly on November 11 at 8:30AM in the CMCS Event Center. We will be hearing from Senator Andrew Lang as well as honoring our local veterans. Refreshments to follow.



Singing Rooster coffee is available for sale as a fund raiser for the Haiti Literacy Program. These sales also benefit the Haitian farmers who grow coffee. *Singing Rooster Coffee* exceeds every aspect of fair trade; they pay farmers a minimum of \$3/lb for coffee crops & return another .50 cents from sales. They use proceeds to help farmers with agriculture improvements, business management, and replanting Haiti's deforested lands with tens of thousands of coffee and cacao (chocolate) trees. When they wholesale it to us and we retail for \$9.80 or higher - and we put our funds towards outreach in Haiti - Haiti gets a whopping 66% from every sale! **A sign up sheet is on the back table and must be ordered by TODAY!**



CMCS students going on the NY Mission Trip are selling fruit, nuts, and cheese as part of a fundraiser to offset their expenses. Orders will be taken until November 12th. Delivered in time for Christmas! Please contact a student from this list to place your order:



Erin Brouwer, Addison Brouwer, Ethan Huisinga, Tyler Wubben, Kaden Bulthuis, Isaac Brouwer, Lukas Hillenbrand, Tanner Swierenga, Skyler Watson, Jeff Zeatlow, Torri Muzik, Sarah Nelson, Lauren Ammermann, Reegan Duininck, Tucker Dehmlow, Peter Martin, Jay Marcus, Jonathan Garvick, Neika Leininger, Jonathan Bloomquist, Jesse Daugherty, Jaedyn Rausch, Katelyn Graves, Austin TeBrake, Sam Mellema, Aidan Brouwer, Elli Stoel, Jake Abrams, Maggie Abrams, Matt Pederson,

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.



CHILI COOKOFF: The Outreach Team at Bunde CRC is hosting a chili cookoff on Monday, December 2 in the Bunde Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:00pm with taste testing. All are invited to come taste the different chili soups and vote for their favorite! After the tasting, the Vikings game against the Seahawks begins at 7:15pm and will be shown on the "big screen". All are welcome to stay to watch the game together. Any willing cooks are asked to contact Christy Groen (320-212-9643 or rcgroen723@gmail.com) **to sign up as a participant in this event by Nov. 13.** You will be asked to cook your special chili recipe for the attendees to taste test and vote on. A stipend is available upon request to help cover costs for the cooks. Cash prizes of \$100 for 1st place, \$50 for 2nd place and \$25 for 3rd place will be awarded for the top three chili recipes. LET THE COOKING BEGIN!!



CMCS Search Committee Update: On behalf of the Search Committee we are excited to provide an update on the results of our efforts so far to find our next Superintendent. As of October 28th, our planned recruiting cycle for Superintendent applicants has come to a "soft close". The position will remain online in an "active until filled" status but our effort now is shifting to the screening and interview stages. We are blessed to be able to share we currently have 8 applicants, along with a few others interested in applying. The screening process is currently in session, with video interviews scheduled to occur between Nov. 7th and Nov. 18th. Please see the next Cable for specific details regarding the process. Thank you for your ongoing prayer and support for this process. It has been very encouraging to see the commitment and teamwork of the search team, as well as God's faithfulness throughout this process. Please continue to pray for discernment and God's guidance for both the search team and candidates in the months to come.

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.



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.



Harvest time!

With harvest underway, fields of ripe grain, tall cornstalks and soybeans turning brown recall Jesus' words to the disciples: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38, ESV).

Nowadays farmers use fewer laborers and bigger machines than in decades past. But what about harvests of faith? Leading people to know God's love can't be done mechanically." Studies show that newspaper ads or door-hangers left anonymously are less effective at bringing people to church than a warm personal invite.

Right after urging his disciples to pray for harvest workers — in a classic instance of "You might be God's answer to your own prayer!" — Jesus sends them out as those very laborers! How will they work the harvest? Not by guiltting people into faith. Not by pronouncing judgment or biblical law. But by using Jesus' authority to counter evil, illness and brokenness among those they befriend.

Ponder and pray about where Jesus is sending you as his laborer to cultivate and reap Christian faith and assurance of God's love.

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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: India

Young Christian Woman Killed by Neighbors

A young woman from Jharkhand state, in eastern India, was attacked and killed by neighbors in front of her home recently as her husband and 3-year-old daughter watched in horror. Qacha married her husband, Naadir, in 2014, and they both became Christians in 2017. On Aug. 27, 2019, the family was preparing to have dinner when Naadir's father came to the door and began arguing with Qacha. When he began to beat her with a stick, Naadir and his younger brother intervened. In the ensuing scuffle, Naadir's brother struck his father with an axe. At that point, a group of neighbors drinking nearby joined the fight, beating Qacha to death as Naadir and his daughter watched from behind some bushes. Afterward, the men chanted, "Whoever will do 'hallelujah' [a reference to Christians] will have the same consequences!" Please pray that the peace of God will comfort Naadir and his daughter, and pray for the protection of other Christians in the region.

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

