

Emden Christian Reformed Church  
Pastor David Zigterman  
Sunday, November 17, 2019

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship  
Welcome and announcements  
Opening prayer  
\*Call to worship Psalm 117  
\*God’s Greeting of His People  
\*We Greet One Another  
\*Songs of Praise *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* SJ 187 vs. 1,2  
*God Moves in a Mysterious Way* PH 434 vs. 1,3,5

**WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE**

Confession of Sin  
Assurance of Pardon  
Guide for Grateful Living  
Prayer of God’s people conclude with the Lord’s Prayer  
Offering Building Fund/Benevolent Fund  
Noisy Offering  
  
Circle of Grace  
Video  
Poem  
Song  
Song of preparation *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* SJ 186 vs. 1,3,5

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

Prayer for illumination Curt Groen  
\*Scripture Isaiah 5:1-7,11:1-5 pg. 1065, 1076  
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord  
Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **Despair and Hope**

A ballad of a vineyard  
Hope, a new direction  
Prayer of Application  
\*Song of response *Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming* SJ 196 vs. 1-3  
\*Profession of faith Apostles’ Creed

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Parting Blessing  
\*Closing Song *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name* SJ 56 vs. 1-3

*With genuine joy, we welcome all of you here today.  
Please join us as we seek God’s guidance in our lives.*

**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

<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 &amp; 3rd Sunday Sept.—May) 10:00 am Morning Worship</p>		
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Prepare your heart. - Starting December 2, 2019, World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice will distribute a free email devotional to your inbox during Advent. Don't let Christmas presents overtake the Christmas Presence. Sign up to receive reflections on this year's theme of How Long, Lord? every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday through Christmas Day. How Long, Lord? will explore how 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?" Yet, in the midst of asking that question, we can have hope that our pain will not be forever and that the God who made us is with us, now and forever. Go to [crcna.org/advent](http://crcna.org/advent) to sign up today!

**From Faith Formation Ministries**

Free Advent Jesse Tree Resource - Jesse Tree: God's Big Advent Story is now available FREE for CRC families! This downloadable package from Faith Alive and Faith Formation Ministries includes 25 simple devotions that are great for kids of various ages and printable story symbol ornaments that follow God's story from creation to the birth of Jesus. Each day's reading invites families to read and wonder about a Bible story together, pray together, and step away from the busyness of the season. Learn more and download the devotions and symbols at [tinyurl.com/DwellJesseTree](http://tinyurl.com/DwellJesseTree).

**From Back to God Ministries International**

GROUNDWORK: BUILDING BLOCKS FOR BIBLICAL SUCCESS - How can we deal with opposition when we are trying to rebuild after our life has fallen apart in some way? Study Nehemiah 2:11-18, Nehemiah 4:1-15, and Nehemiah 5:1-12 with Groundwork to discover what we can learn from Ezra and Nehemiah's experience with opposition. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**From World Renew**

Doubling Hope for Mothers - World Renew is partnering with women seeking justice for themselves and their families in Bangladesh. Your gift of \$50 changes the lives of 4 women by providing training for birthing attendants, more nutrition classes, and start-up funds for more community groups where mothers gain access to the resources they need to help their children thrive. And thanks to our match campaign with One Day's Wages, hope for 4 girls becomes hope for 8. Help double the hope by giving to [onedayswages-worldrenew.funraise.org](http://onedayswages-worldrenew.funraise.org). Thank you for giving to #4justgirls.

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

**TODAY, November 17, 2019**

Chuck & Twyla Sietsema  
Julie Link  
Bob & Joan Swyter  
Todd Groen  
Moise Daugherty  
Dawn Link  
Harold Groen  
Building / Benevolent Fund  
Doug Groen

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

**Next Sunday, November 24**

Kim & Nancy Mulder  
Julie Link  
Randy & Verla Zieske  
Paul Knapper  
Bob Marcus  
Donna Fuls  
Harold Groen  
CMCS Tuition Support  
Doug Groen

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

Wednesday	7:00 pm	<i><b>Ladies Bible Study</b></i> , meet at Meadows
Saturday	3:00 pm	<i><b>New Building dedication - CMCS</b></i>
	4:00 pm	<i><b>CMCS Harvest Festival</b></i>

**Upcoming dates:**

Nov. 24	Bible Study
Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Eve service at 7 pm at Ebenezer
Dec. 8	Combined Communion service at Unity CRC (time TBD)
Dec. 15	Bible Study
Dec. 22	Candlelight service at 6pm
January 16	<i>The Man in the Mirror</i> book study (time TBD)



**CHURCH FAMILY**

The Zigtermans would like to invite anyone who is interested to the Zigterman home for a lunch. This is meant to be a time to spend together in a smaller group setting with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. A sign up sheet is in the back of church. There is a limit of 6 people. Please sign up to bring a lettuce salad, fruit/veggies, side dish, or dessert. Date: Thursday December 5th Time: 12:30pm

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**

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?

Council Notes	
Treasurer's Report - October	
Beginning Balance	\$3,763.26
Total Deposits	\$7,139.54
Total Expense	\$9,089.78
Ending Balance	\$1,813.02
Benevolent Fund	\$5,472.09
Building Fund	\$8,575.67
Visiting Elder for November: Doug Groen	
Notes:	
A logo for the church was approved to be used on mugs or shirts as gifts for guests.	
Beginning January 16 council will host a book study on <i>Man in the Mirror</i> by Patrick Morley.	

**Ladies Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, November 20 at 7:00 pm. at Meadows on Main in the activity room. Lesson 2. We will be meeting the first and third Wednesday during November & December.



Women's Bible Study



Today in your mailbox are the Thanksgiving offering envelopes. Please prayerfully consider blessing others as God has blessed you. The Deacons request that you return your envelopes by December 1

Next Sunday, November 24, we will be hearing God's word from 2 Kings 22:1-10, 23:1-3.

Would you like to give a lasting Christmas gift to someone this year? Please consider giving a gift through World Renew. Today in your bulletin you will read a flyer



describing how to give a gift to someone that could change their life story. There is a catalog by the mailbox window for you to look at and consider a gift or go to the World Renew web site - [worldrenew.net/gifts](http://worldrenew.net/gifts) to help a family in need. Through the act of giving you are following Christ's command to love others, especially those who are oppressed and in need.

New 2 You has a program called *Corners of the Field* which benefits families in need. Every time you donate items to New 2 You, be sure to tell them to credit Emden CRC. The church then receives discount coupons to be given to someone in need to be used at the New 2 You store. If you know of someone who could use a coupon to purchase clothing, furniture or household items, please contact Pastor David.

**REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Friendship Bible Study



Monday: 7 pm: Friendship class at ROL. Please return manual and students folder. We will review and do project. Lunch: Michelle & Lorraine

Raymond-Bunde GEMS Soup & Pie Supper and Bake Sale will be held on Wed., Nov. 20th from 5-7 pm at Raymond CRC. Take-outs are available. This event is a free-will donation. We would appreciate anyone willing to donate items for the bake sale to have the items to the church by 3 pm on the 20th. If you are willing to donate a pie, please contact Kendra (320-220-0221)



Soup Supper

**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.



New York Mission Trip Tip Night Fundraiser at the Willmar Pizza Ranch will be Monday, November 25th from 5:00 to 8:00p.m. Please come out and support the over 50 students and leaders that will be heading out to New York in April. Grab your friends and family for a great night!



**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER** is being held Wednesday, November 27 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Renville Community Center. No cost to attend! A change this year is that NO ADVANCE SIGN-UP or TICKET is needed. Please join us! Contact Brenda Holm at 320-329-3856 or Todd Terhaar at 320-905-5846 if you have any questions.



**THANKSGIVING DAY Meal** - You are invited to join with others from the community for a Thanksgiving Day meal at Unity CRC in Prinsburg at Noon on November 28! The main staples will be provided (turkey, potatoes, ham, stuffing). If you have a favorite dish and/or dessert to share, you can bring that along! This is open to EVERYONE. Come with family. Come with friends. Come with a neighbor or co-worker. Pass this invite along to someone who would be blessed to share the day with others. No RSVP necessary. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Steve or Ang - 320-444-6682.

**Chili Cookoff at Bunde CRC Postponed:** We hope to have an event like this at a better time in the future but due to lack of chili cooks we will **NOT** be having this event on December 4

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.



**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](http://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.

**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.



**Five kernels**

◆ The Plymouth Pilgrims celebrated the first Thanksgiving Day in fall 1621, but by the next May, their food supply was depleted. The harvest of 1622 was a failure, and the Pilgrims often lived for days on just a few kernels of corn.

◆ Amid a drought in 1623, the people sought divine intervention. After praying for nine hours on a hot July day, they were blessed with a two-week rainfall. Edward Winslow wrote, "It was hard to say whether our withered corn or drooping affections were most quickened and revived." The Pilgrims never went hungry again.

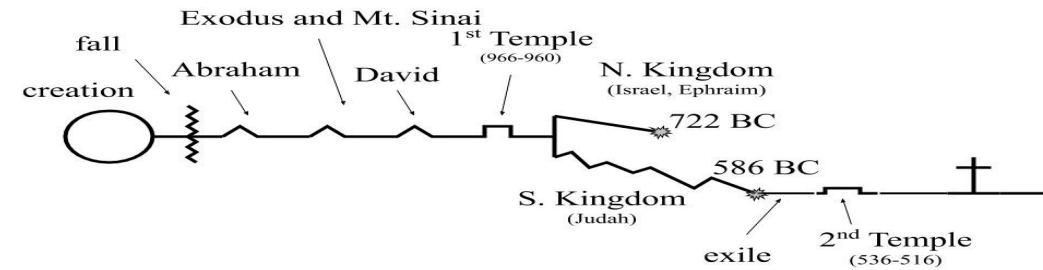
◆ Start a Thanksgiving tradition by placing five kernels of corn at each place setting. Point out a blessing that each kernel represents. For example:

1. God loves us.
2. God provides for all our needs.
3. God gives us friends, just as the Indians befriended the Pilgrims.
4. God hears and answers our prayers.
5. God is preparing a place for us in heaven.

◆ Then have family members share five things for which they're grateful.

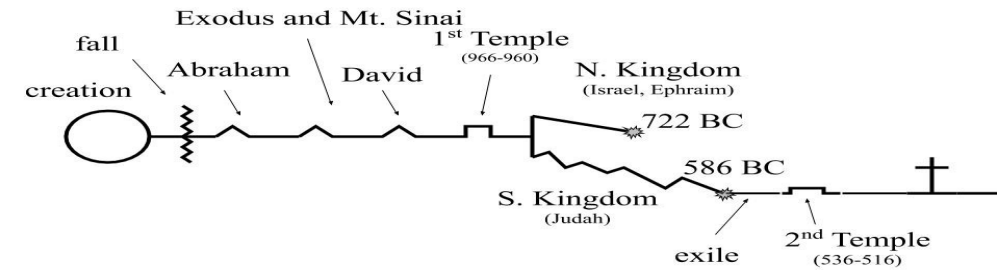
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## PRAYER

~ 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

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### The Persecuted Church: Cuba

#### Evangelist Arrested for Public Preaching

A lay evangelist was arrested in the central Cuban city of Camagüey in October after police heard him preaching in public. Juan Bautista is well known to local authorities, who have repeatedly told Juan to stop his public evangelism and have also claimed he has a mental illness. But Juan has faithfully continued to share the gospel. Police prevented Juan's pastor from attending his trial, in which the judge fined Juan the equivalent of \$588 dollars (the average monthly income in Cuba is about \$30). Although authorities have twice in the past burned the church Juan attends, VOM's field leader for Cuba said they cannot destroy the church because "the true temple is the congregation that remains today." Thank God that Juan wasn't sent to prison. Continue to pray for him and his pastor, who remains under pressure from authorities.

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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**

