

**Emden Christian Reformed Church  
Pastor David Zigterman  
Sunday, November 18, 2018**



**Sunday Evening Worship 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  
\*Call to worship from Psalm 113  
\*God's Greeting of His People  
\*We Greet One Another  
\*Songs of Praise  
*God of All Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* PH 599 vs. 1,3,4  
*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* PH 249 vs. 1-4

**WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE**

Confession of sin  
Assurance of pardon Micah 7:18-20  
Guide for grateful living HC Q&A 112  
Song of gratitude *Christ is the World's True Light* PH 600 vs. 1-3  
Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer  
Offering Building Fund/Benevolent Fund  
Noisy-offering Anthony's TLT initiative  
Song of preparation *Crown Him with Many Crowns* PH 410 vs. 1-3

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for illumination  
\*Scripture Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20, 37:1-7; 2:1-4 *pg. 1112*  
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord  
Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **Swords Into Plowshares**

Prayer of Application  
\*Song of response *Boundless Grace*

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Parting Blessing  
\*Closing Song *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

*Family and friends, guests and visitors:  
Welcome to worship on this Sunday before Thanksgiving.  
We take time today to celebrate and be grateful  
for all that God has done.*

Next Sunday, November 25, 2018	<b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b>
Greeters: Duane & Verla Mulder	9:00am Sunday School
Library: Julie Link	(Sept.—May)
Coffee Hour: Chuck & Twyla Sietsema	10:00am Morning Worship
Sound System: Gerald Mulder	
Ushers: Patrick Nelson, Randy Zieske	Gene & Dawn Michelson
Nursery: Rachael Zigterman	B.P. 2210, Bamako
Letter to Michelsons: David & Andrea Daughtery	Mali, West Africa
Congregational Visitor: Julie Link	E-mail address
Offering: am CMCS Tuition Support	Usumaan@hotmail.com
<b>Elders:</b>	<b>Deacons:</b>
Kim Mulder - President	Gerald Mulder - Chairman
Tim Link - Vice President	Curt Groen - Benevolent / Building Fund
Doug Groen - Clerk	Bob Swyter - Treasurer

### From Back to God Ministries International

Devotions for Hard Times - Turmoil. Stress. Sorrow. These words describe our lives today. Yet, in Christ we have hope. Let this 21-day devotional series from Today remind you where true hope and comfort come from. Get "Our Only Comfort" in your inbox when you subscribe to Today at TodayDevotional.com/ouronlycomfort.

I BELONG: THEREFORE, HE WATCHES OVER ME - Can we be sure of God's protection, even if accidents still happen and diseases still get diagnosed? Join Groundwork as we look at Matthew 10:29-31, Romans 8:28, and Psalm 121 for the assurance that no matter our circumstances he watches over us, because we belong to him. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### From Chaplaincy and Care Ministries

PRAY FOR CHAPLAINS - Chaplaincy is a healing, reconciling ministry of God, an expression and extension of God's activity and mission in the world. The CRC endorses 140 chaplains to embody the grace of Christ in our communities. Join us in praying for and supporting the ministries of chaplains everywhere.

### From World Renew

Prepare Your Heart - Starting December 3, World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice will distribute free email devotionals during Advent in 2018. Don't let Christmas presents overtake the Christmas Presence. Sign up to receive reflections on this year's theme, Holy Impatience, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday through Christmas Day. The series will explore doing justice in a world that belongs to God, a world where so many are both celebrating glimpses of the kingdom and eagerly yearning for it. Go to [crcna.org/advent](http://crcna.org/advent) to sign up today!

Emden Christian Reformed Church PO Box 390—518 5th Street NW e-mail: <a href="mailto:emdenrc@centurytel.net">emdenrc@centurytel.net</a> Secretary: Judy C Groen (320) 905-3921 All Bulletin announcements due by Thursday noon. <b>Pastor David's office hours: Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 am—12:00</b> <b>Pastors Cell: 320-400-3023</b> <b>Office phone: 320-329-3932</b>	320-329-3932 Renville, MN 56284 web site <a href="http://www.emdenrc.org">www.emdenrc.org</a> e-mail: <a href="mailto:j.k.groen56284@gmail.com">j.k.groen56284@gmail.com</a>  <b>You are welcome to stop in and visit without an appointment.</b>
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Greeters:	Butch & Linda Mayer
Library:	Julie Link
Coffee Hour:	James & Phyllis Santjer
Sound System:	Todd Groen
Ushers:	Patrick Nelson & Randy Zieske
Nursery:	Judy Groen
Letter to Michelsons:	John & Dorothy Aalderks
Congregational Visitor:	Julie Link
Visiting Elder:	Tim Link

### CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday 7:00 pm **Ladies Bible Study** meet at Jodene Crawford, 223 SW Dogwood, Renville - Lesson 3  
Wednesday 7:00 pm **Thanksgiving Eve Service** Offering will be for the Renville County Food Shelf

### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Each Sunday morning, we will be having a time of prayer before the service beginning at 9:15.

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>



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



They shall  
**BEAT** their  
SWORDS into  
plowshares,  
and their  
**SPEARS** into  
pruning hooks.  
ISAIAH 2:14



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.

**Council Notes**

**Treasurer's Report**

September	Beginning Balance	\$8,038.97
	Total Deposits	\$7,789.95
	Total Expense	\$9,415.41
	Ending Balance	\$6,413.51
October	Beginning Balance	\$6,413.51
	Total Deposits	\$11,287.73
	Total Expense	\$11,473.19
	Ending Balance	\$6,228.05
	Building Fund	\$11,288.93
	Benevolent Fund	\$5,000.64

**Decisions made:**

- \* The offering for the Thanksgiving Eve service will go to the Renville County Food Shelf
- \* Lisa Damhoff's membership was allowed to lapse
- \* \$3409 was collected for Mission Emphasis Sunday. Thank you for your generous support of our missionaries, Gene and Dawn Michelson.
- \* A Safe Church policy is being developed
- \* A meal ministry for serving those in need was approved. Rachael Zigterman and Verla Mulder will lead that ministry
- \* Names for serving on council next year were discussed. If you have any suggestions please talk to a member of council

Next Sunday, November 25, we will be hearing God's word from Jeremiah 7:1-15 in the morning and study God's word in the evening.

**Upcoming dates:**

- Nov. 21: Thanksgiving Eve service - 7 pm at Emden
- Dec. 23: Sunday School Christmas Program (am);  
The Longest Night service (pm)
- Dec. 25: Christmas Day service



**REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Community Thanksgiving Dinner:** Wednesday, November 21 from 4:30 - 6:30 pm at the Renville Community Center. No cost to attend. Reserve your seat for this free community dinner by picking up a ticket by the mailboxes.



*Thanksgiving*  
DINNERS

**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 22. The main menu 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 is necessary. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Steve or Angie at 320-444-6682

Please join the Woodland Centers for an Open House on Wednesday, November 28 from 4 - 6 pm at 902 W Lincoln Ave, Olivia to celebrate our new office space. (refreshments will be served).

Rock of Life CRC in Willmar invites you to our **Annual Soup and Dessert Supper** fundraiser on Wednesday, November 28 from 4:30-6:30 pm. We will be serving a variety of soups, bread and cheese, beverages and dessert. We will be collecting a free-will offering and the proceeds will go to help fund a defibrillator, toddler high chairs, and supplies for "Days for Girls"-the mission work of our Coffee Break Women's Bible Study. We would love to see you there and fellowship with you!



Soup Supper



**Annual Tour of Homes:** The annual Tour of Homes will take place in Olivia & Bird Island on Thursday, November 29 at 4:15 and 6:15 pm. Cost is \$50 per person which includes a Soup & Sandwich meal and the tour. Tickets are now on sale at RC Hospital & Clinics Registration Desks and the funds will go to the Renville County Walk In the Park event sponsored by Team pace Makers. Check the bulletin board in the entry way for list of homes and further information.



An Open House celebration of 20 years of Ministry at Unity CRC is being held in honor of Pastor Steve Zwart and his family on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at the Unity CRC in Prinsburg, MN from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Unity CRC feels blessed to have Pastor Steve and his family in our church but also in our community. We look forward to sharing this day with you.



**Pulled Pork Dinner:** There will be a delicious Pulled Pork Sandwich feed on Friday, December 7 from 4:45 - 7:15 pm at the CMCS Event Center. The meal will include a pulled pork sandwich, chips, bar and beverage. This is a free will donation feed. Please join us in supporting the CMCS Baseball program and the Prinsburg Baseball Boosters to help cover the cost for equipment and field maintenance. Come enjoy a great meal before the CMCS boys basketball team host MACCRAY!



**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.

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, November 18, 2018  
Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20, 37:1-7; 2:1-4  
**Swords Into Plowshares**

- Jerusalem besieged
- Multiple invitations
- God's response: Don't be afraid

**Use it all up**

About two-thirds of Americans say eating Thanksgiving leftovers is more important than eating the actual holiday meal. That's one of the few times people hope food is left on the table.

When it comes to giving out blessings, God doesn't want any leftovers to remain. In *Genesis 12:2*, God blesses Abraham so he will be a blessing to others.

Charles Stanley writes: "A hoarded blessing is never enjoyed as richly as a shared one. Using your gift to meet someone else's need glorifies God by demonstrating his grace at work in your life. Don't let his generous provisions end with you. Pass them on and discover the joy of a never-ending cycle of blessings."



**PRAYER CORNER**

REQUESTS  
—FOR—  
PRAYER

~ Please remember those in our congregation who have continuous health concerns: Melvin Link, Marge Link, Linda Mayer, Gerald Mulder, Darla Ruschen, DeeDee Johnson

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**THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: Pakistan  
Supreme Court Overturns Asia Bibi's Conviction  
and Death Sentence**

Christians around the world are rejoicing at the news that Asia Bibi's blasphemy conviction and death sentence have been overturned after nine and a half years in prison. Pakistan's Supreme Court announced its ruling on October 31, after reviewing her appeal several weeks earlier. The Court's ruling is highly controversial in this conservative Muslim nation; in addition to widespread protests, two churches have already been attacked. Pray for Christians throughout Pakistan in the aftermath of this ruling. Praise God for this result, and continue to pray for Asia and her family.

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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.

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