

Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, November 24, 2019

Sunday Evening Service
6:00 pm

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 *Let All Things Now Living* PH 453 vs. 1,2
Now Thank We All Our God PH 454 vs. 1,2,3
We Praise You, O God

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

Confession of Sin *God, Be Merciful to Me* PH 255 vs. 1-3
Assurance of Pardon
Sharing of thanksgiving
Prayer of God’s people conclude with the Lord’s Prayer
Offering CMCS Tuition support
Song of preparation *Come Ye Thankful People Come* PH 527 vs. 1-4

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for illumination
*Scripture Psalm 67 pg. 902
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **Harvest Song**

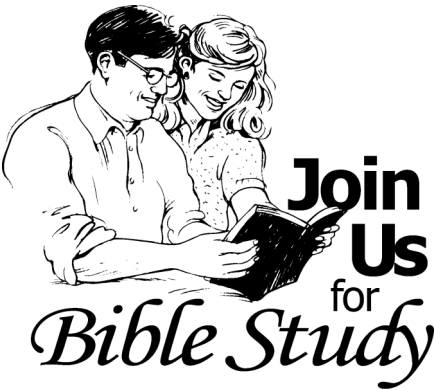
Prayer of Application
*Song of response *God of Mercy, God of Grace*

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing
*Closing Song *Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow*

*This is the Sunday before Thanksgiving. We gather with gratitude for the
extravagant goodness of Almighty God. As members of the family of God,
let us be greatly thankful for all of God’s blessings.*

Tonight we will continue our study of
Vanishing Grace by Philip Yancey.
Please join us for this time of fellowship.



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

Elders:

Duane Mulder - President
Kim Mulder - Vice President
Doug Groen - Clerk

Deacons:

Todd Groen - Chairman
Curt Groen - Benevolent / Building Fund
Bob Swyter - Treasurer

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: LEAN INTO GOD’S GRACE - When the challenges feel insurmountable, the loneliness and temptation to give up creep in. Join Groundwork as we study what Ezra and Nehemiah do in Nehemiah 8-9 and Nehemiah 13:22,31 and discover how leaning into God’s grace and love is the antidote we need to carry us through. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From World Renew

Giving Hope to Girls with Gratitude - In Bangladesh, women receive a lower social status than men. Thanks to gifts from people like you, World Renew is walking alongside the women of Bangladesh to help them change that story. Your gift of \$50 changes the story for #4justgirls. And, when you give to the Just Girls campaign through One Day's Wages, your gift doubles. Double hope for the women of Bangladesh today at onedayswages-worldrenew.funraise.org.

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!

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

TODAY, November 24, 2019

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

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

Next Sunday, December 1

Heidi & Samantha Link
Julie Link
Weldon & Char Zonderan
Brad Link
Harold Groen
Jane Groen
Julie Link
Ministry Shares
Doug Groen

CHURCH CALENDAR

Tonight 6:00 p ***Bible Study***
Wednesday 7:00 pm ***Community Thanksgiving Service*** at Ebenezer Presbyterian

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

Thank you for the cards and expressions of sympathy in the loss of my sister.
--Duane and Verla Mulder

Greetings from Uganda! We are finally feeling like we are settled in back at home. There were various culture shocks that I should be used to, but they tried my patience - power outages, internet problems, millions of mosquito bites.... I was used to such things until I spent too many “cushy” months in the USA! Anyway, we are now back into the groove of life here. And I shouldn't complain as I'm living it up in perfect weather while you are all trying to survive the coming cold!

We have had many work meetings and counseling visits already. It was also exciting to run into Jairus in town, one of the security guards who got saved at our home. He is going strong and reading his Bible every day. We are trying to get in touch with them all again and hopefully have them come over to our home for a visit. Pray for us as we try to follow up.
—Anthony and Sara

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

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

There will be Bible Study tonight at 6 pm. We will conclude our study of Philip Yancey's *Vanishing Grace*.



Next Sunday, December 1, we will be hearing God's word from Jeremiah 33:14-18.



Meal Ministry - Our church freezer is empty. It is time to make some more meals to be given out in times of need. On Tuesday November 26th at 12:30pm we could use any hands in helping to prepare 20 meals at church. All you need to do is show up and offer a helping hand. ~Thanks in advance.

Upcoming dates:

Nov. 24: Bible Study

Nov. 27: Thanksgiving Eve service at 7 pm at Ebenezer

Dec. 4: Ladies Aid at 2pm

Dec. 8: Combined communion service at Unity CRC (4pm)

Dec. 15: Bible Study

Dec. 22: Candlelight service at 6pm

Dec. 25: Christmas Service 10 am

Jan. 16: *The Man in the Mirror* book study (time TBD)



Reminder The Deacons request that you return your Thanksgiving envelopes by December 1. Please prayerfully consider blessing others as God has blessed you.

An ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve service will be held on November 27 at 7pm at Ebenezer.



If you would like to help decorate the church for Christmas with purchasing a Poinsettia plant, please sign up on the back table and pay Samantha \$22.50 by December 1.



Would you like to give a lasting Christmas gift to someone this year? Please consider giving a gift through World Renew. 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 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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

The Renville County Christmas Choir will perform their 2019 cantata *And on Earth, Peace* on Thursday, December 5 at 7:00 pm at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Olivia. This concert is sponsored by the Olivia Kiwanis Club as a fundraiser for Renville County Food Shelf and Santa's Closet. Everyone is invited to join us to begin the Christmas season with inspirational music and fellowship.



A Harvest Hope Community Service will be held on Sunday, December 8, at 4:00pm, hosted at Unity CRC in Prinsburg. We gathered in October to pray and ask God for Harvest weather, and He graciously granted it. We gather on December 8 to give thanks to Him for the harvest weather, harvest provision, and the harvest hope realized. We also gather to continue to intercede for the crop that remains unharvested, fields needing fall tillage, and for a number of farm families for whom the season has taken a devastating toll, emotionally and financially. This service will include a Communion commemoration, a coming together of the body of Christ in love for one another and to honor Christ. An offering will be taken once again for relief for farmers impacted by the difficult growing conditions of this season in the upper Midwest. Let's come together with thanks and prayers to remember and believe and renew our hope in God.



Renville County Food Shelf - On the first and third Tuesdays of each month we need help from 8 am 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.



For information regarding both student as well as adult Driver's Training courses, go to the website at: www.212drivingschool.com.

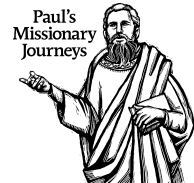


Sole4Souls: Wearing out Poverty - If you have any shoes you are no longer using, please consider giving your shoes to this organization by placing them in the blue container near the entrance of the church.

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.

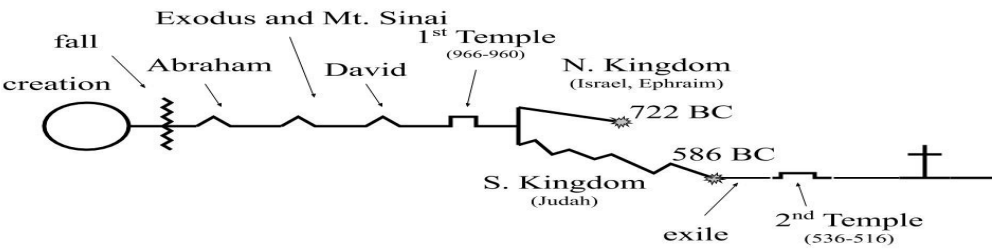


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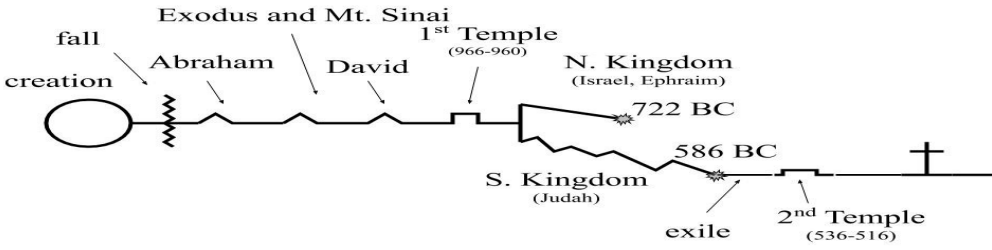


Paul's Missionary Journeys In Greece (April 2-14, 2020): Travel by motor coach (8 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's 2nd and 3rd missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of Biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, at Calvin Theological Seminary 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

Sermon Notes
Sunday, November 24, 2019
Psalm 67
Harvest Song



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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: Iran

50 Years Since Seeds for the Gospel Were Planted

In October 1969, American missionaries Mark and Gladys Bliss and their children were traveling to visit believers in northern Iran when their car collided with another vehicle. All three of their children were killed along with the baby son of Haik and Takoush Hovsepian, who were traveling with them. The response of Mark and Gladys to their devastating loss, however, had a profound impact upon the Iranian church, for they famously prayed a heart-wrenching prayer: “Lord, we plant three seeds for the sake of the Gospel in Iran.” Mark and Gladys stayed on in Iran to preach the gospel until the Islamic regime changed in 1979. Mark passed away in 2017, but his widow Gladys survives. Pray for Gladys as she remembers the date when she lost her children, and pray for the Iranian believers carrying out their legacy today in Iran.

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**

