



**Emden Christian Reformed Church**  
**Pastor David Zigterman**  
**Sunday, December 9, 2018**



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

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

- Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship
- Welcome and announcements
- \*Call to worship based on on Romans 13:11-12, NRSV
- \*God's Greeting of His People
- \*We Greet One Another
- Advent video *Love*
- Advent Candle Lighting *Love*
- \*Songs of Praise *Shout to the Lord*  
*Here I Am To Worship*  
*Lord I lift Your Name On High*

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

- Confession of sin
- Assurance of pardon
- Song of gratitude *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*
- Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer
- Offering General Fund
- Song of preparation *Lord, I Need You*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

- Prayer for illumination
- \*Scripture Esther 4:1-17 *pg. 780*
- Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
- Congregation: Thanks be to God
- Message **Time For Action**
- Prayer of Application
- \*Song of response *Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King*
- \*Profession of our faith from Our World Belongs to God, st. 24, 57

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

- \*Parting Blessing
- \*Closing Song *Shine On Us*

*On this second Sunday of Advent, we eagerly welcome all who have joined with us in anticipation of the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. May we find peace in this time of worship and may it be encouraging and inspirational to all.*

This evening we will continue our study of the book of Romans. Study questions are available by the mailboxes.



Next Sunday, December 16, 2018		<b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b>
Greeters:	Patrick & Christy Nelson	9:00am Catechism
Library:	Julie Link	(Sept.—May)
Coffee Hour:	Randy & Verla Zieske	10:00am Morning Worship
Sound System:	Brad Link	Sunday School
Nursery:	Donna Fuls	
Ushers:	Loren Marcus, James Santjer	
Letter to Michelsons:	Char Groen	Gene & Dawn Michelson
Congregational Visitor:	Paul & Wanda Knapper	B.P. 2210, Bamako
Offering: am	Building / Benevolent Fund	Mali, West Africa
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<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

JOY TO THE WORLD - Hints of Christmas litter the Psalm book as the psalmists sing of the coming of a Savior, the Savior we now know as Jesus Christ. Join Groundwork as we examine Psalm 98, Psalm 96, and Psalm 72 to learn what we can expect his coming to bring and what it means for us and for the world. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

The Jesse Tree: A Family Devotional and Craft for Advent - Enjoy a fun and informative Advent activity to go along with December's Today devotional. You can download the devotional and Christmas ornaments at [backtogo.net/downloads](http://backtogo.net/downloads)

### From Faith Formation Ministries

Advent Family Faith Formation Tip - On this second Sunday in Advent, add things to your home that remind you that we are expecting Jesus to return. Set an extra place at the table when you eat, or create and decorate a mural together that says "Come, Lord Jesus." (Faith Formation Ministries; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))

### From World Renew

Advent is "Fullness of Life" - The miracle of Advent brings us Uzima – "fullness of life" (Jn. 10:10). Through World Renew's 2018-2019 Gift Catalog, you can help a family with a filter for clean water to drink, give a child the food they need to grow with a nutrition kit, or provide shelter to a disaster survivor. Give someone the opportunity to experience fullness of life today. Give at [worldrenew.net/gifts](http://worldrenew.net/gifts) or call 800-333-8300 to order.

Sign Up for Advent Devotions Today! - It's not too late! Take time to reflect on Christ's birth during this season of Advent with Monday, Wednesday, and Friday devotions sent to your email inbox from World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice through Christmas Day. This year's devotional series titled Holy Impatience will explore doing justice in a world that belongs to God, a world where so many people are marginalized and oppressed, with a holy impatience both celebrating glimpses of the kingdom and eagerly yearning for what is to come. Don't miss out: Sign up today at [crcna.org/advent](http://crcna.org/advent).

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All Bulletin announcements due by Thursday noon.	
<b>Pastor David's office hours:</b>	<b>Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 am—12:00</b>
<b>Pastor's Cell: 320-400-3023</b>	
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**You are welcome to stop in and visit without an appointment.**

### TODAY

Greeters:	Kim & Nancy Mulder
Library:	Julie Link
Coffee Hour:	Bob & Joan Swyter
Sound System:	Paul Knapper
Ushers:	Patrick Nelson & Randy Zieske
Nursery:	Dawn Link
Letter to Michelsons:	Adeline Groen
Congregational Visitor:	Paul & Wanda Knapper
Visiting Elder:	Tim Link



### CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday 7:00 pm *Council Meeting*

### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Program practice is each Sunday at 9 am. All Sunday School children are invited to join. The Christmas Program will take place during the morning service on December. 23.



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

We will continue our study of the book of Romans this evening. Study material can be found by the mailboxes.

Next Sunday, December 16, we will be hearing God's word from Isaiah 42:1-9 in the morning.

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 earned for your organization. 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.

Upcoming dates:

Dec. 9: Bible Study

Dec. 23: Sunday School Christmas Program (am);  
The Longest Night service (pm)

Dec. 25: Christmas Day service 10:00 am

Jan. 20: Annual Congregational Meeting



### REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **CMCS Band Christmas Concert**

The CMCS Music Department invites you to an evening of instrumental music on Monday, December 10, at 7:00 for the 5-12 Band Christmas Concert. Students involved in 5th, 6th, Junior High, and Concert Bands will perform popular carols and other pieces such as "Little Drummer Boy," "Joy to the World," Mannheim Steamroller and many, many more. We hope to see you there!



The Prinsburg GEMS will be hosting a "**Taco in the Bag**" fundraiser on Thursday, Dec 13th, serving from 5 - 7 pm in the CMCS Event Center during the Boys Basketball game against KMS. Come out for an evening of food, fun and fellowship. Free-will donation.

A Christmas Drama / Cantata "**Good News From Home**" will be presented on Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 pm at First Lutheran Church in Renville. The Cantata will be followed by a light supper served by the RCW Ecumenical Mission Youth Group. Free-will offering for the meal. Everyone is invited.



#### **CMCS Choir Christmas Concert**

On Monday, Dec. 17th at 7:00 PM, the 7-12 Christmas Choir Concert will feature both junior high choirs and the high school Concert Choir. Located in the Event Center.



**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.

Community Supper - 3rd Thursday of each month  
5:00 – 6:30 PM First Lutheran Church  
316 SW 3rd St ~ Renville  
Next supper is December 20 EVERYONE is welcome

Paul Knapper, instructor, is offering an 8 hour Defensive Senior Driving Class on Saturday, December 15 at 1:30 at the RCW School in Renville. Completion of this class allows for a 10% deduction on vehicle insurance for 3 years.



To register, contact the instructor at 320-522-2575. 15 students will constitute a class. A 4 hour refresher class is offered at 9:00 on the same day.

Unity CRC is hosting the Family Promise at their church the week of December 16th - 23rd. They are in need of some volunteers to help in different areas: providing and/or hosting suppers, overnight hosts, AM and PM drivers from the Day Center to Unity at nights and vice versus the next morning and Day Center Coverage on Saturday and Sunday. You can use the link provided to put your name into the area that you would like to volunteer for. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wXyu93wE87tsRoNchsePsCJpCS4UVI0eCEK26bujck4/edit?usp=sharing> or there is a sign up sheet by the mailboxes along with an instruction sheet.

"Volunteers don't necessarily have the time, but they just have the heart" -Elizabeth Andrew "

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.

Central Minnesota Senior Care is seeking to hire caring and compassionate individuals to work at our Assisted Living program located throughout Prinsburg, MN. We currently have a part-time position available with wages based upon previous experience in related work fields. We provide on-site training and yearly continuing education. Interested individuals must have a compassionate attitude and some basic knowledge of direct care with individuals. Apply online at [www.centralmnseniorcare.com](http://www.centralmnseniorcare.com), call 320-441-7001 or email [dawn@divinehouse.org](mailto:dawn@divinehouse.org)  
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**PRAYER**

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

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**E** \*\*\*\*\*

**R** **The Persecuted Church: Myanmar (Voice of the Martyrs)**  
**Village Bans Buddhists from Selling Food to Christians**

Authorities in a Buddhist village recently established a law forbidding Buddhists from hiring Christians for work and from renting or selling anything to Christians. As a result, believers in the village are unable to buy food. Every day, village authorities pressure the Christians to return to Buddhism, promising that if they do they will be able to buy food again. The believers, however, are standing firm. “This is not a game,” one Christian replied. “We were baptized. We believe in Christ 100 percent and we will die believing.” When a Buddhist vendor sold a banana to a Christian recently, he was detained for three days and fined the equivalent of \$65. The man later decided to become a Christian, asking another believer to teach him the Bible and baptize him, because he saw that the Buddhists were wrong. Pray that this man grows and stands firm in his faith despite the persecution he will likely face. Pray that all believers in the village will love those who persecute them and inspire other Buddhists to learn more about Jesus. Pray for VOM’s efforts to provide these believers with food.

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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.

<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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