



Third Sunday of Advent

Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, December 15, 2019



WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship
Welcome and announcements

Advent Candle Litany *Love Candle*
Opening Prayer
*Call to worship Psalm 136:1-9, 23-36
*God's Greeting of His People
*We Greet One Another
*Songs of Praise *Build Your Kingdom Here* (Praise Team)
10,000 Reasons (Praise Team)

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Profession of Faith Jaden Thompson PH pg. 964
Song of gratitude *Cornerstone* (Praise Team)
Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer
Offering Building Fund/Benevolent Fund
Noisy Offering
Song of preparation *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* PH 253 vs. 1-4

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination
*Scripture Ezra 1:1-4, 3:1-13 pg. 732, 735
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **Rebuilding**
Prayer of Application
*Profession of our Faith *Boundless Grace*

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing
*Closing Song *My Friends May you Grow in Grace*

*We gladly welcome all worshipers on this third Sunday of Advent.
May we all prepare for the joyous celebration of the coming of our Lord, Jesus the Christ.*

**Sunday Evening Service
4:00 pm**

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

From Back to God Ministries International

A Theology of Star Wars - Are you excited about The Rise of Skywalker, the final installment of the Star Wars enneade? Some of the sharpest thinkers on theology and pop culture explore key themes in the preceding films in "A Theology of Star Wars," an ebook from Think Christian. Simply sign up to receive Think Christian articles by email and the ebook is yours! Learn more at thinkchristian.net/starwars.

GROUNDWORK: EVERLASTING FATHER - As Isaiah continues to describe the Messiah, he calls him "Everlasting Father." Join us as we study Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 1:16-18, and John 14:1-11 to find out what this title would have meant to its original Israelite audience and why it really is an appropriate title for Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Faith Formation Ministries

Advent At-home Faith Formation Tip - During Advent, we light the candle of Joy. Joy is not a fleeting happiness, but an attitude of the heart that springs from gratitude. What brings you joy? How might you spread joy to others? Wonder and talk about that this week. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

From Resonate Global Mission

Cohort Is Launching in Detroit! - A Resonate Global Mission experience for young adults, Cohort is an opportunity for young adults to serve in a local grassroots ministry, live in community, and engage in deep spiritual formation while discovering God's call for their lives. Cohort has opportunities to serve beginning in January 2020. Learn more about this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity by visiting www.resonateglobalmission.org/cohort/detroit.

From World Renew

Jesus is our Peace - Celebrate God's power made visible in His son, Jesus Christ, born to bring the world His peace and salvation. Share God's love with someone experiencing poverty, hunger, and injustice this Christmas with a simple gift: a goat, job training, or farm starter kit. Find these life-changing gifts and more in World Renew's 2019-2020 Gift Catalog at worldrenew.net/gifts. Or call 800-552-7972 to order.

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

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TODAY, December 15, 2019

Loren & Rhonda Marcus
Julie Link
Dalen & Donna Fuls
Todd Groen
Harold Groen
Judy Groen
Julie Link
Bldg / Benev Fund & Noisy
Doug Groen

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

Next Sunday, December 22

Brad & Julie Link
Julie Link
Doug & Anne Groen
Paul Knapper
Butch Mayer
Rachael Zigterman
Julie Link
CMCS Tuition Support
Duane Mulder

CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday 7:00 pm ***Ladies Bible Study*** - meet at Meadows

CHURCH FAMILY

New address for Char Groen - 403 Cardinal Drive, Room 4 Prinsburg, MN 56281

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.



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Upcoming dates:

December 15: Bible Study
December 22: Candlelight service at 6pm
December 25: Christmas Service 10 am
January 18: *The Man in the Mirror* book study 9am
January 19: Annual congregational meeting



COUNCIL NOTES

- Treasurer’s Report: November

Beginning Balance	\$1,813.02
Total Deposits	\$6,604.17
Total Expense	\$7,241.47
Ending Balance	\$1,175.72
- Benevolent Fund: \$5,091.30
- Building Fund: \$7,979.10
- Visiting elder for November: Duane Mulder

Notes:

- The offering for Dec. 29 will be for Hope Pregnancy Center
- The council approved Jaden Thompson to become a member of our church by public professing his faith
- The parsonage phone line will be discontinued in January. Feel free to call David and Rachael’s cell phones.
- The following have accepted their nomination for council and were approved by council:
Elder: David Daughtery, Nick Daughtery, Brad Link, and Paul Knapper;
Deacon: Connie Mulder, Samantha Link, and Josh Groen

Next Sunday, December 22 we will be hearing God’s word from Mark 1:1-8. In the evening we will have a Candlelight service.



Men’s Bible Study: Beginning Saturday, January 18, there will be a book study of *Man in the Mirror* by Patrick Morely. This study will begin at 9am with a pancake breakfast followed by a brief summary of a chapter of the book and a time for discussion. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.

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

The Fine Arts department at Central Minnesota Christian School invites you to celebrate our Savior's birth at our upcoming Christmas concert.

6-12 choir on Monday December 16 at 7pm in the Event Center. We hope to see you there.



Renville County West High School Winter Concert, Monday, December 16 7:30 pm

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TACO in a bag NIGHT The Prinsburg GEMS will be hosting a Taco-In-A-Bag supper fundraiser on January 10th from 5:00-7:00 pm in the CMCS Event Center during the boys basketball game vs YME. It is a free-will donation. Come out for a night of food, fun and fellowship!

Men: We hope that you had a great time and were blessed by attending a previous *No Regrets Conference* at Rock of Life CRC. We thank you for your past participation and invite you to the upcoming No Regrets Conference on February 1, 2020.



The *No Regrets Men's Conference* will transform men’s lives by empowering them to walk in loving, trusting obedience of Jesus Christ. Men will be encouraged to be the men God created them to be and to walk in step with the Holy Spirit on a moment-by-moment basis. This Conference is an annual conference for males ages 13 and up. If you have been blessed by this event, please prayerfully consider who you would like to invite. Men, when you invite your sons, you receive a discounted ticket price of \$10 for each of your sons! Invite your sons and friends!

The conference will be streamed live at our facility, Rock of Life CRC, located at 1708 8th St SW 56201. The doors open at 7:30 am for check-in, coffee, juice and donuts. The live stream begins at 8:30 am. Lunch will be provided and the conference will conclude at 4:00 pm.

Pay and register online at <http://www.rockoflifecrc.org/registration> by January 25, 2020 or download the registration form online or call Renae at 320-235-3060 or email willmarcrc@gmail.com. For more information visit the links below:

<https://www.noregretsconference.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/No-Regrets-2020-Promo-Video.mp4>

<https://nrlive.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/No%20Regrets%202019%20Highlight%20Video.mp4>



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.



Sermon Notes
Ezra 1:1-4, 3:1-13
Rebuilding

2020 Decennial Census Operations

Do You want to work on the upcoming 2020 Census Operations? We are taking immediate applications for a variety of temporary jobs, including census takers, office staff, and supervisory staff. You can earn extra income while helping your community. The Census Bureau is committed to hiring people to work in the area where they live. They are the most familiar with the people and places within their own community. We offer: competitive wages, mileage reimbursement, weekly paychecks, flexible hours, paid training. Applying is easy! Do it Today!. Applications are being taken immediately! Go Online: 2020census.gov/jobs. Or call 1-855-JOB-2020

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.



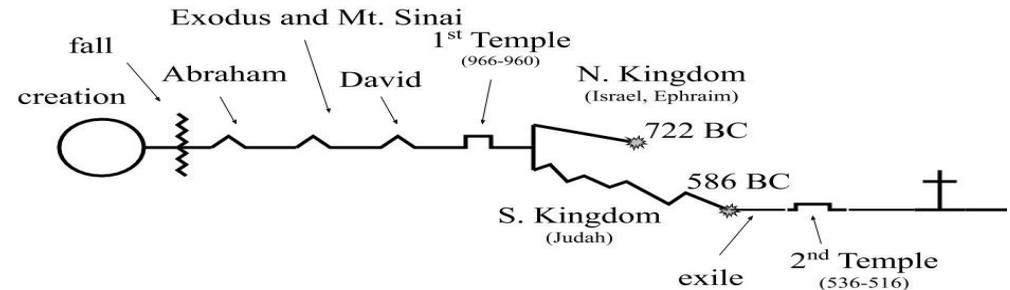
For information regarding both student as well as adult Driver's Training courses, go to the website at: www.212drivingschool.com.



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.



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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: Pakistan

Brick Kiln Owner Beats Christian Laborer

Hamza, who was raised as a Christian in a family indebted to a brick kiln owner, didn't experience persecution until he brought a Muslim to church. The kiln owner had no problem with Hamza attending church, but their relationship changed drastically when Hamza brought a Muslim coworker to church and the man accepted Christ. Shortly after that happened, the kiln owner met Hamza at the entrance to his church and beat him so badly that his shoulder was broken. Despite the injury and his treatment by the owner, Hamza continued to work toward paying off his debts to the owner. Two years ago, Hamza was sold to another brick kiln owner, where he continues to work to pay off his debt. About two months ago, two men on a motorcycle stopped Hamza on the way home from the market to beat him again. Hamza said they were acting on orders from his former owner, who is still angry at him. Hamza asks us to pray that God will change the hearts of those who are angry at him.

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**

