



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, December 22, 2019



**Sunday Evening Service
6:00 pm**

Tonight we will be have a Christmas Candlelight Service.
Please join us as we celebrate the coming of
The Light of the World.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship
Welcome and announcements
Advent Candle Litany Joy Candle:
*Call to worship
*God's Greeting of His People
*We Greet One Another
*Songs of Praise

On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry PH 327 vs. 1-3
O Lord, How Shall I Meet You PH 331 vs. 1-3

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Confession of sin
Assurance of pardon
Song of gratitude *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding* PH 332 vs. 1,3,5
Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer
Offering CMCS Tuition Support
Song of preparation *Hark, the Glad Sound!* PH 335 vs. 1-3

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination
*Scripture Mark 1:1-8 *pg. 1551*
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
Congregation: Thanks be to God

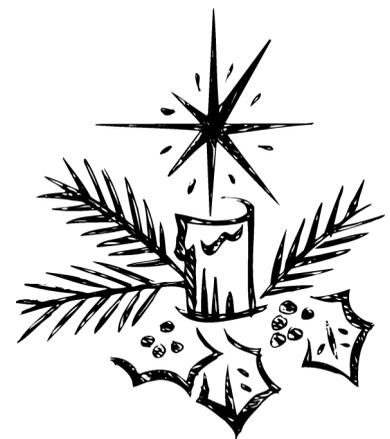
Message **Maladjusted For The Lord**

Prayer of Application
*Song of response *The King of Glory Comes* PH 370 vs. 1-4
*Profession of our Faith The Apostle's Creed

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing
*Closing Song *Angels We Have Heard On High* PH 347 vs. 1-3

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, we encourage everyone to think often about God's gift to us in Christ. What love God has for each of us! And what love we should have for one another! Welcome in the name of our Lord.



~ OUR MISSION ~
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.

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: PRINCE OF PEACE - What does it mean to declare and proclaim Jesus as the Prince of Peace? Considering the present brokenness and pain in our world, when can we expect this peace to prevail? Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 9:2-7 and Isaiah 11:1-9 to discover the meaning of this final title Isaiah gives the Messiah. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Make a Resolution That Sticks - Start 2020 with a deep dive into God's majestic Word through Psalm 119. With quick daily devotions from Today, grow in your relationship with God through Bible reading and prayer. Psalm 119 devotions begin January 1, 2020. Subscribe now at TodayDevotional.com.

From Faith Formation Ministries

Advent At-home Faith Formation Tip - During Advent, we light the candle of Love. Jesus' life, ministry, death, and resurrection were all characterized by love. In return, we are to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as yourself." Consider how your family or household might do those things more fully in the coming year. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

Christmas Day At-home Faith Formation Tip - Today we light the Christ candle to remind ourselves that the light of Christ has come into the world. Light a Christ candle in your own home today as you celebrate. Consider lighting a candle at each mealtime in the coming week (or year!) to remind you that Jesus is always with you. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

From World Renew

2 Days Left to Give - 4 Just Girls - If you wanted to make a donation to "4 Just Girls" to empower girls in Bangladesh through World Renew, it is not too late! Give by December 24 through onedayswages-worldrenew.funraise.org/. \$12.50 changes one life and all gifts given by December 24 will be matched 1:1 by One Day's Wages. Please give today!

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

TODAY, December 22, 2019

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

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

Next Sunday, December 29

Duane & Verla Mulder
Julie Link
Bob & Jill Marcus
Brad Link
Harold Groen
Lindsey Knapper
Julie Link
Hope Pregnancy Center
Duane Mulder

CHURCH CALENDAR

Tonight 6:00 pm *Candlelight Service*
Wednesday 10:00 am *Christmas Morning service*

CHURCH FAMILY

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

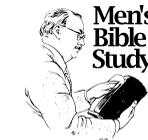
CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This evening we will have a candlelight service at 6 pm. On Christmas Day, we will have worship at 10 am. The offering will be for the Renville County Food Shelf.

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.



Next Sunday, December 29 we will be hearing God's word from Mark 1:9-20. The offering will be for Hope Pregnancy Center and Noisy offering.



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.

Our annual congregational meeting will be on Sunday, January 19, following the morning worship service. 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



Upcoming dates:

- 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
- January 29: Soup Supper



REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

January Series Coming this January for the 33rd year, Calvin University presents the 2020 January Series – the award winning series of 15 weekly, lunchtime lectures will be shown at Unity CRC in Prinsburg. This year the series runs weekdays from January 8 through 28, 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. Topics include poverty and hunger, immigration, mass incarceration, religious freedom, the ethics of big data and so much more, by top experts in their fields. A light lunch will be served after each session.

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>

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.



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.



GOD SENT US A SAVIOR

If our greatest need had been information,
 God would have sent us an educator.
 If our greatest need had been technology,
 God would have sent us a scientist.
 If our greatest need had been money,
 God would have sent us an economist.
 If our greatest need had been pleasure,
 God would have sent us an entertainer.
 But our greatest need was forgiveness,
 So God sent us a Savior.

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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: India

Five Remaining Orissa Prisoners Freed

The five remaining men accused of killing a Hindu leader that sparked massive sectarian riots in Odisha (Orissa) state were freed on bail by order of the Supreme Court after 11 years in prison. The Supreme Court of India ordered that the five men be granted bail on Nov. 26, and the men were freed earlier this month. Buddhadev Nayak, Bhaskar Sunamajhi, Durjo Sunamajhi, Sanatan Badamajhi and Munda Badamajhi were arrested in 2008. Two others arrested alongside them, Gornath Chalanseth and Bijaya Sanaseth, obtained bail in May and June respectively. The seven were arrested in the aftermath of anti-Christian riots in Kandhamal district that killed 120 people and displaced 55,000 Christians. Though the men are out on bail, their case is still pending. Thank God that the men will be home with their families for Christmas, and pray for resolution in their case.

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.

Sermon Notes

Mark 1:1-8

Maladjusted For The Lord

▪ The beginning

▪ John the Baptist

▪ Maladjusted

**“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God”
Philippians 4:6**

