

Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, December 29, 2019



Sunday Evening Worship 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 Psalm 98:1-3
*God's Greeting of His People
*We Greet One Another
*Songs of Praise *Angels from the Realms of Glory* PH 354 vs. 1-5
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing PH 345 vs. 1-3

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Confession of sin
Assurance of Pardon
Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer
Offering Hope Pregnancy Center
Noisy Offering
Song of preparation *Christ is the King* PH 359 vs. 1-5

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination
*Scripture Mark 1:9-20 pg. 1552
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
Congregation: Thanks be to God
Message **Get Up And Go**
Prayer of Application
*Song of response *Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult* PH 553 vs. 1,2,4
*Profession of our Faith The Apostle's Creed

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing
*Closing Song *My Friends May You Grow*

On this Sunday after Christmas, it's with continuing joy that we gather to praise Almighty God. We kneel before our newborn King with awe and honor. May this time of prayer and praise help you hold on a bit longer to Christmas joy and carry it into the new year. Welcome to worship!

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
Bunde CRC 5:30 pm
Prinsburg First CRC 6:00 pm

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
9:00am Sunday School
1st & 3rd Sunday
(Sept.—May)
10:00am 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

GROUNDWORK: A LIGHT SHINING IN DARKNESS - The coming of the Messiah is often associated with light. Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 9:2-3, Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-20, Matthew 5:14-16, and Revelation 22:1-5 to see what this theme means for our understanding of Christ's light and how we live while waiting for his second coming. 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

At-home Faith Formation Tip - As the year draws to a close, gather as a family or with friends to reflect on the events of the past 12 months and tell stories of how God guided, protected, convicted, loved, and provided for you. Hearing each others' stories is one of the best ways to grow in faith! (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

From World Renew

Thank you for sharing God's Love this Advent - We give gifts to each other, remembering Jesus Christ who brings us salvation and tells us to share His great gifts with others, especially those in need. If you would like to know more about the life-changing difference your gifts to World Renew can make in ending poverty, please visit worldrenew.net. Thank you.

TODAY, December 29, 2019

Duane & Verla Mulder	<i>Greeters</i>
Julie Link	<i>Library</i>
Bob & Jill Marcus	<i>Coffee Hour</i>
Brad Link	<i>Sound System</i>
Harold Groen	<i>Usher</i>
Lindsey Knapper	<i>Nursery</i>
Julie Link	<i>Congregational Visitor</i>
Hope Pregnancy Center	<i>Offering</i>
Duane Mulder	<i>Visiting Elder</i>

Next Sunday, January 5

Bob & Joan Swyter
Julie Link
Gerald & Connie M
Paul Knapper
Bob Marcus
Dawn Link
Gerald & Connie M
Ministry Shares/Noisy
Duane Mulder

CHURCH CALENDAR

Upcoming dates:

January 8:	Ladies Aid - 2pm
January 18:	<i>The Man in the Mirror</i> book study 9am
January 19:	Annual congregational meeting
January 29:	Soup Supper



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



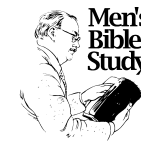
Next Sunday, January 5, we will be hearing God's word from Mark 1:21-45.



Our next Bible Study will begin January 12. At that time we will begin a study called *Bridges: Christians Connecting with Muslims*.

Ladies Aid will be postponed one week. For the month of January we will meet January 8.

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. The next Men's Bible Study will be Saturday, February 15. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.



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Office phone: 320-329-3932	You are welcome to stop in and visit without an appointment.

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 Daugherty, Nick Daugherty, Brad Link, & Paul Knapper;
Deacon: Connie Mulder, Samantha Link, and Josh Groen

Our Budget envelopes have not yet arrived and are expected to arrive sometime in January. Until that time, you may use an old budget envelope or just write a check.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. There is a brochure by the mailbox counter for more information.

Men: Save the Date: Rock of Life CRC (1708 8th St SW, Willmar) is excited to host our Annual "Men with No Regrets" conference on February 1, 2020. There will be several great speakers and plenty of good food to keep us fired up! Plan to bring friends and family members that would benefit from being challenged to give our very best as we work at becoming the Men of God that we are called to be. Doors open at 7:30 am for check-in, coffee and donuts. Live stream begins at 8:30 am. The cost is \$25 and that includes lunch. To register, go on-line to ww.rockoflifecrc.org and click on No Regrets Men's Conference, or call or email Renae at 320-235-3060 or willmarcrc@gmail.com. Hope to see you all there along with some of your friends!



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



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 nline: 2020census.gov/jobs. Or call 1-855-JOB-2020

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.



Renville County Food Shelf

On the first and third Tuesdays of each month we need help from 8 a.m. 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.



Reading resolutions

Every January, many Christians resolve to read the entire Bible in one year. That's a worthy goal, but God doesn't require us to read a certain number of verses or chapters per day. Instead, he tells us to simply be in his Word — and thus be with him — so he can grow our faith, light our path and assure us of his love and forgiveness. God's Word is a precious gift, but we need to "unwrap" it!

F.B. Meyer offers this helpful advice for a new year of discovering (and rediscovering!) Scripture: "Read the Bible, not as a newspaper, but as a home letter. If a cluster of heavenly fruit hangs within reach, gather it. If a promise lies upon the page as a blank check, cash it. If a prayer is recorded, appropriate it and launch it as a feathered arrow from the bow of your desire. If an example of holiness gleams before you, ask God to do as much for you. If the truth is revealed ... entreat that its brilliance may ever irradiate ... your life."



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 Kleinhuisen, John & Dorothy Alderks

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH Iraq Christian Convert Hopes in the Lord

Khalda, a young Iraqi Christian who was forced to flee his family and his country, is now growing in faith as he hopes in the Lord. When his father urged him to get married and drop out of school, Khalda insisted on finishing school and also became a follower of Jesus Christ. "I started knowing the Lord and going to church," he said. But after learning that Khalda had left Islam and placed his faith in Christ, his family began to beat him. Khalda said discrimination against Christians is common in the city where he lived. Other believers then helped him escape from Iraq, and he now lives in another country. "Now, I'm going in faith," he said. "Although I might suffer, I feel happy because I know that the Lord has defeated this world!" Pray that Khalda will continue to grow in faith and be used by the Lord to reach others. Also pray for other Christian converts from Islam who are facing persecution.

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 1:9-20
Get Up And Go

1. Baptism (9-11)

2. Temptations (12-13)

3. The good news (14-15)

4. Discipleship (16-20)

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

