

**Emden Christian Reformed Church**  
**Pastor David Zigterman**  
**Sunday, January 12, 2020**

**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

*As the Deer*

- \*Call to worship
- \*God's Greeting of His People
- \*We Greet One Another
- \*Songs of Praise

*We Bow Down*

*Lord I Lift Your Name on High*

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

Confession of sin  
Assurance of Pardon  
Song of gratitude  
Prayer of God's people  
Offering  
Song of preparation

*Before the Throne of God Above*  
conclude with the Lord's Prayer  
General Fund  
*Be Unto Your Name*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for illumination

\*Scripture Mark 2:1-22 pg. 1553  
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord  
Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **Embodying Forgiveness**

Prayer of Application

\*Profession of our Faith *Boundless Grace*

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

- \*Parting Blessing
- \*Closing Song *Amazing Grace - My Chains are Gone*

*Welcome to worship, fellowship and Christian education.*  
*May the Holy Spirit touch your life during your time here today.*

Bible Study will begin tonight, January 12.  
We will begin a study called  
***Bridges: Christians Connecting with Muslims.***  
Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us.



SUNDAY SCHEDULE  
9:00am Catechism  
(Sept.—May)  
10:00am Morning Worship  
Sunday School

**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](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

GROUNDWORK: WE ARE CHRIST'S LIGHT - What does Jesus mean when he tells his followers "You are the light of the world"? Join Groundwork as we study Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5:13-15 to discover what it means for how we live our lives and shine our light as faithful followers of Jesus today. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### From Calvin Theological Seminary

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 second and third missionary journeys, as well as other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu)

### From Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Formation Tip - Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments at Home by Traci Smith (Chalice Press), contains hundreds of ideas for traditions, ceremonies and spiritual practices that build faith, from creating a "sacred space" in your house, to mealtime and bedtime blessings, to new ways to pray together. It's an amazing resource that can help families with children start some new household faith habits in the new year. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))

### From The Banner

The Banner magazine wants to hear from you! - Please take our survey at [thebanner.org/Survey](http://thebanner.org/Survey). Help us improve to serve you better. Your participation is voluntary, confidential, and will only take about 10 minutes. Thank you!

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

### TODAY, January 12, 2020

Heidi & Heather Link  
Julie Link  
Curt & Judy Groen  
Curt Groen  
Paul Knapper  
Donna Fuls  
Paul & Wanda Knapper  
General Fund  
Kim Mulder

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

### Next Sunday, January 19

Randy & Verla Zieske  
Julie Link  
Harold & Norma Groen  
Brad Link  
Bob Marcus  
Jane Groen  
Paul & Wanda K  
Bldg / Benev Funds  
Kim Mulder

### CHURCH CALENDAR

Tonight	6:00 pm	<i><b>Bible Study</b></i>
Wednesday	7:00 pm	<i><b>Ladies Bible Study</b></i> Lesson 5
Saturday	9:00 am	<i><b>Men's Bible Study</b></i>

### CHURCH FAMILY

I would like to thank everyone for all their prayers, cards, food brought to our home, words of encouragement, and well wishes, while I was recuperating from my two knee surgeries. I feel very blessed to be a part our very caring church family here at Emden. Thanks - Twyla

### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School and Catechism meets the 1st, 3rd, and 5th (when applicable) Sunday of each month. Catechism (4th grade through High School) meets from 9:00 am to 9:45 am. Sunday School (3rd 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.



### Upcoming dates:

January 12:	Bible Study 6:00 pm
January 18:	Men's Bible Study - 9am
January 19:	Annual congregational meeting 11:00 am
January 29:	Soup Supper 5:00 pm
February 2:	Communion



Our next Bible Study will begin tonight, January 12. We will begin a study called ***Bridges: Christians Connecting with Muslims.***

Next Sunday, January 19, we will be hearing God's word from Mark 4:1-34.

All are invited to join me Thursday, January 23 at 12:30 at Somoli Star for lunch. This is part of an outreach effort suggested by the study Bridges: Christians Connecting with Muslims.

### Council Notes

- December Treasure Report -
 

Beginning Balance	\$1,175.72
Total Deposits	\$26,248.38
Total Expense	\$13,121.05
Ending Balance	\$14,303.05
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| Benevolent Fund: | \$4,220.45 |
| Building Fund:   | \$8,148.96 |
| Noisy Offering:  | \$542.46   |
- Visiting elder for February: Kim Mulder

### Notes:

- A denominational survey will be placed in your mailboxes. Please fill this out when you are able and return to Pastor David.

### Worship services

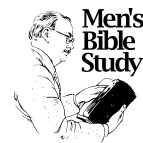
- We will acknowledge Right to Life Sunday on Sunday, Jan.26. We will have a special offering for Hope Pregnancy Center on that day.
- We will have Refugee Awareness Sunday on Sunday, February 2.

The annual **Emden Soup Supper** will be held on Wednesday, January 29 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Your assignment sheets for food to bring and the jobs you are requested to fill are in your mail box today. Be sure to check them out and mark your calendars. If you cannot fulfill any of your assignments you are responsible to trade with someone or find someone to fill in for you. Thank you.

Soup Supper Committee: Curt & Judy, Duane & Verla, Dave & Andrea, Tim & Dawn.



**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.

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

The new 2020 Budget envelopes are in your mailbox today.

### REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Today - Belgian Waffle dinner** 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Renville Community Center, **All You Can Eat** - Free -will donation Sponsored by the *Renville Lions Club* with proceeds to benefit the **Cycling Without Age** program at the RenVilla & other Lions projects. Carry-outs available.

**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.

There will be a delicious Pulled Pork Sandwich Feed on Friday, January 31st from 5:15 to 7:15pm at the CMCS Event Center. The meal will include a pulled pork sandwich, chips, bar & beverage. This is a free will donation feed. Please join us in supporting the CMCS Baseball program and the Prinsburg Baseball Boosters to help cover the cost for field fencing repairs & equipment purchases. Come enjoy a great meal before the CMCS girls basketball team host LQPV!



### **Movie Night**



Join us for a night of fellowship and a great family-friendly movie called “*Overcomer*” at Bunde CRC on Saturday, January 25. Doors open at 6:30 pm with showtime at 7:00 pm. Popcorn and snacks will be served. “*Overcomer*” is a new release from the creators of the #1 box-office hit “*War Room*”. Due to a factory closing, many families are forced to move away from the town where Coach Harrison

had a winning basketball team. Forced to end the basketball program, Coach Harrison is challenged by the school’s principal to coach the sport of Cross Country, which he doesn’t know or like. As John questions his own worth, he dares to help the least likely runner take on the biggest race of the year. Filled with a powerful mix of faith, humor and heart, this inspirational story will have you on the edge of your seat. Invite your friends and neighbors and bring a comfortable chair or bean bag and blankets. (Regular chairs will also be available). We hope to see you there!

**Attention All Men (15 thru 90)** Just a reminder of the men’s No Regrets conference coming on Saturday, Feb 1 at Rock of Life CRC, 1708 8th St SW, Willmar, MN. We will be including some new twists to this years event. We will be meeting around tables in the sanctuary. Reserve your table now (8 men) for only \$200. This will be a great way to encourage and inspire other men to attend. You can still purchase individual tickets for \$25. We are also excited to host a local speaker (Adam Trask – recent Fortress leader) as one of our main event presenters. To register and pay on-line go to [www.rockoflifecrc.org](http://www.rockoflifecrc.org) or call Renae at 320-235-3060 or email [willmarcrc@gmail.com](mailto:willmarcrc@gmail.com). Doors open at 7:30am for check-in and coffee and donuts. The live stream begins at 8:30. Hope to see you there on Feb 1!



Friendships Ministries would like to thank the Emden Congregation for your Thanksgiving gift of \$120. We started the New Year with eager students meeting their Mentors on Monday evening. We have about 90 students attending and 33 Mentors. We appreciate your support and also ask for your prayers for good weather in the coming months. Thanks for your blessing. —The Friendship Board

Friendship Bible Study



Renville County West Schools is looking for a church group or individual(s) to help RCW with the delivery of the BTP (Back the Pack) totes containing meals and returning the delivery of the BTP totes containing meals and returning the empty totes back to the packing site for the following week. This needs to occur after packing on Tuesday morning. The totes need to be returned by 4 pm on Friday. If this opportunity interest you, contact Pastor David.

For information regarding both student as well as adult Driver’s Training courses, go to the website at: [www.212drivingschool.com](http://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.



### **Renville County Food Shelf**



**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.

**2020 Decennial Census Operations** Do You want to work on the upcoming 202 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](https://2020census.gov/jobs). Or call 1-855-JOB-2020



## 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  
**N** Lilah Kleinhuizen, John & Dorothy Aalderks  
**E**  
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### **The Persecuted Church: China**

#### **Early Rain Pastor Sentenced to 9 Years in Prison as Harassment Continues**

More than a year after police arrested 100 believers and shut down their church, the members of Early Rain Covenant Church continue to face harassment and threats. In late December, Senior Pastor Wang Yi was sentenced to nine years in prison, while his wife and child remain under house arrest. Elder Qin Defu, another Early Rain leader, is serving a four-year prison sentence, and authorities took four adopted children away from church members Pei Wenju and Jing Jianan and placed the children in other homes. Continue to pray for members of Early Rain Covenant Church, especially those in prison.

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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.

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

