

**Emden Christian Reformed Church  
Pastor David Zigterman  
Sunday, February 9, 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  
\*Call to worship  
\*God's Greeting of His People  
\*We Greet One Another  
\*Songs of Praise *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* PH 471 vs. 1-3  
*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* PH 486 vs. 1-3

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

Confession of sin  
Assurance of pardon  
Song of gratitude *Amazing Grace* PH 462 vs. 1,3,5  
Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer  
Offering General Fund  
Song of preparation *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* SJ 490 vs. 1-3

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for illumination  
\*Scripture Ephesians 2:8-9 pg. 1819  
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord  
Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **By Grace Through Faith**

Prayer of Application  
\*Song of response *Boundless Grace*

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Parting Blessing  
\*Closing Song *Go My Children, with My Blessing*  
LUYH 946 vs. 1-3

*We offer a joyful greeting to all who've come to worship our Creator.  
May we be open to the Holy Spirit and receive all the benefits of  
God's grace today.*

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

<p><b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b> 9:00am Sunday School 1st &amp; 3rd Sunday (Sept.—May) 10:00am Morning Worship</p>
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<p><b>Elders:</b> Duane Mulder - President Kim Mulder - Vice President Doug Groen - Clerk</p>	<p><b>Deacons:</b> Todd Groen - Chairman Curt Groen - Benevolent / Building Fund Bob Swyter - Treasurer</p>
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### From Back to God Ministries International

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: JESUS TAUGHT - The Gospels repeatedly tell us it was his teaching that amazed people. Join Groundwork as we study the content and style of Jesus' teaching in Mark 1:21-28, Matthew 5, and Matthew 7:24-28 to allow his teaching to deepen our faith and influence how we engage in Bible studies and ministry today. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### From Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Formation Tip - Rain For Roots is a collective of songwriters that includes Sandra McCracken, Katy Bowser, Ellie Holcomb, and Flo Paris. They came together around a single vision: to make new Scripture songs for children, centered around the poetry of Sally Lloyd-Jones (author of The Jesus Storybook Bible). Inspired by traditional folk melodies, Rain for Roots makes new, timeless songs about the old gospel story. Check them out at [RainforRoots.com](http://RainforRoots.com). (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))

### From Office of Social Justice

Today is the Office of Social Justice Sunday - Thank you for your prayers and gifts today! Your gifts help us to provide resources for learning about the root causes of poverty, hunger, and oppression, and help us to empower the church to call on those in power to improve systems and enact just policy. As you reflect on justice today, please pray for those who are in positions of power to impact immigration policy, a global response to climate change, and protecting vulnerable lives. Pray for a global commitment to peace.

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

### TODAY, February 9, 2020

Dalen & Donna Fuls	<i>Greeters</i>
Julie Link	<i>Library</i>
Anna & Lindsey Knapper	<i>Coffee Hour</i>
Curt Groen	<i>Sound System</i>
Nick Daugherty	<i>Usher</i>
Judy Groen	<i>Nursery</i>
Gerald & Connie Mulder	<i>Congregational Visitor</i>
General Fund	<i>Offering</i>
Kim Mulder	<i>Visiting Elder</i>

### Next Sunday, February 16

David & Andrea D
Julie Link
Heidi & Heather L
Brad Link
Kim Mulder
Lindsey Knapper
Gerald & Connie M
Bldg / Benev Fund
Kim Mulder

### CHURCH FAMILY

DeeDee Johnson's new address: 511 S DeKalb Street  
Apt. 117, Redwood Falls, MN 56283



Adeline Groen's address at Bethesda. She will be there  
about a month. Bethesda Grand 901 Willmar Ave SE  
Willmar, MN 56201

Zigterman's will be on vacation February 6 - 13. If a need arises,  
please call one of the Elder's.

Greetings from Soroti! Even though it is a full month into the long dry season (usually there is no rain from Christmas until late March/early April), we've been getting a lot of rain over the past few days. It's great for cooling things off, keeping the dust down, and maintaining the veggies growing in my garden. But at the same time, it is also very unusual and confusing. And the power goes off a lot more when it rains. We're grateful for a generator and solar-powered flashlights. This week we have two blog posts for you at our blog:  
<https://antharsa.blogspot.com> *Pallisa Youth Conference*

*Bible Survey Class and Fireless Cooker*  
Blessings, —Sara and Anthony

Please keep Carson, Josh & Megan in your prayers. Carson did not have his surgery this past week because he had a cough. It has not been rescheduled yet.

### CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday 9:00 am *Men's Bible Study*

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we welcome Chris Alle from The Broken who will be leading our morning worship time.

Sunday School and Catechism will begin September 15 and will meet 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.



The next Men's Bible Study will be Saturday, February 15. We are studying *The 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.



Next Sunday, February 16, we will be hearing God's word from Mark 7:1-23.



Our next Bible Study will be February 16. We are doing a study called *Bridges: Christians Connecting with Muslims*.

Upcoming dates:

- February 15: *Man in the Mirror* study @ 9am
- February 16: Bible Study at 6 pm
- February 19: Council meeting  
Ladies Bible Study
- February 26: Ash Wednesday service at 7 pm at Ebenezer
- March 2-3: Classis at Calvary CRC in Edina



## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS



**BUNCO NIGHT:** The Outreach Team at Bunde would like to invite you and your guests to a FREE night of fun playing Bunco in the Bunde CRC Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, February 26 from 7-8:30pm. Bring a snack to share and a competitive spirit to enjoy some fun, fellowship, and an opportunity to win some prizes. All ages welcome!

**FROM THE CMCS SEARCH TEAM:** We would like to express a sincere thank you to those of you who have prayed over the superintendent search process throughout this past year. We are so grateful for the support and feedback we've received through conversations, survey input, and community listening sessions. We praise God for his guidance and providence in bringing a new leader to CMCS. We ask for your continued prayers for Jon DeGroot and his family as they prepare to transition into our community. We also ask for your prayers for the school board and staff, as they continue to work together to carry out the mission of providing Christ-Centered education to the students at CMCS. "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." Eph. 3:20-21

Please join us at the Ecumenical Vacation Bible School Belgian Waffle Dinner Sunday, March 8th 10:30-12:30 at the Renville Community Center. All proceeds will go toward the costs of hosting VBS this summer. A sign-up sheet for any volunteers able to help an hour or 2 will be available on the back table. Please contact Samantha Link for any questions.



Renville County Hospice offers Annual Grief Support Opportunity. The Adult Grief Group is sponsored by Renville County Hospice. The sessions will be held on Monday evening March 2 through April 20, 2020 from 4pm to 6pm at the Renville County Hospital (Willette Room), 100 Healthy Way in Olivia. The April 6th session will be rescheduled to April 8th. All are welcome and invited. Please call Amy Boettger, MSW, LICSW at 320-52303451 to register.

**Restorative Justice volunteers wanted.** How can you help? Give two hours of your time every other week to a family in need. If you, or someone you know would be interested in helping support other families in your community, please call the number below for more information.

**Informational Meeting:** When: Thursday, February 20 & 27 @ 5- 6:00 pm  
Where: Renville County Government Service Center, Rm 117

**Open Community Circles** When: Tuesday, March 3, 17, 31 @ 5:30 – 7:30  
Where: Renville County Government Service Center, Rm 117

For more information, or to RSVP Please call Andrew Peltz @ 320-522-1573 Or email @ andrewp@renvillecountymn.com

### 2020 Decennial Census Operations

Do You want to work on the upcoming 2022 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

**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](http://www.212drivingschool.com).



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**PRAYER CORNER**

REQUESTS  
—FOR—  
PRAYER

~ Please remember those in our congregation who have continuous health concerns: Marge Link, Linda Mayer, Gerald Mulder, Darla Ruschen , DeeDee Johnson, Lilah Kleinhuizen, John & Dorothy Alderks

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**THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: Sudan**  
**Reaping Fruit in the Nuba Mountains**

A ministry team based in Sudan’s Nuba Mountains is having good results as it works among a people group with no established churches. Three full-time missionaries are reaching out to the Shawaya people in Sudan and South Sudan. The team has showed the JESUS film to hundreds of people and led many to Christ. They also helped establish one church, which now has a full-time pastor. In addition, the missionary team has established multiple home fellowships throughout the Yida and Nuba Mountains. Praise God for the faithful witness of the local church as it reaches out in a difficult area.

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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**

