

**Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, May 27, 2018**



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 *Come, Thou Fount* SJ 82 vs. 1-3
Blessed Assurance SJ 295 vs. 1-3

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

- Testimony Chet Boen - Gideons
- Song of gratitude *No Weight of Gold or Silver* PH 374 vs. 1-3
- Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer
- Offering CMCS Tuition Support
- Special offering Gideons
- Song of preparation *For the Glories of God's Grace* PH 223 vs. 1-5

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

- Prayer for illumination
- *Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 *pg. 1799*
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
Congregation: Thanks be to God
- Message **Agents of Reconciliation**
- Prayer of Application
- *Song of response *In Christ There Is No East or West* SJ 137 vs. 1,3,4
- *Profession of our faith Apostle's Creed

WE DEPART TO SERVE

- *Parting Blessing
- *Closing Song *Love, Divine, All Loves Excelling* SJ 71 vs. 1-3

Welcome to worship on Memorial Day weekend. Today we remember those who've given their lives for our earthly freedom — and worship the One who died and rose to ensure our eternal freedom.

**Sunday Evening Worship Service
6:00 pm**

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

Next Sunday, June 3, 2018		<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u>
Greeters:	Kim & Nancy Mulder	9:00am Sunday School
Library:	Julie Link	(Sept.—May)
Coffee Hour:	Bob & Joan Swter	10:00am Morning Worship
Sound System:	Todd Groen	
Ushers:	David & Moise Daugherty	Gene & Dawn Michelson
Nursery:	Rachael	B.P. 2210, Bamako
Transportation:		Mali, West Africa
Letter to Michelsons:	Todd & Jane Groen	E-mail address
Congregational Visitor:	Julie Link	Usumaan@hotmail.com
Offering:	am Ministry Shares	
Elders:		Deacons:
Kim Mulder - President	Gerald Mulder - Chairman	
Tim Link - Vice President	Curt Groen - Benevolent / Building Fund	
Doug Groen - Clerk	Bob Swyter - Treasurer	

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. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

THE FRUIT OF PATIENCE - How can we cultivate the spiritual gift of patience in a society that prefers immediate gratification? Join Groundwork in studying 1 Timothy 1:15-16 and Colossians 1:9-12 as we seek to understand and cultivate the fruit of patience in our own lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Faith Formation Ministries

Children's Ministry Curriculum Reviews - Children's Ministry Leaders: If you're choosing a new children's ministry curriculum this year, the CRC's Faith Formation Ministries has just provided a new set of reviews to help you! Check out the pros and cons of curricula like Dwell, Orange, D6, Deep Blue, and more. You'll find the reviews in the "Choosing Curriculum" section of our new Children's Ministry Toolkit (crcna.org/FaithFormation/toolkits). Got other children's ministry challenges? Contact Mimi Larson, our Children's Ministry Catalyzer (childrensministry@crcna.org). She'd love to help!

From World Renew

Group Volunteer Overseas - Are you a compassionate, respectful, and adaptable person who would like to volunteer overseas with others who have common interests? With World Renew's Global Volunteer Program, you will get an authentic cultural experience and learn about the deep history and traditions that define the life of an international community. To find out more, email Andrew at globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net.

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

TODAY

Greeters:	Duane & Verla Mulder
Library:	Julie Link
Coffee Hour:	James & Phyllis Santjer
Sound System:	Ryan Sietsema
Nursery:	Judy Groen
Ushers:	Paul Knapper & Zach Johnson
Transportation:	
Letter to Michelsons:	Harold & Norma Groen
Congregational Visitor:	Janel Watson
Visiting Elder:	Kim Mulder

CHURCH FAMILY

The flowers in front of church are in memory of Louise Peterson. Thank you to everyone who had a part in the Memorial Service for Louise Peterson, those who attended, serving circle women, ushers Duane & Butch, sound system Brad & Julie, pianist Janel. Thank you also for the many cards, visits, food and memorial gifts given. A special thanks to Pastor David and Rachael for their visits with mom over the past few years. What a blessing to be a part of such a loving and caring church and community.

—Judy & Curt Groen and family of Louise Peterson

Blog posts with fun pictures and videos - You might think, from the subject of the email that these blog posts are something special. But in fact, we always have fun pictures and videos in our blog posts, right? Right? :) Anyway, this week, we have three new posts at: <https://anthsara.blogspot.com>

The Rainy Season; Animals; Fireless Cooker

Although there are three posts, they're mostly pictures and a couple short videos, so don't feel overwhelmed by the quantity.

—We are so grateful for your faithful prayers for us. This week, we'd appreciate prayers for safe travel for us and for Anthony's sister who is coming to visit! Please also pray that she has an interesting and enjoyable trip. Additionally, we are starting to get more opportunities for work than is possible for us to actually do. Please pray that we would have wisdom to know which opportunities to take and which to say "no" or "later" so we don't get overwhelmed.

—In Christ, Sara and Anthony

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20, NRSV

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we welcome Marlin Breems who will be leading worship for us and Chet Boen who will share about his work with the Gideons. Evening Bible Study for tonight, May 27, is cancelled.

Next Sunday, June 3 we will be hearing God's word from Philippians 2:12-30. There will also be a Renville Service at 2 pm.

Each Sunday morning, we will be having a time of prayer before the service beginning at 9:15.



Nursery Sign-up - We are in need of some members to help in the nursery. There are several spots open in the next couple of months. Please sign up by the mailbox counter.

On Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 7:00 pm our church will be hosting the Watoto Children's Choir. Come and hear the inspiring and energetic music of the Watoto children as they share their music and dance from Uganda, Africa. A love-offering will be received at the end of the concert and refreshments and fellowship will follow.

The Watoto Children's Choir tours the world annually to advocate millions of African children currently orphaned by AIDS, poverty and war. Watoto is a church based organization that cares for orphans and widows in Uganda. The Watoto Children's Choir has performed before royalty and world leaders at Buckingham Palace, at the White House and at many national parliaments across the globe. Wherever they go, audiences are inspired as the children sing, dance and celebrate their stories of hope.

Upcoming dates:

June 3: Renville Service - 2 pm

Tues., June 5: Watoto Children's Choir - 7 pm

Updated: June 17: Communion and potluck

August 5-10: Ecumenical VBS

Sept. 9: Communion and potluck

Sept. 17 and 18: Classis in Alexandria

October 21: Mission Emphasis Sunday and potluck

Nov. 11: Communion and potluck



REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLAYGROUND MOVING - Help Needed -In preparation for the construction project, the playground closest to the elementary main entrance will be dismantled and stored. Adults and any student, age 9th grade and older, are invited to join the efforts and bring hand tools for the project (further info will be delivered to those who RSVP). Wednesday, May 30 from 6-9 PM Thursday, May 31, from 6-9 PM (Optional date of Tuesday, June 5, if needed) By 5/25, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Jill Haan to confirm your help: (605) 759-4772 (call or text), jillhaan31@gmail.com

2018 Prinsburg Cadet Campout – All Cadets and their fathers are invited to this year's annual Cadet Campout. We will leave for Sibley State Park at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 1, from the First CRC parking lot. We will arrive back at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 2. Please bring a sleeping bag and pillows, clothing appropriate for the weather, swim suits, life jackets and a fishing rod. All food and tents will be provided. Please leave all electronic gadgets at home! Call Eric Van Dyken at (320) 905-4489 if you have any questions.



Everyone is invited to the Belgian Waffle Feed on Sunday, June 10 from 9:00 - 1:00 at the Renville Community Center. Serving waffles, toppings, sausages and beverage. Free-will offering will be collected for the Renville Ambulance Service. Carry-outs are available for \$7.

Splash Canyon VBS will be held at First CRC of Prinsburg June 4-8 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each evening. Registration is open for kids ages 4 yrs. (by Sept. 1) through 5th grade. To register, sign up online at www.office@firstcrocprinsburg.org and click on "VBS Registration", on the Facebook page "Prinsburg VBS", or call Sarah Van Dyken at 320-220-4600. Those who register by May 28 will receive a free CD/DVD of VBS music.

volunteers: We are in need of JH/HS volunteers to be station helpers and also assisting the adult leaders as they bring the kids to each station. If you can help, please call Kim at (320) 978-4323.



First Lutheran of Renville, Our Saviors Lutheran of Sacred Heart, Emden Christian Reformed of Renville, and Ebenezer Presbyterian in Renville will be bringing the children of our communities together to learn about Jesus. Ecumenical Vacation Bible School, "Get Lost," will commence



August 5-9 at First Lutheran, Renville led by counselors from Green Lake Lutheran Ministries. The week consists of Bible studies, worship, music, crafts, games and fellowship. The Ecumenical VBS will be from 5-8pm (includes supper) and is open to all children ages 4-13. Emden will cover the cost of registration. Registration forms can be found by the mailboxes. Please fill one out if you are interested and return to Pastor David or a member of council.

**To make the week a success, we need the help from all four congregations. The VBS Committee is asking for congregational help in three ways:

The Green Lake Camp Counselors need housing during VBS on the evenings of August 5-8. There are 6 counselors as of May. The counselors can stay together or be split into groups of 2, 3 or 4 if needed. If you are not able to house them, would you be interested in having them for breakfast or lunch one day? Let's make the counselors feel welcome in our communities.

**We are also looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen and with the campers (adults or our middle/high school members) during the week. We are gathering names from the three hosting congregations and will be putting together a schedule of workers. More than likely we would only need you to help one night!

**Lastly, in July there will be "Get Lost!" donations board. We are asking each congregation for help with groceries to provide all our campers with supper each night. More information will be provided in July. We great appreciate any donation and the service of your time. Please contact Samantha Link if you can house counselors or assist during VBS. Thank you. The VBS Committee



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 Human Services is currently seeking individuals who are willing to be foster parents to children who are in need of a home. Foster parents can be blended families, one or two parent families, retired or single. The most important aspects of fostering a child is your willingness to provide a loving, safe, and stable environment. Foster parents are considered part of a team of individuals who are working to make a better life for a child. Foster parents help a child through a difficult time, share their gifts and talents and receive reimbursement for their dedication and service to children. Is it time to share your gifts and talents and become a foster parent? Please call Bonnie Lund or Stacie Roxberg, Renville County Human Services at 320-523-2202 to find out more about how to become a foster parent for Renville County.

Graduation

Thanks, Mom!

At his graduation, a young man tasked with giving a speech began reading from some notes. "I want to talk about my mother and the wonderful influence she had on my life," he said. "She's a shining example of parenthood, and I love her more than words can ever do justice."

The graduate then paused, appeared to struggle a moment and looked up at the audience with a mischievous smile. "It's really hard to read my mom's handwriting," he said.

Beginning ... and beginning again

During the coming weeks, as you or loved ones celebrate graduation, remember it isn't a closed door, an end or a farewell. Instead, it's an entryway threshold, a beginning, a hello — and one of many such opportunities that mark life.

"God wants us to know that life is a series of beginnings, not endings, just as graduations are not terminations but commencements," writes Bernie Siegel. "Creation is an ongoing process, and when we create a perfect world where love and compassion are shared by all, suffering will cease."

Of course, we can "create a perfect world" only by letting God guide our actions. So, dear graduates, may you partner with God to meet suffering with love, kindness and compassion through all the new beginnings of your life!



PRAYER CORNER

REQUESTS
FOR
PRAYER

~ Please remember those in our congregation who have continuous health concerns: Melvin Link, Marge Link, Linda Mayer, Gerald Mulder, Darla Ruschen

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: Pakistan: Two Christians Arrested After Sharing Literature

A Pakistani Bible school student was arrested and detained for a day after giving Christian literature to a Muslim man who had asked for it. Samir was in the market with a friend when a Muslim shop owner asked for a set of his Christian books. After Samir gave them to him, the shop owner called police. Police then questioned Samir and his friend, confiscating their literature, money and phones before taking them to the police station. The two Christians were locked in an interrogation room for nearly 12 hours, until being released by a higher ranking officer who said he respected Christians. While in detention, the men prayed and recited as many Bible verses as they could remember. Both men continue to share the gospel with Muslims today, and Samir said the experience has made them even bolder.

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**

