

Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, June 10, 2018

Sunday Evening Worship Service
6:00 pm

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship
 Welcome and announcements
 *Call to worship Revelation 15:3-4
 *God's Greeting of His People
 *We Greet One Another
 *Songs of Praise *A Mighty Fortress* PH 469 vs. 1-4
Christ the Lord is Risen Today PH 388 vs. 1,2,4

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Confession of sin
 Assurance of pardon based on Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17
 Guide for Grateful Living Philippians 2:1-4
 Ministry of Music *Cornerstone*
 Carrie, Abby, Molly, and Trisha Mulder
 Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer
 Offering General Fund
 Song of preparation *O Jesus, We Adore Thee* PH 472 vs. 1-3

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination
 *Scripture Philippians 3:1-11 pg. 1828
 Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
 Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **In Christ . . .**

Prayer of Application
 *Song of response *When I Survey* PH 384 vs. 1-4
 *Profession of our faith *In God the Father I Believe* PH 518 vs. 1-4

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing
 *Closing Song *Because He Lives* SJ 275 vs. 1

A hearty greeting and welcome to all. It is a privilege to worship God.
We are glad for this time of togetherness before the Lord.
Praise the Lord!

This evening we will continue our study
 of the book of Romans.
 Study questions are available by the mailboxes.



Next Sunday, June 17, 2018		<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u>
Greeters:	Darla Ruschen & Janel Watson	9:00am Sunday School
Library:	Julie Link	1st & 3rd Sunday
Coffee Hour:	Chuck & Twyla Sietsema	(Sept.—May)
Sound System:	Paul Knapper	10:00am Morning Worship
Ushers:	David & Moise Daugherty	
Nursery:	Judy Groen	
Transportation:		
Letter to Michelsons:	Zach & Teri Johnson	Gene & Dawn Michelson
Congregational Visitor:	Julie Link	B.P. 2210, Bamako
Offering: am	Building / Benevolent Fund	Mali, West Africa
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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 GOODNESS - When we think being good is primarily about keeping rules and obeying, we inevitably encounter hypocrisy. Join Groundwork as we study Galatians 6:7-10 to define genuine goodness and determine what this spiritual fruit looks like in the life of a believer. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Office of Social Justice

Seeking Immigration Organizers - Are you passionate about keeping the church informed about immigration and engaged in advocacy? You can be an important part of this work through applying to be an immigration regional organizer! The CRC Office of Social Justice is partnering with the Reformed Church in America to work with individuals in Denver, Chicago, Pella, NW Iowa, California to develop relationships with area congregations and to encourage a deeper understanding of immigration through education, worship, advocacy, and local connections. A stipend is offered for this temporary, part-time position. Consider applying or sharing this announcement with individuals who may be interested. Learn more and apply at crcna.org/jobs.

Share Your Creation Care Worship Ideas! - We're still looking for submissions for the new crowdsourced collection of worship resources! If you enjoy writing and love God's creation, consider creating and sharing a resource with us. We welcome prayers, liturgies, songs (text only or with music), visuals, and any creative worship tools from anyone—individuals, worship teams, small groups, children's groups, and more. The deadline for submissions is June 30. Find more information and submit your resource at justice.crcna.org/worship.

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

TODAY

Greeters:	James & Phyllis Santjer
Library:	Julie Link
Coffee Hour:	Cody & Missy Strand
Sound System:	Curt Groen
Ushers:	Paul Knapper & Zach Johnson
Nursery:	Rachael or Paul
Transportation:	
Letter to Michelsons:	Ida Huisman
Congregational Visitor:	Julie Link
Visiting Elder:	Kim Mulder



CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday 7:00 pm **Council Meeting**
June 7 - 14 Synod meetings

CHURCH FAMILY

Everyone is invited to stay for cake & coffee after this morning service in honor of Janel Watson's 70th birthday!

There will be an Open House for John Aalderks, who is celebrating his 90th birthday, on Saturday, June 16 from 2:00 - 4:00 at the Emden Church social hall. Everyone is welcome to come and help John celebrate!



Dear faithful supporters,
We have a prayer request for you and some blog posts. We pay for the services of a local guard company, and each night we usually get the same guard who comes, Julius. He doesn't know English well, nor Swahili, nor the local language of Ateso. He speaks Langi. But he knows enough basic English that I've been able to talk to him about some of his lies to me and some of the problems with his work. As he wanted me to forgive him, I did so, but I assured him that he also needs to make sure he is forgiven by God. I tried to share the Gospel with him but he could not fully understand. We got our great friend Martin to come over, a very selfless and passionate Christian. He speaks Langi and we were able to all share together, and discuss the work arrangement, as well as talk about the Bible and about Christ. Julius was delighted. There will be more conversations to come. We bought him a Langi Bible and he reads it every night that he is here (it's a good way to make sure he stays awake at night too). Please pray for him as he is seeking to know God more, and learning about who Jesus is. Pray for Martin to get more time to come and talk to him again.

We have two blog posts this week at <https://anthysara.blogspot.com>
Assortment of Misc. Photos - Coaching TLT trainers
—Anthony & Sara Sytsma

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This evening we will continue our study of the book of Romans by studying Romans 11:1-15. Study questions are by the mailbox.



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

Next Sunday, June 17 we will be hearing God's word from Philippians 3:12-21 in the morning and celebrating the Lord's Supper (**potluck has been cancelled**).

A big **THANK YOU** to all of the congregation that were involved in hosting and supporting the Watoto African Children's Choir this past week as they visited in our area and our church. Thank you to Circle 1 who served the group supper on Tuesday night and served bars and coffee after the concert. Thank you to the host and hostesses who opened their homes and invited the group to stay overnight and fed them breakfast. Thank you to Connie and Judy for packing all the bag lunches that the group took with them on Wednesday morning. Thank you to all who attended the concert and supported the group with a love offering of \$1207.96. It was a blessing to have the choir in our midst. May God grant them safety and blessings as they continue their tour.



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.

Upcoming dates:

Updated: June 17: Communion only

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



Everyone is invited to the **Belgian Waffle Feed TODAY**, 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 available for \$7.

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

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. 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.



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.

SAVE THE DATE! Bible League International Volunteers are planning an exciting retreat event and evening concert on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. Featuring Key Note Speaker, Liz Curtis Higgs (an author of 37 books including 'Bad Girls of the Bible'), and evening entertainment by the Matthew Brothers, it is a day you won't want to miss. Registration brochures will be in your church mailboxes next Sunday. A bus is also being reserved to make traveling easier for you. Call Sandy Wubben at 320-212-0944.



**Bible League
Retreat**

Jeff Schmitz from United Campus Ministry at Ridgewater College in Willmar is seeking anyone who is interested in helping oversee their outreach to the Willmar campus and serve on their board at the Ridgewater ministry. Included in your bulletin today is a paper sharing the testimonies of 2 of the students who have been impacted by the United Campus Ministry at Ridgewater. If you are interested in helping in this area, please call Jeff at (320-905-0345).

Sunday, June 10, 2018
Philippians 3:1-11
In Christ . . .

- Corruptible gain

- Eternal gain



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: Death toll still rising from Guatemala volcano blasts - Guatemala (MNN) — Guatemala's Volcan de Fuego, or Volcano of Fire, had its most violent eruption on Sunday in over 40 years. Lava, thick smoke, and ash plunged into the surrounding regions, including Guatemala City. Thousands of people were evacuated and, as of Tuesday, 69 people are confirmed dead. That death toll is expected to rise as emergency responders continue to reach some of the most devastated areas.

AMG International serves in Guatemala, and their ministry and communities were also affected by the disaster. Bill Passons with AMG International shares, "We have communities where we're working where virtually everybody in the community has lost their total livelihood because all the crops that they have planted have been totally destroyed. It's going to take about a year's time for them to get close to back on their feet."

The volcano was still emitting blasts as of Monday. The ongoing eruptions have slowed rescue efforts. Currently, the biggest needs are shelter, food, and clothing for displaced families and individuals. Passons points out that many people had to flee immediately and leave everything behind.

"There [are] lots of agencies, big government-type agencies that are stepping in and we praise the Lord for that. But there [are] needs for food, there is need for medication. Specifically, we have a lot of burn victims."

To help meet the needs, AMG International is responding with aid in the name of Jesus. "One of the things we believe [is] if God has placed us in an area or country that is having a natural disaster, God has already given us a footprint into communities. So because of the compassion that Christ has put into our heart... we are motivated to respond," shares Passons.

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

