

Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, July 1, 2018



WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship
 Welcome and announcements
 *Call to worship Psalm 146
 *God's Greeting of His People
 *We Greet One Another
 *Songs of Praise *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* PH 568 vs. 1-3
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty PH 253 vs. 1-4

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Confession of sin
 Assurance of pardon 1 John 1:8-9
 Guide for grateful living Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 113
 Song of gratitude *Come, Thou Fount* SJ 82 vs. 1-3
 Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer
 Offering General Fund
 Song of preparation *He Leadeth Me* SJ 447 vs. 1-3

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination
 *Scripture Philippians 4:10-23 pg. 1830
 Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
 Congregation: Thanks be to God
 Message **The Riches of God's Glory**
 Prayer of Application
 *Song of response *Blessed Assurance* SJ 295 vs. 1-3
 *Profession of our faith: Boundless Grace (on screen)

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing

*Welcome! As Americans prepare to celebrate Independence Day,
 we thank God for the freedom of salvation as well
 as for the freedom of worship in this land.
 God bless us as we gather here.*

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, July 8, 2018		<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u>
Greeters:	Bob & Joan Swyter	9:00am Catechism
Library:	Julie Link	(Sept.—May)
Coffee Hour:	Youth Family	10:00am Morning Worship
Sound System:	Gerald Mulder	Sunday School
Nursery:	Rachael Zigterman	
Ushers:	Weldon Zondervan, Todd Groen	
Letter to Michelsons:	Heidi Link	Gene & Dawn Michelson
Congregational Visitor	Paul & Wanda Knapper	B.P. 2210, Bamako
Transportation:	Doug Groen	Mali, West Africa
Offering: am	General Fund	E-mail address
		Usumaan@hotmail.com
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

A Study of Ruth - Groundwork is offering a new audio Bible study called, "Ruth: Surprised by God's Providence." Let the story of Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz strengthen your faith to trust, obey, and actively receive God's provision. Sign-up for weekly emails and get the Bible study free. Visit groundworkonline.com/study Ruth.

THE FRUIT OF SELF-CONTROL - What is self-control and why is it considered a fruit of the Spirit? Does it mean Christians should live boring, passion-less lives? Join Groundwork in studying Titus 2:1-8, 11-14 as we seek to understand self-control, how God intends for us to cultivate it, and what it means for how we live in God's good world. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From World Renew

How often do you use your kitchen? - Imagine living in tents during weeks of rain, without access to a kitchen (with a latrine a hike away). This is the daily reality of thousands of Rohingya refugees living outside of Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. You can help. Please donate \$7 or more via our partner, One Day's Wages, **by July 3** to have your donation matched 1:1 for this critical emergency response. (You can opt out of all communications from One Day's Wages.) Go to onedayswages.com/worldrenew to give today.

From Resonate Global Mission

Global Prayer Safari - In Swahili the word safari means journey. Join a team of North Americans who appreciate the power of prayer as you journey hand-in-hand with teams from Ethiopia, Kenya, and Uganda. You'll learn about prayer from other Christian traditions as you visit schools, hospitals, jails, government buildings, markets, and more. Dates: January 31 - February 11, 2019. For more information, visit www.resonateglobalmission.org/safari.

Journey Through Egypt - Join Resonate Global Mission on an Egypt Vision Tour. History comes alive as you learn how scripture is connected to ancient Egyptian monuments. Dates: April 2-10, 2019. For information visit www.resonateglobalmission.org/Egypt.

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All Bulletin announcements due by Thursday noon.	
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Pastor's Cell: 320-400-3023	
Office phone: 320-329-3932	You are welcome to stop in and visit without an appointment.

TODAY

Greeters:	Cody & Missy Strand
Library:	Julie Link
Coffee Hour:	Weldon & Char Zondervan
Sound System:	Todd Groen
Ushers:	Dalen Fuls, Butch Mayer
Nursery:	Jane Groen
Transportation:	
Letter to Michelsons:	Brad & Julie Link
Congregational Visitor:	Paul & Wanda Knapper
Visiting Elder:	Doug Groen



CHURCH CALENDAR

Tuesday eve & all day Wednesday - 4th of July activities in Prinsburg

CHURCH FAMILY

Dear Emden, thank you so much for your very generous recent offering for us! We feel so loved by you. You are God's blessing to us. We have been working hard but we are really enjoying the ministry we have the privilege of doing. We feel at home. God has given us close friends here in Uganda and endless opportunities for ministry. Please pray for us as we manage our time and schedules. We also recently enjoyed having my sister come to visit us for one week. Besides being busy teaching, Sara has been appreciating her garden and taking care of our dogs, rabbits, goats, chickens, and ducks. (The chickens make it awfully hard to get a power nap in the afternoon, they are sure noisy!) And if you've never taken care of ducks, you should know that they are good at making messes all over our porch. When I'm not teaching, I'm busy working on my Helping Without Hurting in Africa curriculum. This week we have two (hopefully) amusing blog posts for you at <https://antharsa.blogspot.com>

Developing a Biblical Perspective on Agriculture
Talking Like a Ugandan

We're going on a retreat with the World Renew Uganda team next week, which should be a nice break from work. We'll be traveling to the coast of Kenya by bus and train. Please pray for safe travel for all of us and for a time of refreshment together.

We would love to hear from you through email and we have appreciated the physical letters from some of you! Thank you so much for praying for us. We will be visiting the USA again in 2019. Looking forward to hearing from some of you. — Pastor Anthony and Sara Sytsma

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, July 8 we will be hearing God's word from Ruth 1:1-18 in the morning.

Ladies Aid has been cancelled for the month of July.

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



Nursery: A signup sheet has been placed near the mailboxes if you are interested in helping with nursery.

Upcoming dates:

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

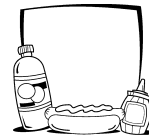
July 3-4 events in Prinsburg On Tuesday, July 3 everyone is invited to the Ice Cream Social and fireworks in Prinsburg at the Unity CRC parking lot beginning at 8:30 pm. On Wednesday, July 4, the day will begin with a Walk / Run with registration beginning at 7:15 am at the Unity CRC parking lot to raise money for CMCS. There is no registration fee but a donation will be given to the school from local businesses for each participant. Following will be a full day of activity including a Patriotic Church service at 10:00 with speaker Tim Miller, a pork dinner at 11:00, with fun activities all afternoon and the big parade at 6:00. Please join in as we celebrate our countries independence!



Today you received the **July Love Letter** from Bible League International in your mailbox. We are raising funds for the people in Latin America to provide Bibles, Biblical resources and training. Together, we are enabling Christians and churches in Latin American to be equipped with God's Word to help them meet Jesus Christ. Read the letter, pray about it and contribute as God leads and enables. Won't you please



help transform lives for Him? You may put your envelope in the yellow bag on the mail box counter or mail directly to Sandra Wubben. Thank you.



As a thank you to our community, the Renville Lions Club is hosting a FREE Hot Dog and Root Beer Float Event on Monday, July 9, 2018, from 5-7pm at Memorial Park in Renville. Please join us!

Zion United Methodist Church in Danube; Homemade Ice Cream Social; Wednesday, July 11, 2018; serving begins at 5 pm; take outs will be available; free will donation.



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, there is a board in the social hall with food items needed for VBS meals.** You can take an item (or a few) and return to church by Friday, August 3rd or sooner for boxed/canned/frozen items. We are asking each congregation for help with groceries to provide all our

campers with supper each night. We greatly 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. 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.



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.

Independence Day lessons for church life

- **Return to the basics** — On July 4 we commemorate the origins of our country. In terms of faith, we also periodically need to hear again the foundational stories of Creation, the Israelites and, of course, Jesus.
- **Honor the gift of freedom** — “For freedom Christ has set us free ... do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1, ESV). We strive as citizens to preserve and live out our national freedom. Likewise, as citizens of God’s kingdom we live gladly in the freedom of salvation and share that gift with others.
- **Enjoy community** — July 4 is known for picnics, parades and other community gatherings. Similarly, the church is nourished by coming together for worship, meals and other special events.
- **Be light in the darkness** — As fireworks brighten the sky with light and color, the church is called to display the Gospel’s unique light in a dark world. Our word dynamite and the Greek word for power — as in, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you” (Acts 1:8) — share a root. Through God’s power in us, we share Jesus — dynamically! — with others.

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Philippians 4:10-23

The Riches of God’s Glory

- A lesson learned
- Thanksgiving
- God's gift
- doxology



PRAYER

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

R The Persecuted Church: Central African Republic Continue to Pray for Pastor Sylvain

When the leader of the Seleka Muslim rebel coalition resigned from power in January 2014 at the height of the civil war, riots broke out across the capital city of Bangui. During the riots, which included violent attacks on Christians, a Muslim mob destroyed Pastor Sylvain Boynguiza's home and church, located just 650 feet from the city's central mosque. Worshipers fled the church that Sunday morning as they began to hear gunfire in their neighborhood, and many were shot as they tried to escape the attack. The rebels set fire to the church and destroyed the homes of many Christians, including that of Pastor Sylvain. Pray that the Lord will protect, provide for, comfort & strengthen them. May they heal from trauma & remain strong in faith. Pray that Pastor Sylvain and his congregation will be peacemakers in their community.

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

