

**Emden Christian Reformed Church**  
**Pastor David Zigterman**  
**Sunday, July 15, 2018**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship  
 Welcome and announcements  
 \*Call to worship Psalm 57:1-3,5,8-11  
 \*God's Greeting of His People  
 \*We Greet One Another  
 \*Songs of Praise *O Worship the King* SJ 90 vs. 1,2,4  
                                   *Immortal, Invisible* SJ 12 vs. 1-4  
                                   *This Is My Father's World* SJ 40 vs. 1-3

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

Confession of sin  
 Assurance of pardon  
 Guide for grateful living PH pg. 1014  
 Offering Building Fund/Benevolent Fund  
 Song of preparation *All Creatures of Our God and King* SJ 33 vs. 1,4,5

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for illumination  
 \*Scripture Ruth 1:19 -2:13 pg. 412  
           Reader: This is the Word of the Lord  
           Congregation: Thanks be to God  
 Message **The Wings of God**  
 Prayer of Application  
 \*Song of response *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* SJ 67 vs. 1-5  
 \*Profession of our faith Boundless Grace

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Parting Blessing .  
 \*Closing Song *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* SJ 581 vs. 1,2

*Welcome to a time to rest from busy schedules  
 of work and even play.  
 Relax in the arms of your Maker, who loves you.  
 Let go, and let God refresh you.*

**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 7:00 pm  
 Prinsburg First CRC 6:00 pm  
 Bunde CRC 5:30 pm

Next Sunday, July 22, 2018		<u><b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b></u> 9:00am Sunday School 1st & 3rd Sunday (Sept.—May) 10:00am Morning Worship
Greeters:	Weldon & Char Zondervan	
Library:	Julie Link	Gene & Dawn Michelson B.P. 2210, Bamako Mali, West Africa E-mail address Usumaan@hotmail.com
Coffee Hour:	Curt & Judy Groen	
Sound System:	Paul Knapper	
Ushers:	Todd & Jacob Groen	
Nursery:	Rachael Zigterman	
Transportation:		
Letter to Michelsons:	Samantha Link	
Congregational Visitor:	Paul & Wanda Knapper	
Offering: am	CMCS Tuition Support	
<b>Elders:</b>		<b>Deacons:</b>
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](http://groundworkonline.com/study Ruth).

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.

JESUS THE LAMB - After describing Jesus as the Lion of Judah, the book of Revelation depicts Jesus a lamb. Join Groundwork as we seek to learn more about who Jesus is now by studying Revelation 5:1-10 and Revelation 6:15-17 to learn why this image of a slain lamb bears powerful meaning for us as individuals and as the Church. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### From CRC Communications

Help is Only a Call, Click, or Chat Away - We're making it easier for you and your church to access CRC resources. If you're involved in a church ministry and wonder if your denomination can help with something, just CALL (800-272-5125), CLICK ([www.crcna.org/Resources](http://www.crcna.org/Resources)), or CHAT (from any page on [www.crcna.org](http://www.crcna.org)). We're here to serve, and would love to connect you with people and resources to support your ministry.

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All Bulletin announcements due by Thursday noon.	
<b>Pastor David's office hours: Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 am—12:00 Pastor's</b>	
<b>Pastors 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

Greeters:	Randy & Verla Zieske
Library:	Julie Link
Coffee Hour:	Dalen & Donna Fuls
Sound System:	Curt Groen
Nursery:	
Ushers:	Dalen Fuls, Butch Mayer
Transportation:	
Letter to Michelsons:	Marge Link
Congregational Visitor:	Paul & Wanda Knapper
Visiting Elder:	Kim Mulder



### CHURCH FAMILY

Dear Friends,  
We know that you have been praying for Julius, our night guard, and wanted to share some good news about him. Just this week, after several long discussions with our friend Martin (who speaks Julius' language), Julius decided that he wanted to accept Jesus as his Savior! We and Martin prayed together with him and he has a Bible to read in his own language while he is working here at night. Martin is going to keep meeting with him and discipling him. Please keep praying for Julius as he grows in his faith.

We would also appreciate prayers for our neighbor with whom Anthony goes jogging. He has expressed some interest in re-committing his life to Christ.

As well as those updates, we have two new posts on our blog (<https://anthsara.blogspot.com>):

*Fireless Cooker*

*Rocket Stove Take 2*

Thank you all for your faithful prayers and support for us!

—In Christ, Sara and Anthony

### CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday 6:00 pm **Movie Night** for Emden Tumornators *Walk In the Park Event.* (see announcement)

### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



Next Sunday, July 22 we will be hearing God's word from Ruth 2:14-23 in the morning.



**Relay For Life:** The Emden Tumornators will be participating in the **Renville County Walk In The Park** (formerly known as Relay For Life) on Friday, August 3 beginning at 4:00 pm. There are luminaries on the back table which will be displayed and lit during the luminary ceremony. You may purchase a luminary for a donation of \$10 in memory or

in honor of someone you know who has had cancer. You can either decorate them yourself or contact Dawn Link to have someone else decorate them for you.



**Movie Night:** Emden Tumornators is hosting a free will donation movie night Featuring ***I Can Only Imagine***, at the Emden CRC in Renville on Thursday, July 19. The movie tells the story behind the well known song "*I Can Only Imagine*" by MercyMe. Concessions will be sold at 6:00pm including pizza, drinks, popcorn & more. Movie starts at 6:30pm. All proceeds will go to "*Walk in the Park*" (formally known as "*Relay For Life*"). This year *Walk in the Park* has a 50/50 partnership. 50% of the proceeds will go to American Cancer Society and 50% will go to RC Hospital Foundation specifically to be used to assist Renville County Residents. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and support the Emden Tumornators



### Council notes

Treasurer's Report - June

Beginning Balance	\$9,486.55
Total Deposits	\$8,785.48
Total Expense	\$9,663.79
Ending Balance	\$8,608.24

Building Fund \$10,878.01

Benevolent Fund \$4,758.40

July 29 offering will be for Renville County Food Shelf

Visiting Elder - Kim Mulder

Decision made:

The church picnic will be on Wed., August 15 at Brad and Julie Link's

Approval was given for making the Men's Bathroom handicapped accessible

Upcoming dates:

July 19: Tumornators Movie Night: *I Can Only Imagine*

August 5-10: Ecumenical VBS

August 15: Church picnic at Brad & Julie Link's

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

First Lutheran of Renville, Our Saviors Lutheran of Sacred Heart, Emden CRC, and Ebenezer Presbyterian 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 & 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 & 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 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

**Community Meal** - 3rd Thursday of each month starting Thursday  
July 19, 2018 5:00 – 6:30 PM First Lutheran Church  
316 SW 3rd St ~ Renville, MN EVERYONE is welcome

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.

**Will you be a helper?**

This is July, a time when many are on vacation. The work of the church, however, goes on. It must. God and the Church do not go on vacation.

So what needs to be remembered? Stewardship, for one thing. Reminding everyone that the bills also come in the summer, the church staff members need their salaries, the homeless still need to be fed, missionaries are still in the field, etc. The church must depend on each member doing his or her part on a regular basis. That is our responsibility and our privilege.

We must also carry on our stewardship of service: lining up teachers for Sunday school, finding volunteers for the nursery, ushers for worship services, recruiting greeters, etc. We need talented people to work on special events such as the church picnic, a music festival, Bible School and religious dramas.

The bottom line is this: Helpers are always needed. Helpers are always wanted. Helpers are always special and greatly appreciated. Will you please be a helper?

Sunday, July 15, 2018  
Ruth 1:19 -2:13  
**The Wings of God**

- Learning from Naomi's affliction
- God's grace given through the kindness of others



REQUESTS  
—FOR—  
PRAYER

## PRAYER CORNER

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

Sunday, July 15, 2018

Ruth 1:19 -2:13

**The Wings of God**

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### THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: Gaza Strip:

#### Young Muslim Learns About Jesus Online

After hearing a university professor mention the name of Jesus four years ago, Mohammed began to seek information about Christianity online, eventually connecting with a group of Christians. His new interest in Jesus soon led to conflict with family members. When his sister saw him watching a Christian TV program, she reported him to their father, who then restricted Mohammed's access to the Internet and social media for the next year. When Mohammed graduated from college, his father again granted him Internet privileges, assuming his Christian "phase" was over. But instead, Mohammed met a pastor online who was willing to teach him, and he began reading the Bible on his own. One day, Mohammed told his family that Islam was a false religion and that they should follow Jesus Christ. His family attacked him, kicked him out of the house and eventually told him he was no longer part of the family. Despite the pain and loneliness, Mohammed continued to grow in faith. "It is true that I am deprived of the grace of the family," he said, "but I am not deprived of the Lord's grace." Pray that Mohammed will remain faithful and that the Lord will supply his needs.

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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.

- Learning from Naomi's affliction

- God's grace given through the kindness of others

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

