

**Emden Christian Reformed Church  
Pastor David Zigterman  
Sunday, July 22, 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 Psalm 104:1-4, 31-35  
 \*God's Greeting of His People  
 \*We Greet One Another  
 \*Songs of Praise *God Himself Is With Us* PH 244 vs. 1-3  
*When We Walk With The Lord* PH 548 vs. 1-3

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

- Psalm 119:97-104  
 Reading of God's law PH pg. 1015  
 Song of gratitude *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* SJ 481 vs. 1-3  
 Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer  
 Offering CMCS Tuition Support  
 Song of preparation *Take My Life and Let It Be* SJ 436 vs. 1-4

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

- Prayer for illumination  
 \*Scripture Ruth 2:14-23 pg. 413  
 Reader: This is the Word of the Lord  
 Congregation: Thanks be to God  
 Message **Kindness In A Grain Field**  
 Prayer of Application  
 \*Song of response *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* SJ 449 vs. 1-3  
 \*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 worship this summer morning!  
 As brothers and sisters in Christ, we gather to praise his name,  
 hear his Word and be strengthened to share his love with others.*

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



Next Sunday, July 29, 2018	<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u>
Greeters: Youth Family	9:00am Sunday School
Library: Julie Link	1st & 3rd Sunday
Coffee Hour: Doug & Anne Groen	(Sept.—May)
Sound System: Brad Link	10:00am Morning Worship
Ushers: Dalen Fuls, Butch Mayer	
Nursery:	Gene & Dawn Michelson
Transportation:	B.P. 2210, Bamako
Letter to Michelsons: Tim & Dawn Link	Mali, West Africa
Congregational Visitor: Paul & Wanda Knapper	E-mail address
Offering: am Renville Co Food Shelf	Usumaan@hotmail.com
<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

WHY, GOD, WHY? - Why do we suffer? Does God cause bad things to happen? If not, why does he even allow them? How can we maintain faith in God when everything is going wrong? Study Job 1-3 with Groundwork to see how the story of Job helps us wrestle with one of life's most difficult questions: the problem of suffering. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### From World Renew

It's not too late--help refugees before July 31 - 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 \$10 or more via our partner, One Day's Wages, by the NEW deadline, July 31, to have your donation matched 1:1 for this critical emergency response. Go to [onedayswages.com/worldrenew](http://onedayswages.com/worldrenew) to give today.

Volunteer with World Renew's Haiti Reforestation Team in 2019 - Are you passionate about the environment and serving God internationally? World Renew is hosting an inter-generational team of service and learning volunteers in Haiti from Jan. 26 - Feb. 3, 2019. This is a fantastic opportunity to work alongside community members to plant trees that build the soil and will grow more food to feed their families and increase their income. To find out more or register, call 800-552-7972, ext. 2737, or email [globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net](mailto:globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net).

### CRC Communications

The Acts of Synod 2018 is now available on the Synod Resources page of the Christian Reformed Church in North America website. This resource contains both the supplemental reports to Synod 2018 and the minutes of synod's actions. In addition, we have uploaded a Summary letter to CRC councils highlighting synod actions that we feel are important to call to the attention of the churches. The print version of the Acts, along with the summary, will be mailed to churches in August. We are extremely grateful to the servants of the church who gathered for seven days of meetings and deliberations—for the leadership they provided and the incredible amount of work accomplished!

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

## TODAY

Greeters:	Weldon & Char Zondervan
Library:	Julie Link
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
Visiting Elder:	Kim Mulder



## CHURCH CALENDAR

Today 2:00 pm *Renville Worship Service*

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday our church will lead the service at Renville at 2 pm

Tonight we will have Bible Study at 6 pm. We will study Romans 13. Study material can be found by the mailboxes.

**Next week the bulletin will be printed early.** Please have all announcements to Judy by Wednesday noon.



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 3:1-18 in the morning.



On August 15 we will be having our church picnic at Brad and Julie Link's home.



On September 9, we will have a hymn sing at 4 pm.

**Thank you, thank you** to everyone who helped make our Movie Night fund raiser for the American Cancer Society a big success. Thanks to the many who helped set up, serve and clean up and thanks to all who came and supported us with their donations. We had 105 people attend and donations were about \$1100!



**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.



Upcoming dates:

- August 3: Renville County *Walk In the Park* event in Oliva
- August 5-10: Ecumenical VBS
- August 15: Church picnic at Brad and Julie Link's home
- Sept. 9: Communion, potluck, and hymn sing
- Sept. 17 and 18: Classis in Alexandria
- October 21: Mission Emphasis Sunday and potluck
- Nov. 11: Communion and potluck



**REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Sunday is the last day for you to give your **July Gift of Love** offering for the Bible League International. Your gift may be placed in the yellow bag by the mail box windows or sent directly to Sandra Wubben in the envelopes you received a few weeks ago. Thank you for your gifts to help supply Bibles for Latin America.  
— Sandy Wubben



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.

First Lutheran of Renville, Our Saviors Lutheran of Sacred Heart, Emden CRC 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



**My compliments to the Creator**

Dear God,  
I saw the Grand Canyon this summer.  
Nice piece of work!  
Love, Kyle (age 9)



**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

Sunday, July 22, 2018  
Ruth 2:14-23

**Kindness In A Grain Field**

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**THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: Azerbaijan  
A Challenging Existence for Believers**

Life is difficult in Central Asia for believers simply trying to support their families. A believer in Azerbaijan intended to purchase some land for a small business. However, he did not want to pay the usual bribe to the mayor. After spending a month in prayer ahead of the purchase, he went to the mayor’s office with his request. The staff there accused him of being a Satanist, and he was jailed for 15 days. After he was released, the Christian went back to the office with his request. The mayor’s office agreed to the sale, but without any official paperwork. That meant the believer would not really be in control of the land, and his shop could be torn down at any time. After consulting with Christian leaders, the believer decided it would be best to purchase land and establish the business in the next town over, where land is more expensive, but where he is less known as a Christian. He’ll be able to do this legally and with proper documentation. Pray this man will not be discouraged amid all these challenges and that his testimony will plant seeds in the lives of others.

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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.

~ Generosity (vs. 14-17)

~ Redemption (vs. 18-20)

~ Our daily bread (vs. 21-23)

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

