

**Emden Christian Reformed Church  
Pastor David Zigterman  
Sunday, July 29, 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  
\*God's Greeting of His People  
\*We Greet One Another  
\*Songs of Praise *Here I Am to Worship*  
*I Will Sing of My Redeemer* SJ 237

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

Responsive reading of the law: as a teacher of sin PH pg. 1016  
Assurance of pardon  
Song of gratitude *That's Why We Praise Him*  
Prayer of God's people: conclude with the Lord's Prayer  
Offering Renville County Food Shelf  
Song of preparation *Be Unto Your Name*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for illumination  
\*Scripture Ruth 3:1-18 pg. 414  
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord  
Congregation: Thanks be to God  
Message **At The Threshing Floor**  
Prayer of Application  
\*Song of response *There Is a Redeemer*  
\*Profession of our faith: *Boundless Grace*

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Parting Blessing  
\*Closing Song *My Friends, May You Grow in Grace*

*One generation shall praise your works to another" (Psalm 145:4, NKJV).  
We come together — young, old and in between — to praise the Lord  
and celebrate his works. Welcome!*

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, August 5, 2018		<b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b>
Greeters:	Curt & Judy Groen	9:00am Sunday School
Library:	Julie Link	(Sept.—May)
Coffee Hour:	Harold & Norma Groen	10:00am Morning Worship
Sound System:	Todd Groen	
Ushers:	Todd & Jacob Groen	
Nursery:		Gene & Dawn Michelson
Transportation:		B.P. 2210, Bamako
Letter to Michelsons:	Loren & Rhonda Marcus	Mali, West Africa
Congregational Visitor:	Janel Watson	E-mail address
Offering: am	Ministry Shares	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

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.

IS GOD PUNISHING ME? - So often when we experience times of suffering we long to know why and seek biblical explanations. Join Groundwork in studying Job 4-8 to examine and test against scripture the most common questions many of us wrestle with as we try to explain and understand experiences of suffering. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### From Other

Tour the Biblical Lands of Israel - March 11- 22, 2019. Experience a refreshing renewal of your faith, and gain a deeper understanding of the Bible, as you tour the biblical lands with teaching host Pastor Peter Tuininga and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See many of the biblical places (Jerusalem, Galilee, Caesarea, Jericho and much more), and gain spiritual and historical insights which will make the Bible come alive for you. For complete information, cost, and registration, go to website: toursofisrael.wordpress.com or call Peter Tuininga: 1 289 877-8433 or e-mail: peter.tuininga@gmail.com.

### 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 to give today.

Emden Christian Reformed Church PO Box 390—518 5th Street NW e-mail: emdencrc@centurytel.net Secretary: Judy C Groen (320) 905-3921 All Bulletin announcements due by Thursday noon. <b>Pastor David's office hours: Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 am—12:00</b> <b>Pastors Cell: 320-400-3023</b> <b>Office phone: 320-329-3932</b>	320-329-3932 Renville, MN 56284 web site <a href="http://www.emdencrc.org">www.emdencrc.org</a> e-mail: j.k.groen56284@gmail.com
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**You are welcome to stop in and visit without an appointment.**

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Greeters:	Youth Family
Library:	Julie Link
Coffee Hour:	Doug & Anne Groen
Sound System:	Brad Link
Ushers:	Dalen Fuls, Butch Mayer
Nursery:	
Transportation:	
Letter to Michelsons:	Tim & Dawn Link
Congregational Visitor:	Paul & Wanda Knapper
Visiting Elder:	Kim Mulder

### CHURCH CALENDAR

Friday 4:00 *Walk In The Park Event* - Olivia

### 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, August 5 we will be hearing God's word from Ruth 4:1-17 in the morning.

Ladies Aid has been cancelled for the month of August.



The church picnic will no longer be on August 15. The new date still has to be determined.

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



**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 for Life

August 5-10: Ecumenical VBS

To be determined: Church picnic at Brad and Julie Link's

Sept. 9: Communion, potluck, and hymn sing

Sept. 17 and 18: Classis in Alexandria

October 7: Disability Awareness service

October 21: Mission Emphasis Sunday and potluck

Nov. 11: Communion and potluck



### REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Last Sunday for Love Letters:** This is the last Sunday for your "**July Gift of Love**" for the Bible League. These gifts will be helping supply Bibles for Latin America. Your gifts may be placed in the yellow gift bag by the mail box counter or mailed directly to Sandra Wubben. Thank you for sharing in this project. - 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.

**Community Meal** - 3rd Thursday of each month starting Thursday August 16, 2018 5:00 – 6:30 PM  
First Lutheran Church 316 SW 3rd St ~ Renville, MN  
EVERYONE is welcome

**National Night Out in Renville** - Tuesday, Aug 7, 6-9 pm at Water tower Park Free Hotdogs, freeze pops, chips & water We're building strong partnerships to promote community and crime awareness in neighborhoods!

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



Renville County Hospice invites you to attend the annual butterfly release on Wed., August 22, 2018 at 7 pm. Refreshments to follow. Please extend this offer to your family and friends. Hundreds of monarch butterflies are released every year in memory of loved ones, providing a beautifully touching remembrance.



**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

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**THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: West Africa  
Pastor's Wife Traumatized after Fleeing Islamists**

The wife of a pastor who had to flee his hometown because of death threats is still experiencing significant trauma. Pastor Trevor and his wife, Clarice, worked in the north of their country pastoring a church until Islamists overtook the area. Nearly all Christians in the area were forced to flee after the militants vowed to kill those who didn't leave, and then went door to door looting and burning Christian homes. The couple decided to resettle near the capital city with other displaced people from the north so they could continue their ministry. They now have a church and an attached home near the main road. Clarice cannot sleep at night and continues to experience immobilizing anxiety daily. Pastor Trevor has a bounty on his head, issued by the Islamists. The risks are real, but Trevor wants to continue ministering to his people. Pray for peace and restoration for Clarice. Pray also for VOM workers who are helping the couple to find the best solution.

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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.

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

