

**Sunday Evening Worship Service  
6:00 pm**

**Emden Christian Reformed Church  
Pastor David Zigterman  
Sunday, August 5, 2018**

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

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

- Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship
- Welcome and announcements
- Opening prayer
- \*Call to worship from Psalm 113
- \*God's Greeting of His People
- \*We Greet One Another
- \*Songs of Praise *Before the Throne of God Above*  
*Father, Long before Creation* PH 464 vs. 1-4

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

- Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 86
- Responsive reading of the law as a rule of gratitude: PH 1017
- Song of gratitude *I Then Shall Live* (video)
- Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer
- Offering Ministry Shares
- Song of preparation *I Know Whom I Have Believed* SJ 310 vs. 1-3

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

- Prayer for illumination
- \*Scripture Ruth 4:1-22 *pg. 415*  
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord  
Congregation: Thanks be to God
- Message **Grace Through Every Generation**
- Prayer of Application
- \*Song of response *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*  
SJ 379 vs. 1-4
- \*Profession of our faith *Boundless Grace*

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

- \*Parting Blessing
- \*Closing Song *To God Be the Glory* SJ 79 vs. 1-3

*Welcome to this time set aside for worship and Christian fellowship. We  
need this break from the busyness of the world — even in summer.  
Pause and relax in the arms of Jesus.*

Next Sunday, August 12, 2018		<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u>
Greeters:	Dalen & Donna Fuls	9:00am Catechism (Sept.—May)
Library:	Julie Link	10:00am Morning Worship Sunday School
Coffee Hour:	Todd & Jane Groen	
Sound System:	Gerald Mulder	
Nursery:	Judy Groen	
Ushers:	Dalen Fuls & Butch Mayer	
Letter to Michelsons:	Butch & Linda Mayer	Gene & Dawn Michelson B.P. 2210, Bamako Mali, West Africa
Congregational Visitor:	Janel Watson	E-mail address Usumaan@hotmail.com
Transportation:		
Offering:	am General Fund	
<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

CHOOSING HOPE IN SUFFERING - When we have every right to lament and despair, what is the source for our continued hope? Join Groundwork as we listen to Job's laments in chapters 13-21 and find out what he declares is the source of his continued hope at a time when it seems all hope is lost. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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.

### 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.

### 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](http://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 more information visit [www.resonateglobalmission.org/Egypt](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/Egypt).

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All Bulletin announcements due by Thursday noon.	
<b>Pastor David's office hours:</b>	<b>Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 am—12:00</b>
<b>Pastor's 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: Curt & Judy Groen  
Library: Julie Link  
Coffee Hour: Harold & Norma Groen  
Sound System: Todd Groen  
Ushers: Todd & Jacob Groen  
Nursery:  
Transportation:  
Letter to Michelsons: Loren & Rhonda Marcus  
Congregational Visitor: Janel Watson  
Visiting Elder: Kim Mulder

### CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday - Thursday *Vacation Bible School*

### CHURCH FAMILY

Pastor David & family will be on vacation this week. If a need arises, please call one of the Elders.

From Anthony & Sara Sytsma: Thank you so much for your faithful financial support for me and Anthony and the work we are doing in Uganda. We also appreciate your prayers and encouragement. We are doing well and enjoying plenty of good teaching opportunities. Also, like we shared lately, we are praising God for the way he has been working in the life of Julius, our night guard, and his friends with whom he has shared the Gospel and led to Christ. Please continue to pray with us that Julius and his friends would continue to grow in their relationship with God and their understanding of their Christian faith.

I am excited to share with you some really inspiring and encouraging testimonies. They are about the continuing impact of Timothy Leadership Training since the graduation we had a few years ago. See our blog - <http://anthysara.blogspot.com> As I noted in the email last week, I am fundraising for a new project with Timothy Leadership Training. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to get involved with the great things God is doing in Uganda! I am very grateful for your partnership. Please see this website for more details - Timothy Leadership Training Assistants

### 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 12 we will be hearing God's word from 2 Timothy 1:13 in the morning. Rob Braun will be leading the service. Bible Study is cancelled for the evening.

Update: On Friday, August 17 we will be having our church picnic at Brad and Julie Link's place.



Emden Christian Reformed Church in Renville will host a Hymn Sing



on Sunday, September 9 at 4:00. Featured musicians will include Pastor Dan Bowman on the saw, Violinist Dan Knapper, Pam Knapper and Janel Watson on the keyboards, along with vocalists Maureen Weideman, Ned Wohlman, and Paul Knapper. An hour of hymn singing will conclude with ice cream treats. Bring a friend or two along, and enjoy an afternoon of music and fellowship.

Thank you to all those who participated in the **Walk In The Park Event** in Oliva last Friday. Thank you to all those who donated their time and funds to support the American Cancer Society.



**Upcoming dates:**

- August 17: Church picnic at Brad and Julie Link's place
- 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



Safe Church retreat (Sept. 17-18) in Alexandria at Classis Lake Superior: The retreat will begin Monday morning at 10:30 and will go until the evening. Bonnie Nicholas, denominational director of Safe Church will lead the retreat portions for Monday. Jeff Vanderhooft - Classis Lake Superior SCT chair, will lead the retreat on Tuesday morning. The retreat will conclude at noon(ish) on Tuesday. Any and all safe church reps who come to the pre-classis seminar and accompanying training session will have all their expenses covered (i.e. travel as well as room and board.). Please let Pastor David know if

you have an interest in attending the Safe Church retreat or if you would like to be part of a Safe Church team.

**REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please join us at Unity CRC on Wednesday, August 8, at 7:00 pm for the Summit Celebration as we celebrate and pray for what God has been doing to build Christian leadership across the world as we prepare for the Global Leadership Summit August 9-10. Admission is free for the celebration and refreshments will be provided following the celebration. Tickets are still available for the Global Leadership Summit on Thursday and Friday at [www.unitycrc.org/summit](http://www.unitycrc.org/summit).

Unity CRC invites you to come with your family and friends and be blessed by the viewing of **War Room**. This movie will pull at your heart and strengthen your prayer life! Our FREE event will be Saturday, August 11th at Unity with oncessions starting at 6:00 and the movie starting at 6:30pm. We would love to have you join us!!



The Haiti Literacy Program invites you to an evening of inspiring stories of how God is at work through this adult literacy program and the impact it is having on people's lives in Northern Haiti. In addition to an opportunity to support this ministry, there will be a time to sample some Haitian treats starting on Tuesday, August 14 at 6:30pm with a punch reception and a presentation starting at 7:00pm at Unity Christian Reformed Church in Prinsburg. Please RSVP by Tuesday, August 7 by text or phone call to Megan Taatjes at 320-905-0091.

Have you sent in your reservation for the retreat and concert at the First Reformed Church in Sioux Center, IA on September 11? Take advantage of this time of warm Christian fellowship and spiritual renewal. A bus will be available for you - call Sandy Wubben at 320-212-0900 to reserve your spot.



**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!







**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: CRC Congregations Invited to Join in Day of Justice, Aug. 19**

Christian Reformed Church congregations are encouraged to commemorate the CRC's first Day of Justice on Aug. 19 in whatever ways they set fit to honor the theme of the day.

However, a range of justice resources are available for churches to use in worship or in other ways.

If this date doesn't work, churches are asked to pick another day is better for them. *"Doing justice can come in a variety of actions. As the church, may CRC members use their resources towards those who need hope,"* said Reggie Smith, director of the CRC's Office of Social Justice and Race Relations.

Designated by Synod 2017, this day is a time to remember as *"Christians, we are called to a lifetime of justice and righteousness,"* says the website linking to the resources.

*"In the earliest parts of the Old Testament, God calls people to be stewards of creation and to care for their brothers and sisters."*

Then in the New Testament, "Jesus models a new kind of justice that includes extending the gospel to all people, appropriately challenging authority, and caring for the *"least of those"* among us."

In the words of the synodical recommendation, *"This day will serve as a designated time for congregations to consider the meaning of biblical justice, to lament injustices in the world, and to commit themselves to the transforming work of standing alongside people whom society oppresses and pushes to the margins."*

The timing of the Annual Day of Justice, the third Sunday in August, aligns with the United Nations designated World Humanitarian Day in its call "for global solidarity with the more than 130 million people around the world who need humanitarian assistance to survive."

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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**

