

Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, August 12, 2018

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship
 Welcome and announcements
 Opening prayer
 *Call to worship
 *God's Greeting of His People
 *We Greet One Another
 *Songs of Praise *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* PH 469 vs. 1-4
There is a Redeemer (on screen)

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Confession of sin
 Assurance of pardon
 Guide for grateful living
 Song of gratitude *I Know Whom I Have Believed* SJ 310 vs. 1-3
 Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer
 Offering General Fund
 Song of preparation *Faith of our Fathers* SJ 118 vs. 1-4

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination
 *Scripture 2 Timothy 1:13 pg. 1853
 Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
 Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **Why Do We Need Creeds and Confessions?**

Prayer of Application
 *Song of response *My Jesus I Love Thee* SJ 262 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

It is our goal to be the family of God. Therefore, we encourage everyone to welcome and greet warmly all who worship in this house of God. Whoever you are and regardless of your status in life, we welcome you. May you find the warmth of Christian love in our midst today.

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, August 19, 2018		<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 9:00am Catechism (Sept.—May) 10:00am Morning Worship Sunday School
Greeters:	Doug & Anne Groen	
Library:	Julie Link	Gene & Dawn Michelson B.P. 2210, Bamako Mali, West Africa E-mail address Usamaan@hotmail.com
Coffee Hour:	Zach & Teri Johnson	
Sound System:	Curt Groen	
Nursery:		
Ushers:	Todd & Jacob Groen	
Letter to Michelsons:	Duane & Verla Mulder	
Congregational Visitor	Janel Watson	
Offering: am	Building / Benevolent Fund	
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

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 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. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

From Calvin Theological Seminary

Biblical Study Tour to Italy - (March 28 - April 9, 2019) Visit the Vatican with its Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Cathedral; the impressive monuments of ancient Rome; Hadrian's Villa; Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius; Paestum; Assisi; Florence; Ravenna; and St. Mark's Basilica in Venice. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational tour. Contact Dr. Weima at weimje@calvinseminary.edu or 616-328-3110.

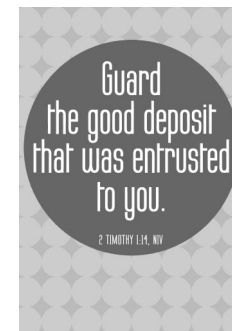
From Other

"The Bridge App" Job Posting - RELATIONAL. MISSIONAL. LOCAL. The Bridge App has been developed for the Christian Reformed Church as a tool to connect churches with their communities and community members to the body of Christ. This app has been so well received by the churches across Canada that there is now a growing list of enhancements waiting to be made. The app developer is looking to add a person in the role of "Full Stack Developer" to their staff to implement these enhancements. See the full job posting at thebridgeapp.org/site/careers. There is no deadline listed for receiving applications; however, the app developer is looking to hire as soon as possible. Please pass this email along to any of your friends or acquaintances that might be interested in this job opportunity. Questions? Contact Dorothy Vandersteen at bridgeapp@crcna.org.

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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:	Dalen & Donna Fuls
Library:	Julie Link
Coffee Hour:	Todd & Jane Groen
Sound System:	Gerald Mulder
Nursery:	Judy Groen
Ushers:	Dalen Fuls & Butch Mayer
Letter to Michelsons:	Butch & Linda Mayer
Congregational Visitor:	Janel Watson
Visiting Elder:	Kim Mulder



CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday 7:00 pm **Council Meeting**
Thursday **Church Picnic** at Brad & Julie's

CHURCH FAMILY

Dear Friends,
We have a prayer letter for July (which is arriving in August, yeah), which is in your church mail box today. Also, as mentioned in the prayer letter, we praise God for the way he is working in the life of Julius, our night guard, and his friends who recently became Christians. Some of them are alcoholics and are struggling with the challenge of giving up drinking since that used to be all they did every day. Please continue to pray for them with us, that they would understand God's forgiveness and patience with them as they grow and get to know God better.

In Christ, —Sara and Anthony



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we welcome Rob Braun who will lead our worship service
—Bible Study for this evening is cancelled.



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

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



Next Sunday, August 19 we will be hearing God's word from Mark 10:17-31 in the morning.

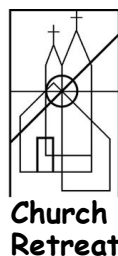
Update: On Friday, August 17 we will be having our church picnic at Brad and Julie Link's place at 6:00 pm. All those with their last names beginning with A-L, please bring a salad or side dish and those with last names beginning with M-Z please bring a dessert. Also, please bring your lawn chairs! Meat, buns, plates and silverware will be provided.



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.



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.



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



REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



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.



CIRCLE is once again conducting **Back to School Supply Drive** for low income students in Renville County. Please place your donations in the box located in the entryway by Aug. 20th. All items collected will be distributed to low income students in Renville County, before school begins so they start school excited and ready to learn. We are especially in need of 3 ring binders (new or used), wide ruled notebooks, pocket folders, loose leaf paper and as always colored pencils and markers. If you would like to support the project with a financial donation please mail it to: CIRCLE, P.O. Box 225, Renville, MN 56284
 Memo : Back to School Supplies



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.



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.



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: The Holy Spirit's Approach to Bullying

When a librarian frustrated by bullying in her Middle Eastern school asked God for help, he answered. The school was plagued by bullying. Older students shoved younger students in the hallways and knocked them to the ground on the playground. They taunted and insulted one another in the classrooms. The teachers were so focused on trying to keep the kids from fighting and name-calling that learning took a backrow seat. Still, discipline would not phase the students. As soon as teachers turned their backs, students were bullying.

After participating in Educational Care training modules facilitated by missionaries sent by Resonate Global Mission, Maria (not her real name) went from feeling powerless to feeling convicted. She knew there had to be a better approach, so she prayed about what she could do to keep the peace in just one part of the school: her library. Little did she know just how powerful the solution would be.

She felt like the Holy Spirit told her: "Take some of the older students, the real troublemakers, and ask them if they would be responsible for teaching a younger child how to read." So, she did. At first, many of the older students were hesitant or unenthusiastic about the idea, but they agreed and began coming to the library to teach the younger students how to read. They grudgingly worked through the texts, but then something surprising happened: their demeanors changed. They began walking around school, proudly carrying the books they were using to teach the younger students how to read. And then they started protecting the younger students in the hallways. And on the playground.

"The whole atmosphere changed because these troublemakers felt like they were trusted," said the Resonate missionary. "The bullying went way down. There were teachers in the school looking at the librarian like: What a great way to deal with this problem."

Educational Care training modules invite Christian educators like Maria to gather together and discuss challenges they face in their schools, like bullying. Guided by Resonate missionaries, educators read and discuss scripture together so they can develop a Biblical approach to education.

"It has become such a part of me I don't think about it anymore," Maria said. "It's who I am, and I'm thinking that way without purposely thinking: What is the biblical view on this? It's just part of me." Each educator takes the skills and strategies she learned from the training and puts it into action in her own classroom—or in Maria's case, her library. "The kids are changing," said the Resonate missionary. "There's power in God's word." But the transformation doesn't stop there. "It spreads through the schools. Other teachers see that it works. Even teachers who aren't Christians say, 'There's something different about this.'"

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

