

Emden Christian Reformed Church  
Pastor David Zigterman  
Sunday, June 9, 2019

**Sunday Evening Service  
6:00 pm**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship  
Welcome and announcements  
Opening prayer  
\*Call to worship Psalm 104:24-34,35b  
\*God's Greeting of His People  
\*We Greet One Another  
\*Songs of Praise *O Worship the King* PH 428 vs. 1,3,5  
*God, You Call Us to This Place* (on screen)

We will not be having an evening worship service at Emden.  
You are encouraged to attend a service at one  
of the neighboring churches.

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

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

Affirmation Joining the Mission of God, Our World Belongs to God, stanzas 41,42  
Song of gratitude *Rock of Ages* SJ 490 vs. 1-3  
Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer  
Ministry of Music Thanks Be to God  
Mission Commitment Offering Gene and Dawn Michelsons  
Offering CMCS Tuition Support  
Noisy-offering Anthony's TLT initiative  
Song of preparation *Jesus Heard with Deep Compassion* (on screen)

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for illumination  
\*Scripture Mark 5:1-20 pg. 1558  
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord  
Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **Jesus' Unequivocal Power**

Prayer of Application  
\*Song of response *Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old* PH 363 vs. 1-3  
\*Profession of our faith *Boundless Grace*

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Parting Blessing  
\*Closing Song *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* PH 528 vs. 1-4

*We delight in your presence at worship. May we all grow in our love for God and  
for one another as we present ourselves before our Lord. Welcome.*

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am Catechism  
(1st & 3rd Sunday Sept.—May)  
10:00 am Morning Worship

**Elders:**

Duane Mulder - President  
Kim Mulder - Vice President  
Doug Groen - Clerk

**Deacons:**

Todd Groen - Chairman  
Curt Groen - Benevolent / Building Fund  
Bob Swyter - Treasurer

### From Back to God Ministries International

FAMILY FIRE - 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.

GROUNDWORK: WHY THE HOLY SACRAMENTS? - Most Christians agree the Holy Sacraments are strongly connected to the deepest truths of our faith. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 17:1-11, Exodus 12:1-13, and Acts 2:36-42 with our guest Jim Brownson to discover the meaning and purpose of the Holy Sacraments in the Christian life. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Power Tools: Stand Up to Bullying - At school, on the playground, or online; your child can face a bully anywhere. Equip your child to stand up to bullying in a godly way with Power Tools, an ebook from Kids Corner. Get the ebook when you subscribe at KidsCorner.net/PowerTools.

### From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tip - God equips us to serve in the world, but God also invites us to rest. It's so important for our physical and spiritual health that God set aside a whole day for it! Talk together about the fourth Commandment and brainstorm how your family might "remember the sabbath day by keeping it holy."  
(Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

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<b>Pastor David's office hours: Tuesday - Thursday 8:30—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, August 25, 2019

Greeters:	Dalen & Donna Fuls
Library:	Julie Link
Coffee Hour:	(Pot luck dinner)
Sound System:	Todd Groen
Usher:	Paul Knapper
Nursery:	Jane Groen
Congregational Visitor:	Paul & Wanda Knapper
Offering: am	CMCS Tuition Support
Visiting Elder:	Doug Groen

### Next Sunday, Sept. 1

Doug & Anne Groen
Julie Link
Tim & Dawn Link
Paul Knapper
Cody Strand
Isabelle Daugherty
Gerald & Connie Mulder
Ministry Shares
Doug Groen

### CHURCH FAMILY

A big thank you to Brad & Julie for hosting the annual church picnic. Thank you to all who brought food to share. It was another good night of fun, food & fellowship!

Dear Friends, thank you for your prayers as we travel around the country during these months in the US. We are enjoying getting to see many of you while we are here! We have one blog post for you this week at our blog: <https://anthsara.blogspot.com>  
*Two Book Recommendations* —Anthony & Sara Sytsma

### CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday 6:00 pm Emden Softball vs. First CRC

### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we welcome Anthony and Sara Sytsma who work for World Renew in Uganda. Anthony will give the message this morning and Sara will give a presentation of their work after the service. We also welcome Michelle Mulder who will playing the piano for us this morning. Everyone is invited to join us after the service for a Potluck dinner.

Tonight's Bible Study is cancelled. Instead you are encouraged to attend either the Combined Prayer service at Bunce CRC at 5:30 pm or hear Anthony Sytsma preach at 1st CRC of Prinsburg at 6:00 pm.

Anne Groen will be printing the bulletin for next Sunday, Sept. 1. Please have all announcements to Anne by 4:00 on Thursday. [annmsgroen6987@gmail.com](mailto:annmsgroen6987@gmail.com)

Sunday School and Catechism will begin September 15 and will meet the 1st, 3rd, and 5th (when applicable) Sunday of each month. Catechism (4th grade through High School) meets from 9:00 am to 9:45 am. Sunday School (3rd grade and below) meet during the service. In addition to this, the Sunday School will collect a Noisy Offering on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th (when applicable) Sunday. The money collected for this offering will go toward the leadership training initiative Anthony Sytsma is overseeing as part of the Timothy Leadership Training of World Renew.



Next Sunday, September 1, we will be hearing God's word from Hebrews 11:1-12:3.

Upcoming dates:

- August 28: Softball at 6:00 pm
- September 8: Communion
- September 11: Council Meeting
- September 15: Sunday School and Catechism begin  
Teachers Inc Hymn Sing
- September 16-17: Classis in Alexandria
- September 22: Disability Awareness Service
- September 29: RenVilla Service



Mark your calendars! On Sunday, September 15, 3:00 pm, Teacher's Inc., a men's trio, will host a concert/hymn sing at the Emden Christian Reformed Church In Renville. Ice cream treats will follow!

**REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Save the date: **All Friendship Mentors** and those interested in joining, are invited for Dessert at the Dykstra's on August 29th at 7:00pm. Any questions call Helene at 978-8622

Friendship Bible Study



Registration deadline for the September 9-10 "**His Plan...Our Purpose**" event is Sept. 3.



**Bible League Retreat**

Get your tickets today ([bibleleague.org/tickets](http://bibleleague.org/tickets) or call 708-367-8541 during business hours). Enjoy the fellowship with special guests, including key note speaker, Kendra Broekhuis. Kendra has a story that has been doused with joy, hilarity, grief, depression and all sorts of things in between. She is learning to trust God by taking one day at a time and by praying, "*Thy will be done*". You will be enriched with spiritual encouragement, joyful fellowship, and musical worship. To give you an opportunity to partner in the Great Commission, an offering will be taken for Bible League International ministry.

Bethany Reformed Church will be having our **Annual Fall Benefit Supper** on Wednesday, September 4th from 5 – 7 pm. We will be serving a turkey commercial dinner along with a homemade dessert. All proceeds will go towards the Clara City Ambulance, Clara City Fire Department & Clara City Aquatic Center. Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship as a community! Inflatables in the gym for the kids



The Friesen Historical Society invites the public to our annual Community Picnic and Flag Retirement Ceremony on Saturday, September 7 at the Friesen Historical Site, north of Bunde, 4075 140th Ave SE, Clara City, MN. A picnic meal will be served starting at 5 pm. A donation jar will be available to help defray expenses for the restoration process done this summer. Come and help us celebrate 20 years since the Friesen Historical Society was organized. The Clara City Boy Scout Troop #269 will oversee the Flag Retirement Ceremony. Veterans are welcome to participate. Don't know what to do with an old flag, bring it with. This ceremony is very meaningful. Please bring your own lawn chair.



Hope Pregnancy Center invites you to our **Annual Celebration of Life Fundraising Banquet** that will be held at the Willmar Conference Center on Monday, September 23. Dr. William Lile, a medical doctor with a powerful story, will be our keynote speaker. Doors open at 5:15 pm with a Social Hour and silent Auction starting at 5:30pm. Dinner, Live Auction and Program will begin at 6:30 pm. No tickets are required, but an RSVP is necessary! To reserve YOUR place at a table, call (320) 235-7619 or register online at [findhopepc.com/donors](http://findhopepc.com/donors) and follow the prompts.



**Renville County Food Shelf** On the first and third Tuesdays of each month we need help from 8 am to 9:30 or 10 a.m. moving food into the food shelf and sorting food rescue produce. On Mondays and Fridays from 12:45 to 3:15 Wednesdays from 9:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. and Thursday evenings from 4:45 to 7:00 p.m. we need volunteers to assist the clients with their shopping. If you are able to help at one of those times, stop in at the food shelf at 108 S. 9th Street in Olivia or call us at 320-523-5339.



How do you want to be remembered? Many people work towards advancing the Kingdom of God and Barnabas Foundation helps you achieve that goal. James Prichard, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation, will help you develop the best possible plan to meet your family's needs and to ensure the ministries closest to your heart will be cared for as well. Jim will be meeting with families in our area on September 10 & 11. Call Ann Zacek at Barnabas Foundation toll-free at 888.448.3040 (Ext. 121) to get more details and to schedule your complimentary appointment.

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.



For information regarding both student as well as adult Driver's Training courses, go to the website at: [www.212drivingschool.com](http://www.212drivingschool.com).

The Village Children's Museum in Willmar, MN is in need of volunteers. If you are interested or have any questions, call Arlene at 320-894-2338.

#### **A month of Sundays**

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**PRAYER**

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

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**The Persecuted Church: Uganda - New Hope for Abandoned Woman**

Charity struggled with depression after her husband became a Muslim and abandoned her. But she stood her ground when he threatened to take their three children. "I just couldn't let my children become Muslims," she said. "I had no way out, but I trusted the Lord to help us through this challenge." Her prayers were answered when a VOM worker provided her with persecution-response support. Charity's children are now in school and her financial burden has been lightened. While she and her children are rejoicing over the help they've received, she asks us to pray that her husband will return to the Lord.

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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**

