

**Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, September 8, 2019**

**Sunday Evening Worship 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 Jeremiah 10:12-13
*God's Greeting of His People
*We Greet One Another
*Songs of Praise *Let All Things Now Living* PH 453 vs. 1,2
Lord of Creation, to You Be All Praise PH 286 vs. 1,3,5
Special Music Many and Great

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Our World Belongs to God, stanzas 48
Testimony of God at work Brad Link
Song of gratitude *Take, O Take Me As I Am* (2x; on screen)
Prayer of God's people: conclude with the Lord's Prayer
Offering General Fund
Song of preparation *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* PH 287 vs. 1-4

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Silverware history of redemption
Prayer for illumination
*Scripture Genesis 2:4-35 pg. 5
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
Congregation: Thanks be to God
Message **God's Country**
Prayer of Application
*Song of response *Take My Life* SJ 436 vs. 1-4
The Lord's Supper PH pg. 973
Holy, Holy, Holy PH 249 vs. 4
Thank Offering for Anthony and Sara

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing
*Closing Song *Take, O Take Me As I Am* (2x; on screen)

*Today we join together in celebrating Holy Communion.
A joyous welcome to all who have come on this special day! Please
know that you're welcomed here in God's house.*

Tonight we will continue our study of
Vanishing Grace by Philip Yancey.
Please join us for this time of fellowship.



SUNDAY SCHEDULE
9:00am Catechism
(Sept.—May)
10:00am Morning Worship
Sunday School

Elders:		Deacons:	
Duane Mulder	- President	Todd Groen	- Chairman
Kim Mulder	- Vice President	Curt Groen	- Benevolent / Building Fund
Doug Groen	- Clerk	Bob Swyter	- Treasurer

From Back to God Ministries International

A Theology of The Office - Bears. Beets. Battlestar Galactica. A Theology of The Office examines the hit show through the eyes of faith. Free when you subscribe to Think Christian emails at ThinkChristian.net/TheOffice.

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: THE LORD'S SUPPER - Communion, Lord's Supper, Eucharist...it's one sacrament known by many names, practiced in varying forms. Join us as we study Luke 22:14-20, John 6:52-58, and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 with guest Jim Brownson to discover why Christians believe it's an essential means of receiving Christ and experiencing his presence. Listen now at Groundwork Online.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Calvin University

The Banner's Guide to the Acts of Synod 2019 - Every year, following the CRC's annual general assembly, the denomination publishes a hefty volume detailing all the 'acts' of that year's synod. If you get bogged down in the 50,000-word document or are intimidated to even pick it up, The Banner's 3,000-word guide is for you. Find it at thebanner.org/synod.

From Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Formation Tip - It's Grandparents' Day today! Invite the Christian grandparents in your life (both official and honorary) to share stories of how God has worked in their lives. Making space for these stories honors the elders in your family and encourages younger family members in their walk with Jesus. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

From World Renew

Help People Recover from Hurricane Dorian - The Bahamas were ravaged by Hurricane Dorian last week, and the full extent of the damage is unknown. You can help by making a financial donation to World Renew Disaster Response Services. Your gift will help the people of the Bahamas, as well as those on the U.S. East Coast, in the early days and in long-term response. Please give generously at worldrenew.net/donate, by calling 800-552-7972, or by mailing your check, made out to World Renew, with "DRS Hurricane Dorian" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 1700 28th St., SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508. Thank you!

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. Pastor David's office hours: Pastor's Cell: 320-400-3023 Office phone: 320-329-3932	320-329-3932 Renville, MN 56284 web site www.emdencrc.org e-mail: j.k.groen56284@gmail.com Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 am—12:00 You are welcome to stop in and visit without an appointment.
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<u>TODAY, Sept. 8, 2019</u>		<u>Next Sunday, Sept. 15</u>
Greeters:	Harold & Norma	David & Andrea Daugherty
Library:	Julie Link	Julie Link
Coffee Hour:	David & Andrea	Loren & Rhonda Marcus
Sound System:	Brad Link	Curt Groen
Usher:	David Daugherty	Cody Strand
Nursery:	Rachael Zigterman	Judy Groen
Congregational Visitor:	Gerald & Connie	Gerald & Connie Mulder
Offering: am	General Fund	Bldg / Benevolent Fund
Visiting Elder:	Doug Groen	Doug Groen

CHURCH CALENDAR

Tonight: 6:00 **Bible Study**
Wednesday: 7:00 pm **Council Meeting**

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



Our commitment to the Michelson's of \$2500 has been met. If you still wish to give, your offering will go toward Missions. Thank you for your continued faithful giving. - The Deacons

Next Sunday, September 15, we will be hearing God's word from Genesis 18:1-15,21:1-7.



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! (Circle 2 will be serving)

Upcoming dates:
Sept. 15: Sunday School and Catechism begin
3 pm: Teacher's Inc Hymn Sing
Sept. 16-17: Classis in Alexandria
Sept. 22: Disability Awareness Service



REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendship Bible Class, Monday September 9, 7pm at the Rock Of Life CRC. Materials will be handed out at the first class.



September 9-10, 2019, Bible League Volunteers host the “His Plan... Our Purpose” events for you at First Reformed Church in Sioux Center, IA. 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.



**Bible League
Retreat**

Disability Awareness Service, September 22nd, 6pm at the Rock Of Life CRC in Willmar. Our guest Speaker will be Rev. Gerry Koning. Offering will be for Friendship Bible Ministries.



CMCS Retreat - September 20-22 the CMCS high school students have the opportunity to spend a weekend at Lake Geneva Christian Center near Alexandria. How can you help? First, pray that each one attending may experience a nearness to God. May He have His will. Second, Snacks, Snacks, Snacks. Kids come with appetites. If you can help – please bring goodies to the CMCS office by September 20.



Would you be able to help financially? Costs keep going up and we are trying to keep it affordable to students. In addition to lodging, we have travel and speaker expenses. Financial gifts may also be brought to the CMCS office. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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 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.

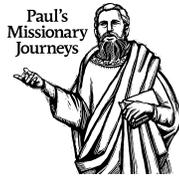
Renville County Restorative Justice and ACE presentation on September 18 from 6-8pm at the Renville Community Center. This is a free presentation on the philosophy of Restorative Justice and the Circle process for organizing effective group communication, building relationships to hold people accountable in problem solving situations and fostering a safe space for difficult conversations. In this class you will gain knowledge of practical applications. Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) can impact one’s health, both physically and mentally as we grow older. The ACE study is by far the largest public health discovery of our time. The facts are alarming and this session will present the science of ACE’s as well as local statistics. A community can make a difference. Instructors: Andrew Peltz, Restorative Justice Coordinator and Ned Wohlman, Renville County Jail Administrator.

What will be your legacy? Many Christians want to make a lasting statement about the importance of God’s Kingdom in their lives. Because of our partnership with Barnabas Foundation, they provide charitable giving services to Christians like you, seeking ways to honor God with the resources with which you have been blessed.



James Prichard, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation, will help you develop the best possible plan to meet your family’s financial and charitable goals. Jim will be meeting with Christian families in our area on September 10-11. Call Ann Zacek at Barnabas Foundation toll-free at 888-448-3040 (Ext. 121) to schedule your complimentary conversation with Jim.

Paul's Missionary Journeys In Greece (April 2-14, 2020): Travel by motor coach (8 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's 2nd and 3rd missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of Biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, Professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, visit www.jeffreyweima.com or contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu



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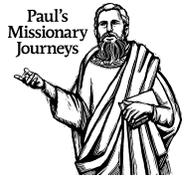
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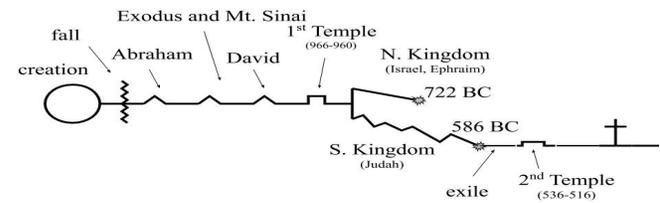
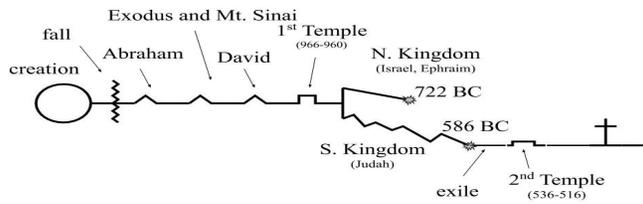
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- Garden of Eden (8-17)

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PRAYER

C ~ Please remember those in our congregation who have
O continuous health concerns: Melvin Link, Marge Link,
R Linda Mayer, Gerald Mulder, DeeDee Johnson, Darla Ruschen
N Lilah Kleinhuizen
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The Persecuted Church: INDIA
Second of Two Kandhamal Prisoners Released

Two men held falsely responsible for the catalyst to the 2008 anti-Christian Kandhamal riots have been released. India’s Supreme Court ordered the release of Garnath Chalanseth in May and Bijaya Sanset in July. Four other Christian men remain in prison. Many blamed the men for the murder of Hindu priest Swami Laxmanananda Saraswati, which incited massive riots that lasted for days and resulted in the destruction of thousands of homes and the displacement of about 50,000 people. Seeking to resolve the situation, authorities arrested the six Christian men, who were falsely convicted of Swami Saraswati’s murder and imprisoned. It has taken nearly a decade for their various legal appeals to be heard. Pray for the release of the other four men who are still in prison.

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

