

**Emden Christian Reformed Church  
Pastor David Zigterman  
Sunday, September 22, 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  
\*God's Greeting of His People  
\*We Greet One Another  
\*Songs of Praise *Here I am Lord  
As the Deer*

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

Confession of sin  
Assurance of pardon  
Song of gratitude *Amazing Grace - My Chains are Gone*  
Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer  
Offering CMCS Tuition Support  
Song of preparation *10,000 Reasons*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for illumination  
\*Scripture Genesis 32:8-14, 22-23 pg. 52  
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord  
Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **A Midnight Wrestling Match**

Prayer of Application  
\*Song of response *Wonderful Merciful Savior*  
\*Profession of our faith *Boundless Grace*

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Parting Blessing  
\*Closing Song *Go My Children*

*Good morning! Welcome to worship at Emden Church.  
We're glad you've joined us to hear God's Word and  
to be reminded of his boundless love.*

Join us tonight at the **Disability Awareness Service**,  
at 6:00 pm at the Rock Of Life CRC in Willmar.  
Our guest Speaker will be Rev. Gerry Koning.  
Offering will be for Friendship Bible Ministries.



SUNDAY SCHEDULE  
9:00am Sunday School  
(Sept.—May)  
10:00am 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 Calvin Theological Seminary

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 second and third 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, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.



### From Other

Tour the Biblical Lands of Israel - March 9-20, 2020. 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 [toursofisrael.wordpress.com](http://toursofisrael.wordpress.com) or call Peter Tuininga at 1 289 877-8433 or e-mail [peter.tuininga@gmail.com](mailto:peter.tuininga@gmail.com).

### From Back to God Ministries International

FAMILY FIRE - 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.

GROUNDWORK: WE ARE THE BRIDE OF CHRIST - The Church as the Bride of Christ is a beautiful and useful image. Join Groundwork as we study Deuteronomy 7:6-8 and Ephesians 5:25-27 to discover what it means to be united with Christ and gain a deeper understanding of the intimate nature of our relationship with God. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### From Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Formation Tip - What faith practices shape your life and the lives of the people who share your home? "It's easy for us to think that we create our habits, but our habits also create us. The faith-forming things that we do together deeply affect the way we think and act. Because of this, consistently committing to your faith practices as a family has a significant impact." —from Dear Parent: A Guide for Family Faith Formation, by Laura Keeley and Robert J. Keeley, available at [FaithAliveResources.org](http://FaithAliveResources.org). (Tip from Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))

Emden Christian Reformed Church PO Box 390—518 5th Street NW e-mail: <a href="mailto:emdenrc@centurytel.net">emdenrc@centurytel.net</a> Secretary: Judy 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>Pastor's Cell: 320-400-3023</b> <b>Office phone: 320-329-3932</b>	320-329-3932 Renville, MN 56284 web site <a href="http://www.emdenrc.org">www.emdenrc.org</a> e-mail: <a href="mailto:j.k.groen56284@gmail.com">j.k.groen56284@gmail.com</a> <b>You are welcome to stop in and visit without an appointment.</b>
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<u>TODAY, Sept. 22, 2019</u>		<u>Next Week, Sept. 29</u>
Greeters:	Curt & Judy Groen	Zach & Teri Johnson
Library:	Julie Link	Julie Link
Coffee Hour:	Bob & Jill Marcus	Duane & Verla Mulder
Sound System:	Todd Groen	Paul Knapper
Usher:	David Daugherty	Cody Strand
Nursery:	Lindsey Knapper	Dawn Link
Congregational Visitor:	Gerald & Connie Mulder	Gerald & Connie Mulder
Offering: am	CMCS Tuition Support	Crossroads Bible Study
Visiting Elder:	Duane Mulder	Duane Mulder

### CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Kevin & Danielle Engstrom who were married last week. May God bless their marriage and their home.



Thank you for your prayers, encouraging cards, flowers, visits and delicious food as I recover from my back surgeries. You are a blessing to us! — Jolene & Will Ammermann

### CHURCH CALENDAR

Tonight 6:00 pm **Disability Service** at Rock of Life CRC in Willmar

### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to the Disability Awareness Service tonight at Rock of Life CRC at 6 pm, the evening Bible Study is cancelled.



Sunday School and Catechism will meet the 1st, 3rd, and 5th (when applicable) Sunday of each month. Catechism (4th grade - High School) meets from 9:00 am to 9:45 am. Sunday School (3rd grade and below) meet during the service. 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.



**Anne Groen will be printing the bulletin next week** (Sunday, Sept. 29). Please have all bulletin announcements to her by 4:00 on Thursday. [annemsgroen6987@gmail.com](mailto:annemsgroen6987@gmail.com)

### Classis report

- ~ A pre-classis seminar discusses the role of church membership in light of changing attitudes about membership
- ~ Dr. Timmerman, the executive director of the CRC, explained what changes might occur if the ministry shares re-imagined report passed by Synod in 2019 is approved by Synod in 2020
- ~ Wendy Huisken was granted a license to exhort

Next Sunday, September 29, we will be hearing God's word from Exodus 1-3. Next Sunday we will be taking a special offering for Crossroads Bible Study as well as a Noisy Offering for Pastor Anthony.



### REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



Pastor Jane Crawford will be presenting a 7-part video series called Ed's Story: A Film Series about Hope at First Lutheran Church. Ed was diagnosed with ALS in 2000, and given a short time to live. The video series follows him as he wrestles with the issues that suffering brings – worry, identity, forgiveness, gratitude, and healing. In the midst of his disease, Ed finds hope. The group will meet in the social hall on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm to view a video, followed by discussion. The series begins on September 24th. Come and take some time to learn about how God transformed Ed and others through struggles, sickness, healing and gratefulness. All are welcome!

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).



**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.



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.



### What To Bring To Church

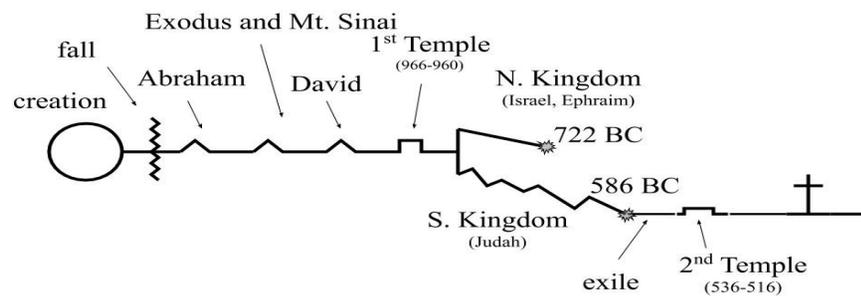
- Bring a holy reverence for both God & His house, the church.
- Bring an unselfish spirit & an abiding love for your fellow man.
- Bring your tithes & offerings.
- Bring a friendly smile & a hearty handshake for friends & strangers alike.
- Bring a kind word for your church, its program & leadership.
- Bring a willingness to join in the worship service by singing from your heart.
- Bring your visiting friends & relatives.
- Bring a prayerful heart & a mind open to the Word of God.
- Bring an unsaved friend & pray for him during the service.
- Bring a willingness to serve the Lord in the church.

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Genesis 32:8-14, 22-23

### **A Midnight Wrestling Match**

- The dangers of self-reliance
- Jacob's self-reliance
- Wrestling with God (vs. 22-32)
- A new name (vs. 26-30)
- A new outlook on life (30-33)





**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, DeeDee Johnson , Lilah Kleinhuizen

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**THE PERSECUTED CHURCH - INDIA**

**Bibles Bring Joy to Kandhamal**

Earlier this year, VOM workers provided Bibles to 50 pastors and Christian leaders for distribution to their congregations in Kandhamal district, Odisha state, which suffered massive anti-Christian riots in 2008. Hindu nationalists, who blamed Christians for the death of a political figure, killed 45 people, displaced about 50,000 and destroyed thousands of homes. Many Christians were forced to flee their homes suddenly, leaving behind most of their possessions, including Bibles. It has taken more than a decade for them to rebuild and resettle, and the need for Bibles in the region is ongoing. *“When they saw the Bibles,” a VOM worker said, “they were overjoyed and worshiped the Lord by singing and dancing.”*

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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.

<p><b>“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God” Philippians 4:6</b></p>	
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