

**Emden Christian Reformed Church  
Pastor David Zigterman  
Sunday, September 23, 2018**

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

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship  
Welcome and announcements  
\*Call to worship Psalm 105:1-7  
\*God's Greeting of His People  
\*We Greet One Another  
\*Songs of Praise *With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring* PH 183 vs.1-3  
*O Worship the King* PH 428 vs. 1,3,5

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

Confession of sin from the Sermon on the Mount  
Assurance of pardon Romans 5:8-9  
Song of gratitude *God Be Merciful To Me* PH 255 vs. 1-3  
Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer  
Offering CMCS Tuition Support  
Song of preparation *And Can It Be* PH 267 vs. 1,2,4

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for illumination  
\*Scripture Genesis 39:1-23 pg. 64  
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord  
Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **Joseph and the Beatitudes**

Prayer of Application  
\*Song of response *Abide with us, Our Savior* PH 565 vs. 1-4  
\*Profession of our faith *Boundless Grace*

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Parting Blessing  
\*Closing Song *God of Mercy, God of Grace*

*As summer changes to fall, God's love remains constant.  
Welcome into the presence of the Lord of all seasons.*

This evening we will continue our study  
of the book of Romans.  
Study questions are available by the mailboxes.



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| Next Sunday, September 30, 2018 |   | <b><u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u></b> |
| Greeters:                       | Anna & Lindsey Knapper                  | 9:00am Catechism              |
| Library:                        | Julie Link                              | 1st & 3rd Sunday (Sept-May)   |
| Coffee Hour:                    | Tim & Dawn Link                         | Sunday School meets during    |
| Sound System:                   | Gerald Mulder                           | the Worship Service           |
| Ushers:                         | Duane Mulder, Harold Groen              | 10:00am Morning Worship       |
| Nursery:                        |   |                               |
| Letter to Michelsons:           | Darla Ruschen                           | Gene & Dawn Michelson         |
| Congregational Visitor:         | Harold Groen                            | B.P. 2210, Bamako             |
| Offering: am                    | United Campus Ministry                  | Mali, West Africa             |
|                                 |   | E-mail address                |
|                                 |   | Usmaan@hotmail.com            |
| <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

THE KINGDOM OF GOD - What is life in God's kingdom like? When will it finally be reality? Let's study Matthew 5:3-10, Luke 17:20-21, and Revelation 4:1-6 to discover what life looks like in God's kingdom, why Christians believe it's both already here and not yet fully realized, and how we live as kingdom citizens now. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tip: - Research shows that children are more likely to grow in faith if they have the support of at least five involved adults, in addition to family members. Who are (or who could be) your child's "faithful five"? For more on this concept, check out The Sticky Faith Guide for Your Family (Zondervan 2014). (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

### From World Renew

Help East Coast Residents after Hurricane Florence: - World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is responding to Hurricane Florence after it hit the U.S. East Coast last week. DRS regional managers are working with local officials and organizations to start initial planning to send early assessment and clean-up volunteers. Nearly 50 inches of rain fell in some locations. Please give to Hurricane Florence response at [worldrenew.net/florence](http://worldrenew.net/florence), by calling 800-552-7972 or mailing your check, made out to World Renew with "DRS Hurricane Florence" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 1700 28th St., SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508. Thank you.

### 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).

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| <b>Pastor David's office hours: Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 am—12:00 Pastor's Pastors Cell: 320-400-3023</b><br><b>Office phone: 320-329-3932</b>   | <b>You are welcome to stop in and visit without an appointment.</b>   |

### TODAY

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| Greeters:               | Zach & Teri Johnson       |
| Library:                | Julie Link                |
| Coffee Hour:            | Paul & Wanda Knapper      |
| Sound System:           | Paul Knapper              |
| Nursery:                | Rachael Zigterman         |
| Ushers:                 | Brad Link, Chuck Sietsema |
| Letter to Michelsons:   | Patrick & Christy Nelson  |
| Congregational Visitor: | Harold Groen              |
| Visiting Elder:         | Kim Mulder                |



### CHURCH CALENDAR

Today 2:00 pm **RenVilla Service** everyone is welcome

### CHURCH FAMILY

From Anthony & Sara Sytsma: Thank you all for praying for our guard, Julius, and his friends/family/fellow guards. We wanted to update you on what is going on with them. Julius, his sister Vicki, friend Moses, and another guard named Jairus, are all still reading the Bible together and growing in their faith. Some of the other guards were transferred to other towns (we don't know how they're doing) and others have gone back to their old way of life. Please continue to pray for all of them, that the Holy Spirit would work in their lives and bring back those who are struggling in their new faith.

We have two new blog posts at our blog

(<https://anthsara.blogspot.com>):

*Cakes and Scones and Beans & Animal Pictures*

### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This afternoon, our church will lead a service at Renville. This evening we will continue our study of the book of Romans. Study material is by the mailbox.

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.

Sunday School and Catechism will meet the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. Catechism (4th grade through High School) meet 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 and 3rd Sunday. The money collected for this offering will be go toward the leadership training initiative Anthony Sytsma is overseeing as part of the Timothy Leadership Training of World Renew. More information about this initiative can be found here: <https://www.myworldrenew.net/timothyleadershiptraining>



Next Sunday, September 30 we will be hearing God's word from Exodus 14:5-31 and take an offering for Jeff Schmidts and his work as chaplain for United Campus Ministry.

#### Classis highlights:

- Safe Church Ministry gave an presentation about the importance of developing and implementing a safe church policy.
- East Grand Forks Redeeming Love will have their closing service on Oct. 28.
- Eli Groenendyk and Ben Veerkerk passed their examinations. Eli will serve as a pastor of Calvary CRC in Edina. Ben will serve as pastor of Covenant CRC in Winnipeg, Canada.

#### Upcoming dates:

October 7: Disability Awareness service  
October 14: Special offering for Trinity Hill  
October 21: Mission Emphasis Sunday and potluck  
Nov. 11: Communion and potluck



Thank you for partnering with New 2 You Thrift Store and our Corners of Your Field Program. Over the past 27 months, we have been able to provide over \$27,000 in gift cards to more than 60 local churches and community organizations for use in their benevolence ministry. From providing relief to those affected by homelessness, domestic violence, floor/fire, school clothes for children in need, or winter coats for those who could not afford one, your partnership with New 2 You is making a difference in our community. Every time you donate your extra clothing, housewares, furniture or more with New 2 You credit is earned for your organization. Remember, where you give your excess matters. Because of donation made by members of our church to New 2 You, Emden had been given two \$20 gift cards for New 2 You. If you know of anyone who could use one of these, please contact a deacon.

The annual Disability Awareness service will be held Sunday evening, Oct. 7 at 6:00 pm at the Rock of Life church in Willmar. Our guest speaker is Pastor Dan DeVries, Chaplin at Hope Haven. Emden is in charge of greeters, ushers and serving lunch. If you are able to help with greeting (2 couples) or ushering (4 people), please let Pastor David know. Circle 4 is in charge of serving.



#### REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

#### RENVILLE METHODIST HAM DINNER

at the Renville COMMUNITY CENTER

Sunday, Sept. 30 from 11:00 - 1:00

Adults: \$11.00, Age 6-12: \$5.00 Take Outs (east/back door): \$11.00

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT juicy ham (along with our famous horseradish sauce and raisin sauce), real mashed potatoes and ham gravy, green beans, and cranberry-raspberry jello salad. And your choice of a dessert.



You are invited to a Gospel Concert in Woodstock, MN at the American Reformed Church on Sunday, October 7, 2018 from 2 pm to 5 pm. This is our annual fundraiser to purchase Recovery Bibles for clients at New Life Treatment Center. Music will be provided by: Hear By Faith, The Klassens, and Cornerstone Quartet.

Testimonies will be given by alumni from New Life Treatment Center. Barbeques and ice cream sundays will be served. Free will donation will be accepted. Come and go as you please.



Children of the Promise will be holding our first annual corn maze in Clara City this September 1st through October 31st. We invite your congregation to join us in the fun, found on Wolverine Drive. Our maze is 8 acres, paired with pumpkins, treats, and special events every weekend. Our hours are Thursday: 3 - 11PM, Friday & Saturday: 9AM - 11PM, and Sunday: noon - 6PM. All profits will go to Children of the Promise. Our mission to provide a healthy, Christian home and family for every Haitian child. We hope to see you there! For more information, go to [facebook.com/1SEEDMN](https://facebook.com/1SEEDMN).



Family members, relatives or sometimes family friends typically serve as guardians for people. However, the reality is that not everyone has someone willing to be responsible for his or her decision-making and urgently needs a guardian. Compensation may be available for performing the service. Please contact Rita Berg at 320-523-3524 if you are interested in becoming a volunteer guardian.

# living by faith

## Joseph and the Beatitudes

- Blessed (vs. 1-6)
- Blessed while slandered (vs. 7-20)
- Blessed again (vs. 21-23)



## PRAYER CORNER

REQUESTS  
—FOR—  
PRAYER

~ Please remember those in our congregation who have continuous health concerns: Ben Groen, Melvin Link, Marge Link, Linda Mayer, Gerald Mulder, Darla Ruschen

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### THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: Faithful Families Lose Homes in Fire - India

Hindu activists burned the homes of seven Christian families in May 2018 after they ignored the group's demands to stop meeting for prayer and worship. About 10 families have been meeting faithfully every week, since converting to Christianity several years ago. Local Hindu groups had warned them repeatedly to stop meeting, but the families ignored the warning. When the families planned a three-day prayer meeting in May, the Hindus again warned them not to meet. Although a few families stayed home, seven families attended the prayer meeting. On May 2 at 6 p.m., each of their homes was set on fire, and the families lost everything. Police chose not to file a case because of political pressure. Now, some of the families are living under tarps, while a few are staying with relatives. As day laborers, the loss is very challenging for them, but they remain strong in faith. Please pray that these families will continue to grow in faith and remain strong in 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**

