

**Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, October 21, 2018**

**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 Resonate Global Mission video
 *Call to worship Psalm 95:1-7
 *God's Greeting of His People
 *We Greet One Another
 *Songs of Praise *Shout to the North
 Blessed be your Name
 Shine Jesus Shine*

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Our World Belongs to God, stanza 41
 Update from our missionaries Anthony and Sara
 Gene and Dawn Michelson
 Song of gratitude *There is a Redeemer*
 Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer
 Mission Commitment Offering Gene and Dawn Michelsons
 2nd offering Building Fund/Benevolent Fund
 Noisy-offering Anthony's TLT initiative
 Song of preparation *Knowing You*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination
 *Scripture Romans 9:1-13 pg. 1759
 Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
 Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **A Passion for the Lord**

Prayer of Application
 *Song of response *Grace Alone*
 *Profession of our faith Apostle's Creed

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing
 *Closing Song *In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified*

Welcome to worship in the name of the Creator who paints autumn leaves, the Savior who teaches us to warm hearts with love, and the Spirit who guides us through life's seasons. Amen.

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 7:00 pm
 Prinsburg First CRC 6:00 pm
 Bunde CRC 5:30 pm

Next Sunday, October 28, 2018	<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u>
Greeters: Tim & Dawn Link	9:00am Sunday School
Library: Julie Link	1st & 3rd Sunday
Coffee Hour: Kim & Nancy Mulder	(Sept.—May)
Sound System: Curt Groen	10:00am Morning Worship
Nursery: Rachael Zigterman	Gene & Dawn Michelson
Ushers: Duane Mulder & Harold Groen	B.P. 2210, Bamako
Letter to Michelsons: Janel Watson	Mali, West Africa
Congregational Visitor: Gerald & Connie Mulder	E-mail address
Offering: am CMCS Tuition Support	Usmaan@hotmail.com

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

THE FLOOD - Often called Noah's Ark, this biblical story reveals much about God and his response to our sin. Join Groundwork as we study this familiar story from Genesis 6-8 to remind ourselves about the grave reality of sin, see the true heart of God, and witness the dawning of his grace. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tip - Do your kids look forward to Sundays? Make the sabbath a special day in ways that are meaningful to them. Serve a favorite meal before or after worship. Light a special candle. Take a picnic to a park. Try setting the alarm a bit earlier to minimize the getting-ready stress before worship. Gather at night for a game and a time of family prayer to start the week. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

From Resonate Global Mission

Journey Through Egypt - Join Resonate Global Mission on an Egypt Vision Tour. History comes alive as you learn how scripture is connected to ancient Egyptian monuments. Dates: April 2-10, 2019. For more information visit www.resonateglobalmission.org/Egypt.

From World Renew

Sign Up for Free Email Devotions for Advent 2018 - As people called to do justice in a world that belongs to God, we embody a "holy impatience" that both celebrates glimpses of the kingdom and eagerly yearns for what is to come. Join World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice this Advent season to explore "Holy Impatience" in a devotional series that features reflections from CRC ministries around the world. A reflection will arrive in your email inbox every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, starting December 3, 2018, through Christmas Day. Go to crcna.org/advent to sign up today!

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**You are welcome to stop in and visit
without an appointment.**

TODAY

Greeters:	Heidi & Samantha Link
Library:	Julie Link
Coffee Hour:	Mission Emphasis
Sound System:	Gerald Mulder
Ushers:	Brad Link & Chuck Sietsema
Nursery:	
Letter to Michelsons:	Bob & Joan Swyter
Congregational Visitor:	Gerald & Connie Mulder
Visiting Elder:	Kim Mulder



CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday	7:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study meet at Jolene's, lesson 1
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Council meeting

CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you for all of your love and support as we said goodbye to a husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. For those of you that visited, brought food, sent a card and/or a memorial, ensured we were fed and the church cleaned, and participated in the funeral service; know that we appreciate each one of you! We were so blessed to have dad with us for 92 years and we praise God for his peaceful homecoming.

—The Family of Ben Groen

Prayer requests from Sytsma's. This year we started some small groups that meet at our homes. I'm leading a group with nine other men, and Sara has a group with eight other women. Many of them are married couples. We have been reading books together and discussing them together. In Sara's group they have also done some Bible studies and in my group we go through intentional accountability questions. God has been using us to bring real change to people's lives in these groups, and God has been using these group members to care for us and help us to grow in Christ as well. They are our dear friends.

What we discuss in the groups is confidential, but we have gotten permission from our group members to share with you generally some of the things that they are going through. Please pray for them. It's hard seeing our friends suffer through serious challenges. Some of them are dealing with unjust lawsuits and have even spent time in jail, just because of false accusations. Some of them are dealing with very difficult financial challenges and unpaid debts. Some of them are dealing with painful relationship conflicts in their families. And many of them recently have had to deal with thieves stealing their belongings,

one was attacked by thugs on the street, and several have had animals stolen from their homes. Please pray for God's protection and provision for them, and for guidance for us to know how to care for them well.

—Anthony and Sara

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we welcome Arlan Kopydrayer who will be leading our morning worship service.

Everyone is invited to stay and join us for a potluck dinner and time of fellowship immediately after the morning service.

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



Sunday School and Catechism 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 can be found here: <https://www.myworldrenew.net/timothyleadershiptraining>.

Next Sunday, October 28, we will be hearing God's word from 1 Kings 3:16-28.

Thanks to Emden CRC for hosting, Pastor David for leading the Disability Awareness Service. We were blessed by Paul and Pam's music, thank you for using your talents so willingly. We hope all were blessed with Pastor Dan DeVries's message, that through our weakness we can be "Oaks of Righteousness" that God would be glorified, Is. 61:3. Thank you for the offering of \$1,069.50 and your continued support for Friendship Bible Ministries. Also thanks to all from ROL who helped out in many ways. In His Service, —The Friendship Board

Bunde MOMS will be selling Butter Braids again to support the MOMS ministry. MOMS stands for "Making Our Mothering Significant" and our theme this year is Gospel Hope - Hebrews 10:23-24. We have around 35 moms planning on attending this year from all different locations, denominations, and walks of faith. If you would like to order

there is a form located by the mailboxes. Sale Ends October 31st and delivery date is November 14th. Thanks for your support

~Rachael Zigterman

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.

Upcoming dates:

October 28: Reformation Day Service, 6 pm at
Bethany Reformed Church

Nov. 11: Communion and potluck

Nov. 21: Thanksgiving Eve service



REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



The Prayer Mobilizer team for Classis Lake Superior would like us to pray for Raymond CRC this month.

Prayer Requests for Raymond CRC:

- 1) Prayer of thanks for our partnership with Bunde CRC for GEMS, Cadets, JAM and Jr. JAM programs.
- 2) Prayer of thanks for the Lord's guidance in leading Pastor Aaron, Michelle & their family to Raymond CRC



- 3) Prayers for our shut-in's who are unable to join us each week for worship.
- 4) Prayers for continued growth for our Tuesday morning Men's Bible Study.

Redeeming Love Congregation in East Grand Forks will be having their final service on October 28, 2018 and request our prayer during this time.

MASS CHOIR - REFORMATION SERVICE -
Sunday, October 28th at 6:00 PM

Let's gather together to sing, creating one large choir, as we worship with one another at the Reformation service. We hope for 5 members from each church, but welcome more. There will be 2 rehearsals offered to members: Wednesday, October 24th at 7:00 and Sunday, prior to the service - 5:00 PM - both at Bethany Reformed Church. Let's raise the roof in song! Come..... Please contact Paul Knapper if interested



A **Reformation Celebration** will again be held in our church the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 31. Join us for a free barbecue supper from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. At 6:00 p.m., you are invited to sing hymns of the Reformation and hear Pastor Chris Alle speak on the Five Solas of the Reformation in the sanctuary. Throughout the evening, there will also be indoor and outdoor activities, snacks and games for kids of all ages as well as an opportunity to throw a “*pie-in-your-Pastor's-face*”! Join us for an evening of fun, food and fellowship!



The Haiti Literacy Program is hosting its 4th annual **One Stop Shop fundraising event** on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 10am-2pm at the CMCS Event Center in Prinsburg. Bring your family and friends for a variety of shopping opportunities at 20 unique vendors, create a sign with Jenny Groen to take home, purchase homemade soup for lunch, and support this great cause at the same time. We hope to see you there!



Dad's Belgian Waffle benefit will be held for Pastor Jeff Brown on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at Unity Church in Prinsburg at 8AM-12noon. Jeff had a stroke in December 2015. It initially left him unable to breathe on his own, eat,

speak, sit up, walk, or use his left arm. After nearly three years of therapy he has made great strides. He continues to do both speech and physical therapy. This benefit is to help cover the costs of a recent treatment in Florida as well as the ongoing expenses of therapy. Come out and join us in supporting this wonderful family!

Attention singers: It is time once again to tune up our Christmas Voices and begin practice for the 2018 Renville County Christmas Choir Cantata. Practice begins October 23 at the Faith United Methodist Church in Olivia. Concert will be on Thursday, Dec. 6. Everyone who loves to sing is welcome to join us. Practices are twice a week to accommodate your busy schedule, attend each week as you are able. See the notice on the bulletin board for more information or take a copy by the mailbox



Everyone is invited to the Turkey Dinner at Holy Catholic Church on Sunday, November 4 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Renville Community Center. Menu is turkey & stuffing / mashed potatoes & gravy / carrots / cole slaw / cranberries / pumpkin bar. Adults and take-outs - \$11, Ages 3-11 - \$5, under 3 is free.



Renville County Human Services is looking for people willing to volunteer to serve as guardians for adults who need assistance in making decisions due to developmental delays, mental illness or other conditions, such as dementia. Guardians are Court appointed to make decisions on behalf of these people. The guardian's major responsibilities include authorizing placement and services, attending annual meetings or care conferences, completing annual well-being reports to the court, and authorizing medical care if needed. The amount of time is determined on a case-by-case basis. Family members, relatives or sometimes family friends typically serve as guardians for people. However, 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.



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 - Uganda

Abandoned by Her Muslim Husband, Elizabeth Remains

Strong in Faith

Elizabeth was a secret believer for a year before she told her Muslim husband. While working in her shop one day, she heard an audible voice saying, "Seek me and find your life." Seeking to know the God who had spoken to her, she visited a church and eventually came to faith in Christ. She attended prayer meetings regularly, but only when her husband was gone. After about a year, she realized she needed to be honest with her husband and tell him about her Christian faith. In response, he beat her and left her. Elizabeth had five children, and shortly after her husband left she learned that she was pregnant with their sixth child. The past two years have been difficult for her; she struggles financially and her community mocks her. Pray that Elizabeth will remain strong in her faith.

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

