

Emden Christian Reformed Church  
Pastor David Zigterman  
Sunday, April 19, 2020

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship  
Welcome and announcements  
Call to worship  
Songs of Praise *I Love to Tell the Story* PH 530

Prayer of God's people: conclude with the Lord's Prayer  
Song of preparation *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* PH 406

Prayer for illumination  
\*Scripture Acts 1:1-14  
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord  
Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **What Jesus Continues To Do**

Parting Blessing  
Closing Song

*The risen Christ appears among us — despite our locked hearts,  
our fears, our attempts to hide — and says, "Peace."  
We invite you to worship with one another with  
that same word of peace.*

## All Things In Common

Just as the bread is made out of many grains  
ground and mixed together, and out of the  
bodies of many grains there comes the body of  
one bread, in which each grain loses its form and  
body and takes upon itself the common body of  
the bread; and just as the drops of wine, in  
losing their own form, become the body of one  
common wine and drink —  
so it is and should be with us. ...

Through the interchange of [Christ's] blessings  
and our misfortunes, we become one loaf,  
one bread, one body, one drink,  
and have all things in common.



—Martin Luther, Treatise on the  
Blessed Sacrament

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

### Elders:

Duane Mulder - President  
Nick Daugherty - Vice President  
Doug Groen - Clerk

### Deacons:

Samantha Link - Chairman  
Curt Groen - Bldg / Benevolent Fund  
Todd Groen - Treasurer

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GROUNDWORK: I BELIEVE THE SON ASCENDED TO HEAVEN. - Join Groundwork as we study Luke 24:50-53, Acts 1:6-11, John 16:4-15, and Ephesians 1:18-23 to better understand why Jesus' ascension into heaven is good and comforting for us, discover what he's doing now, and learn how we should respond. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**At-Home Faith Formation Tip** - From Psalm 65:8: “The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.” Make this passage your morning and evening prayer this week. During the day, look for God’s “wonders” and point them out to the people you share life with. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))

~ OUR MISSION ~

*Our mission is affirming the Lordship of Christ, expressing our faith through worship, fellowship, growth and service. We would welcome you to share with us the joy of this exciting venture of faith.*

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

## CHURCH FAMILY

Dear supporters, greetings from Uganda where the President this week extended our lock-down for another 21 days. We are not even allowed to go jogging outside of our yard, but we are able to walk to the market to buy food, and I'm still able to go to the radio station to preach. Note that this week I'm preaching at 11am on Friday, which is the middle of the night in the USA. We have one new blog post for you at <http://anthasara.blogspot.com>

## Caring for People with Disabilities

We are grateful to God that it has started raining here. Everyone was quite worried about what they had planted. We are also grateful that my Dad's test results came back and it looks like the treatments may have completely removed his cancer! Right now we are keeping quite busy at home. Sara is making instructional YouTube videos (we will share with you later), doing agricultural research, and writing lesson plans. I've been quite busy writing sermons for the radio as well as writing reports and planning future trainings. Thank you for your generosity in supporting us to live and minister here. Let us know how we can pray for you. Please continue to pray for Ugandans:

- For the problem of the locusts which are coming back again
  - For the economic difficulties as many people are running out of money for food since they cannot work
  - For us as we try to figure out how to best help friends, neighbors, and pastors during this crisis
- Anthony and Sara

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will not be having any services or activities at church through all of April. However, services will continue to be recorded and published on our website <https://www.emdencrc.org/sermons>. These recordings are also available on most major podcast distributors (i.e. Spotify, Overcast). Simply search for Emden updates. Bulletins will continue to be made and can also be found on our website: <https://www.emdencrc.org/resources>. If you would like a bulletin mailed to you, please let a member of council or Judy Groen know. An effort by the council is also being made to contact everyone in the congregation. If you have

any needs or prayer requests, please let myself or a member of council know. Finally, thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and prayer. If you would like to continue giving during this time, you may send your offering to PO BOX 390, Renville, MN 56284 or drop it off in the clay pot in the narthex. There is now also an online option. Visit <https://www.emdencrc.org/> online-giving for more information and directions.

Next Sunday, April 26 , we will be hearing God's word from Acts 3:1-10.

Please consider this prayer challenge: spend 1 minute each night at 8:00 pm to pray for our nation.

#### Upcoming dates:

April 28: council meeting



Rachael Zigterman - I've been trying to think of ways to give back to our community and I'm hoping you will join me. There are so many people we could thank who are working hard; however, I would like to focus on our health care workers, specifically focus on the staff who work at RenVilla Health Center/Nursing Home. Many of us have people we know and love living there and I would like to thank the staff for their hard work, going the extra mile to connect families to their loved ones and being family for the residents during this difficult time. I was hoping to provide lunch and supper some time in the near future. I am staying in contact with the nursing home and Barts to plan a future date. We will be supporting a local restaurant (Bart's Place) as they will provide the meals and (Maynards) for drinks. Please join me in raising enough money to purchase meals for around 55 health workers.

You may donate via the Go Fund Me page or you can mail a check to Emden Christian Reformed Church - 512 Emerson Ave. NW Renville, MN 56284. Make checks payable to "Emden Christian Reformed Church" and write "**health care meals**" in the memo. Thanks in advance for supporting and thanking our healthcare workers for their service. Once a date is set I will update you.

### REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Haiti Literacy Program:** During this interesting time in history when we are separated from each other, we have two ways that you can support the Haiti Literacy Program to stay connected to the important ministry happening there. We are placing another Singing Rooster coffee order. This coffee is grown in Haiti so we are excited to support the farmers there as well as the HLP with the sale of this coffee. Each bag is \$15. With the purchase of 4 or more bags of coffee, receive one Vienna ground bag of coffee free. We are also taking orders for Kwik Trip Car Wash cards. Each card contains 5 ultimate car washes for \$36. Orders for coffee and car wash cards are due May 1 with payment. Contact Christy Groen at 320-212-9643 to order. We also have an April newsletter with an update on the situation in Haiti. Please visit our Facebook page to read more information or email [mrustad2010@gmail.com](mailto:mrustad2010@gmail.com) to receive your e-newsletter.

CCT buses are available to pick up and take seniors/shut-ins to the grocery store, etc OR, they can deliver groceries to them. CCT Olivia: 320-523-3589; if you have any questions, you can contact Tiffany at the Willmar office at 320-214-7433.



**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

#### How peace bears witness

Christians ought not to be smothered in fear. There is a spiritual readiness, where we return to having the peace of God stand guard over our hearts and minds.

What an incredible witness it is to a lost and fearful society when the Christian acts like a child of God, living under the loving sovereignty of the heavenly Father. The Christian needs to walk in peace, so no matter what happens they will be able to bear witness to a watching world.  
—Henry Blackaby



## PRAYER CORNER

REQUESTS  
—FOR—  
PRAYER

~ Please remember those in our congregation who have continuous health concerns: Marge Link, Linda Mayer, Gerald Mulder, Darla Ruschen, DeeDee Johnson, Lilah Kleinhuizen, John & Dorothy Aalderks, Carson Groen

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### **THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: Afghanistan God's Kingdom Advancing One Heart at a Time**

Hundreds of small groups are meeting in homes throughout Afghanistan to study the Bible using a storytelling method, according to a VOM worker. The small groups have been especially effective at reaching women, who in Afghanistan are limited mostly to the home. Social media, which can place Bibles in the hands of people who have never read God's Word, is another effective means of outreach. Still, many people groups and language groups do not yet have access to the Scripture in their language. Pray for those involved in Bible translation, printing and distribution. Pray also for those sharing the gospel from home to home.

#### **VOM WORK:**

VOM equips Afghan Christians by providing Bibles, TV and radio broadcasts, discipleship training, front-line worker support and other forms of practical and spiritual assistance, with special focus on outreach to persecuted women and widows of martyrs.

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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**

