

**Emden Christian Reformed Church  
Pastor David Zigterman  
Sunday, January 3, 2021**

**Sunday evening  
5:00 pm**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship

Welcome and announcements

Call to Worship

\*God's greeting

\*Greet one another

\*Songs of Praise

*Here I Am To Worship*

*That's Why We Praise Him*

Psalms 2

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Prayer

Song

*In Christ Alone*

Prayer for illumination

\*Scripture

Matthew 2

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Lord's Day 7

Message

**Living In The Light**

\*Song of response

*There Is A Redeemer*

\*Parting Blessing

\*Closing Song

*All Glory Be To Christ*

***Greetings to everyone on this first Sunday of the new year!  
We come to worship the God of all time and eternity who is also  
Lord of our individual lives.***

***Let us unite our hearts and spirits in the joyous worship of God and in  
loving outreach to one another. A warm welcome to all!***

There will be a prayer meeting this Sunday at **5:00pm**.  
This will be hosted on Google Meet.  
To join the video meeting, go to this link:  
<https://meet.google.com/mex-esp-fbs>.  
Otherwise, to join by phone, dial +1 432-955-6421 and  
enter this PIN: 315 976 625#. This number will stay the  
same for the following weeks. Phone participants can  
press \*6 to unmute their phone.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:00 am Morning Worship  
5:00 pm Evening Prayer Time

**Elders:**

Duane Mulder - President

Nick Daugherty - Vice President

Doug Groen - Clerk

**Deacons:**

Samantha Link - Chairman

Curt Groen - Bldg / Benevolent Fund

Todd Groen - Treasurer

### From Back to God Ministries International

#### GROUNDWORK: COMMITMENT AND DISCIPLESHIP -

Following Jesus is not always easy. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 13:3-23, Luke 14:25-33, and Hebrews 12:1-3 to better understand the spiritual discipline of commitment and learn how we can cultivate the lifelong discipline of following Jesus Christ. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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.

### From Faith Formation Ministries

At-Home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Engaging Scripture: Eugene Peterson says of Scripture engagement, "Reading is an immense gift, but only if the words are assimilated, taken into the soul—eaten, chewed, gnawed, received in unhurried delight." Read your favorite Scripture passage that way today. Take time to savor and "gnaw" on it, noticing any new insights that come to mind. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices).)

### From World Renew

Give Thanks for Abundant Life - Thank you for sharing God's abundance through the World Renew Gift Catalog in 2020. Your gift of a chicken, a water filter, or a goat can turn everyday events into miracles among people who face poverty, disaster, and injustice. You can still give online at [worldrenew.net/gifts](http://worldrenew.net/gifts) or call 800-552-7972.

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 C 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>Pastors 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>e-mail: <a href="mailto:davidzigterman029@gmail.com">davidzigterman029@gmail.com</a></b> <b>You are welcome to stop in and visit without an appointment.</b>
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### TODAY

Curt Groen  
Ministry Shares

*Sound System  
Offering*

### NEXT SUNDAY 1/10/21

Brad Link  
General Fund

### CHURCH FAMILY

We offer our sincere sympathy to Linda & Butch Mayer on the death of Linda's brother, Nam. May God bless them and give them peace and strength, surround them and uphold them with His love and the love of family and friends in the coming days.



### CHURCH CALENDAR



January 24 11:00 am *Annual Congregational meeting* (Please note date change)

### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will again have in-person worship. Please wear a mask. We have masks available. Feel free to take one and use. Please maintain a distance of 6 feet whenever possible. Hand sanitizer is also located throughout the building. If you do not feel well, we request that you refrain from coming. You can watch our services on our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/emdenrc>. The sermon will continue to be made available on the website.

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.emdenrc.org/online-giving> for more information.

**Budget Envelopes:** As Deacons, we have decided to discontinue using pre-printed budget envelopes. With payment by check, we will continue to keep record of your giving for tax purposes. We would appreciate if you would note on your check the designated cause. Offerings for the Building / Benevolent fund are usually divided equally, unless otherwise noted. We appreciate your continued giving toward the work of the Lord.

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

Next Sunday, January 10, we will be hearing God's word from Genesis 17 and Lord's Day 25 in the Heidelberg Catechism.

Sermon Notes  
Sunday, January 3, 2021  
Matthew 2  
**Living In The Light**

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Enrollment forms for the Back-the-Pack program can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/backthepackprogram/>. If you know of anyone who might be interested or in need of this program, please share this link with them.

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.

### PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Lord, make the New Year a happy one...

Not by shielding us from sorrow and pain,  
But by strengthening us to bear it if it comes.

Not by taking hardship from us,  
But by taking all cowardice and fear from our hearts  
as we meet hardships.

Not by making our paths easy,  
But by making us sturdy enough to tread any path.

Not by granting unbroken sunshine,  
But by keeping our faces bright even in the shadows.

Not by making our lives always pleasant,  
But by showing us where others and your cause need  
us most and by making us zealous to be there and to  
help.

God, make our year a happy one!!



**PRAYER CORNER**

~ Please remember those in our congregation who have continuous

REQUESTS  
FOR  
PRAYER

health concerns: Marge Link, Linda Mayer, Darla Ruschen,  
DeeDee Johnson, Carson Groen

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**PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH - Pakistan  
Freed from the Brick Kiln**

A laborer in Pakistan who has experienced ongoing persecution from the owner of the brick kiln where he was indentured is now free. Hamza was born into a family indebted to a brick kiln owner, a common situation, and the debt from his parents was passed down to him. After Hamza brought a Muslim coworker with him to church, his employer began repeatedly beating and harassing Hamza, even after Hamza was sold to another employer. On Nov. 30, 2020, Hamza paid his debt to the kiln owners with help from VOM, and he is now free of that burden. He and his family will now operate a rickshaw taxi and transport business. Thank God that Hamza is free from this abusive situation.

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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.

~ 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.*

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

