

**Emden Christian Reformed Church  
Pastor David Zigterman  
Sunday, January 10, 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 *Standing on the Promises* SJ 181 vs. 1-4  
*In the Name of the Lord* SJ 19 2x  
  
Psalm 110  
Confession of Sin  
Assurance of Pardon  
Psalm 111  
Song *In the Name of the Lord* SJ 19 1x  
Congregational Prayer  
Song *Ancient Words*  
  
Prayer for illumination:  
\*Scripture Genesis 17  
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord  
Congregation: Thanks be to God  
Lord's Day 25  
Message **The Handshake Of God**  
\*Song of response *Father, Long Before Creation* PH 464 vs. 1-4  
\*Parting Blessing  
\*Closing Song *Go My Children*

*God invites us to come before him in worship — and so we do this day.  
Let us focus solely on him for this brief time, to hear his Word and  
glorify our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

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-f-tbs>.

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

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](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

GROUNDWORK: SABBATH REST - Does Sabbath rest just mean taking a day off? Or is it more than that? Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 2:1-3, Exodus 20:8-11, Deuteronomy 5:12-15, and Hebrews 4:6-11 to better understand what God designed and intended the Sabbath for and how this spiritual discipline can draw us closer to God. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

How Do I Pray? - Prayer doesn't have to be complicated. And there is no single right way to do it. "How Do I Pray?", a free ebook from the ReFrame Ministries Prayer Team shows you six ways to reinvigorate your prayer life. It's yours free at [reframeministries.org/ways-to-pray](http://reframeministries.org/ways-to-pray)

### From Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Engaging Scripture: "Visio divina" is the practice of meditating on Scripture using art or other images. Try it by reading the story of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15 and then meditating on the art in Calvin University's collection based on this story ([tinyurl.com/ProdigalArt](http://tinyurl.com/ProdigalArt)). (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices).)

### From Calvin University

Calvin University January Series - Each year Calvin University provides a publicly accessible series of speakers on various topics related to the Christian life and worldview. This year the January Series runs from January 6 through 26, 2021 and because of COVID-19 is offered to us in the safety and comfort of our homes. They are offering an impressive lineup of speakers and topics. The series is free of charge, but you need to register to watch it. More information on the content, speakers list, and REGISTRATION details can be found at [www.calvin.edu/january](http://www.calvin.edu/january)

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<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>	<b>Pastor's 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>

### TODAY

Brad Link  
General Fund

*Sound System  
Offering*

### NEXT SUNDAY 1/17/21

Todd Groen  
Building/ Benevolent Fund

### CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday 7:00 pm *Council Meeting*  
January 24 11:00 am *Annual Congregational meeting*

### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will be continuing 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 17, we will be hearing God's word from Matthew 3:13-17 and Lord's Day 26 in the Heidelberg Catechism.

We will be having our Congregational meeting on Sunday, January 24 immediately following the morning service. The following people have consented to having their names on the ballot for Council: Elder - Paul Knapper and Tim Link,



Deacon - Josh Groen, Heather Link, Heidi Link.

Vote will be taken by casting lots.

Dalen and Donna will be auditing all the church books. If you have books that need to be audited please give them to Dalen & Donna as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **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.

#### **Rock of ages**

On walks, I enjoy searching for heart-shaped rocks. One day in 2020, I spotted a broken heart, which seemed fitting as illness, racism and suffering dominated the headlines. I thought of Psalm 34:18, NIV: "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Humans can be hard-hearted — pointing fingers, assuming the worst and failing to extend compassion. We often reject people who look, think or act differently from us. All these things break hearts, including God's. Only with his help can we rise above hatred, learn to listen more than we speak, and express kindness, empathy and a willingness to learn.

Jesus, be our rock as we face life's brokenness. Stay near and start the healing. Amen.

—Julie Lee

Sermon Notes  
Sunday, January 10, 2021  
Genesis 17  
**The Handshake Of God**



## 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 - India

#### Family Blessed By Christmas Care Pack

Last fall, 6-year-old Sahil received a VOM Christmas Care Pack filled with a Bible, a toy and personal hygiene products. When he returned to his home with the backpack, his father's eyes filled with tears. His mother, who passed away a few years ago, had always wanted to give her son a nice backpack, but it was not something his single father could afford to buy. As Sahil's father looked at his son proudly displaying his new backpack, he was overwhelmed with gratitude. "I am so thankful to the Lord for the gifts he gave to my son that I couldn't give him," he said. Included among the items in a Christmas Care Pack is a full-color illustrated Children's Bible. Sahil said, *"I liked the Children's Bible. I will read it every day and pray to Jesus."* Pray that Sahil and his father will live boldly for Jesus Christ as Sahil reads his Bible. Pray also for the continued distribution of Christmas Care Packs throughout this year and that many more Christian families will be blessed through them.

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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**

