

**Emden Christian Reformed Church**  
**Pastor David Zigterman**  
**Sunday, March 29, 2020**

Sermon outline  
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Mark 13:1-8, 24-37

Prelude: A Mighty Fortress

Welcome and announcements

- *Due to the shelter in place executive order, we will not meet before April 10.*
- *On Tuesday, the council will meet*
- *If you have any needs or prayer requests, please let myself or a member of council know.*

Song *When Peace Like A River*  
Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer  
Song *Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer*

Prayer for illumination

\*Scripture Mark 13:1-8,24-37

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **Watch**

Prayer of Application

Parting Blessing

Closing Song

*Dear family of God, welcome to worship!*  
*May you be blessed, and be a blessing to others,*  
*during this time of listening and in the coming days.*

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

### From Back to God Ministries International

GROUNDWORK: I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE SON - What do we mean when we say "I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord"? Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 16:13-16, John 1:1-18, and Philippians 2:9-11 to discover who we believe Jesus Christ is and what this belief means for how we live our lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### From Faith Formation Ministries

Holy Week Devotional for Families - Families, are you looking for an easy way to celebrate Holy Week at home? DWELL at Home's new devotional God's Big Easter Story is free to download. (And has a color-in printable!) You can read one devotion each day of Holy Week or combine readings over a few days. Find it at dwellcurriculum.org under "Family Support."

Lent At-Home Faith Formation Tip - Hold a modified Seder meal with your family or friends to draw connections between the traditional Jewish Passover meal and the Last Supper. This also provides a wonderful opportunity to teach children about communion and how Jesus asked us to remember him when we celebrate it. Author Ann Voskamp offers Christian seder meal instructions at tinyurl.com/VoskampSeder. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

### From The Banner

The Banner Available Online - You can access all of our content for free, including online extras at: thebanner.org. You can also sign up for our weekly email newsletter at thebanner.org/Signup. Or download our free mobile app, giving you real-time online content. Follow us on Facebook (crcbanner) and Twitter (@crcbanner).

~ 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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All Bulletin announcements due by Thursday noon.

**Pastor David's office hours: Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 am—12:00 Pastor's**

**Pastors Cell: 320-400-3023**

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

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

All church services and meetings are postponed until after April 10. Each Sunday morning on our website, <https://www.emdenrcrc.org> sermons, announcements, congregational prayer, and a message will be posted. If you would like to give 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. If you have any prayer requests or needs please contact the pastor or a member of council.

Next Sunday, April 5, we will be hearing God's word from Mark 11:1-11 and 14:3-9.

Ladies Bible Study on Wednesday nights has been postponed until after Easter.

Evening Bible Study is postponed until further notice

Men's Bible Study is postponed until further notice.

### **Upcoming dates:**

March 31: Council meets

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Renville County Food Shelf

On the first and third Tuesdays of each month we need help from 8 a.m. to 9:30 or 10 a.m. moving food into the food shelf and sorting food rescue produce. On Mondays and Fridays from 12:45 to 3:15 Wednesdays from 9:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. and Thursday evenings from 4:45 to 7:00 p.m. we need volunteers to assist the clients with their shopping. If you are able to help at one of those times, stop in at the food shelf at 108 S. 9th Street in Olivia or call us at 320-523-5339.

**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.

# A Family in 'Lockdown'



## Noah's Ark

40 days, 40 nights in the Ark, Noah's family was confined in a boat. There were no windows, no balconies, no terraces, no internet, no phone, no TV, no Youtube, Facebook or Netflix.

They only heard the rain. They spend their time praying, loving each other and caring for the animals. God the father took care of them as Noah was a man of faith and obeyed His word. Remember even though there is out there an ocean of viruses and life seems like a stormy ride, Our God is watching over us! Do not be Afraid! Be faithful to Him and wait patiently. The rain will stop one day. A rainbow will shine and all be well again.



**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: Nepal  
Community Warns Against Following Foreign Religion**

After seeking treatment at home and abroad for a longstanding illness, Ishika was restored to health when a church shared the gospel with her and prayed for her. Grateful to God for her healing, she continued to attend church and placed her faith in Jesus Christ. Eventually, however, the neighbors began to notice the change in Ishika, and they pressured her husband to make her stop following the “foreign religion.” Sadly, he responded to the pressure by drinking heavily. And last year, he left Ishika and told her that he would not be back until she returned to Hinduism. Ishika and her three children have not heard from him in more than six months. Because she can no longer afford school fees, her children have had to leave school. Pray that God will supply their needs and that Ishika’s husband will come to know Christ.

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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

