

**Emden Christian Reformed Church**  
**Pastor David Zigterman**  
**Sunday, April 3, 2022 10:00 am**

**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 of His People  
\*We Greet One Another  
\*Songs of Praise *Draw Me Nearer* SJ 412 vs. 1-3  
*Make Me a Blessing* SJ 525 vs. 1-3

**WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE**

Psalm 32  
Song *Wounded for Me* SJ 252 vs. 1-3  
Prayer of God's people  
Offering General Fund  
Noisy Offering  
Song of preparation *Lord, Speak to Me* SJ 535 vs. 1-2

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for illumination  
\*Scripture Daniel 12 pg. 1393  
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord  
Congregation: Thanks be to God  
Message **Embodying Hope**  
\*Apostles' Creed  
\*Song of response *Boundless Grace*

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Parting Blessing  
\*Closing Song *God Be With You* SJ 583 vs. 1-3

*God is always creating, always doing something new (Isaiah 43:18-19).*  
*Welcome to worship, where we listen for the new word*  
*God has for us today.*

We will be having Bible Study tonight at 5 pm.  
We will be having another discussion on bioethics.



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

**Elders:**

Tim Link - President  
Nick Daugherty - Vice President  
Paul Knapper - Clerk

**Deacons:**

Janel Watson - Chairman  
Heather Link - Bldg / Benevolent Fund  
Samantha Link - Treasurer

### ReFrame Ministries

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.

Groundwork: The Complete Sufficiency of the Cross - Christ's sacrifice is completely sufficient to satisfy God's wrath, and yet, sometimes we forget. Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 53:6; Galatians 2:20-21, 3:1-3, 3:24-27, & 6:14-15; and Romans 5:9-11 & 6:1-4 to discuss the source of this truth, how we can keep our fears at bay, and how we can keep a right perspective about our salvation and our deeds. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### Faith Formation Ministries

At-Home Faith Practices Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Celebrating: Read Psalm 103:1-5 and ponder or discuss the following questions. When you look at your “inmost being,” how often do you find yourself in “celebration mode”? What might you do to celebrate every day? Can you picture yourself “crowned with love and compassion”? Try that during your next prayer time. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

### Resonate Global Mission

Give to Resonate Now and Double Your Impact - Don't miss out on an opportunity to double your gift to God's mission! Your gift will be matched dollar for dollar when you give to our special campaign at [www.resonateglobalmission.org/MatchMyGift](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/MatchMyGift). The work of God's mission has changed a lot in the past 2 years but you can help the CRC respond and adapt through Resonate Global Mission.

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All Bulletin announcements due by Thursday noon.	
<b>Pastor David's office hours: Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 am—12:00</b>	
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### TODAY

Doug & Anne Groen  
Brad Link  
General Fund  
Todd & Jane Groen  
Donna Fuls

***Greeters***  
***Sound System***  
***Offering***  
***Coffee Hour***  
***Nursery***

### NEXT SUNDAY 4/10/22

Curt & Judy Groen  
Todd Groen  
Bldg & Benevolent Fund  
Duane & Verla Mulder  
Layla Lewis

### CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 13 6:30 pm ***Council Meeting***  
April 14 ***Maundy Thursday Service*** - meal (6pm) service (7pm)

### CHURCH FAMILY

Deedee Johnson's correction on phone number: **620-339-0116**.

Char Groen has moved to Carris Health Center. Her new address is: Carris Health Care Center 1801 Willmar Ave SW, Willmar, MN 56201

Please join us for an Open House Bridal shower for Alannah Parmer bride-to-be of Nick Daugherty on Saturday April 23 from 9:30-11:30 at Emden CRC in Renville. The couple is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target. Please bring your favorite recipe to share with the bride!



### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



These are the dates for Sunday School for the remainder of the year: 4/10 (Palm Sunday), 4/24, 5/8, 5/22

We will be continuing in-person worship. 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.

Next Sunday, April 10, we will be hearing a message on Matthew 21:1-17.

We will be having Bible Study tonight at 5 pm. I will attempt to lead another discussion on bioethics.



There is a sign-up sheet on the back table for those who want to buy an Easter Lily to help decorate the sanctuary this Easter.

Special Offering to support those in Ukraine will take place Sunday, April 10th. These gifts will be directed to the Luke Society's Ukrainian ministries in Rivne (200 miles west of Kiev - this city has been bombed, they continue to provide support in their ministry center there despite the "nightmare" they are living in), Munkacs (far west - has been seeing many refugees in the Medical Clinic and is helping to provide shelter, food and clothing for refugees), and Luhansk (far east - has been under Russian rule since 2014 and continue to their work of crossing the border to minister to Russian people). They express deep gratitude for prayers during this difficult time in Ukraine today.



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

Emden coffee mugs are here! Those who have paid ahead of time should check their mailbox. If you would like to purchase one, see Heather Link. The cost is \$8



**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thank you so much for all your prayers, cards, gifts and posts on Joel's Caring Bridge page during his recent hospitalization! We are truly blessed with the care and concern from friends and family around the World!

Joel is continuing to heal and according to his Doctors, we won't see his full healing potential until this Fall!

We praise God for His healing power and our "Family in Christ" who have carried us through this difficult Season! God is Good! God is Faithful! In Christ, Joel & Gail Roelofs

The CMCS Drama Department will present *The Nit Wits* on Thursday & Friday evenings, April 7 & 8 at 7:00 pm. Tickets will go on sale Tuesday, March 15 at 1:00 pm. Tickets may be purchased at the High School office or ordered via email at theater@cmcschool.org. Tickets are \$7/adult and \$5/student (pre-school and younger are free. Dinner Theater tickets are sold out. Tickets must be paid for and picked up at the High School office within one week of ordering.

**Friendship Bible Class**, Monday night, April 4 - 7 pm at the Rock Of Life CRC. Cookies, Pat, Helene

**CMCS Annual Meeting - April 12**

Constituents of CMCS are invited to attend the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00pm in the Event Center. Copies of the Annual Report and absentee ballots will be available at the main office.

**Enlivening the Dry and Weary Heart of Our Churches:** A one-day event for congregational members and leaders to learn about and discuss together the current reality of congregational ministry and how to move forward with a renewed heart as a congregation, as pastors and leaders and as those who support our youth. There will be two dates and locations to choose from. Both events will run 9 am to 3 pm, with doors opening at 8:30. Lunch will be provided and there is no registration fee.

Dates & Location:

Saturday, April 9 @ Faith CRC in New Brighton, MN. Register by March 26.

Speakers include:

Dr. Syd Hielema (Director of Connections Project with the CRCNA)  
Pastor Mark Brouwer (Pastor of Bethel CRC and Director of Renew Resources)

Pastor Travis Deur (Pastor of Faith Formation and Youth leader at Faith CRC)

Registration: Please email Trudy Ash (tash@crcna.org) with your name and the date you will be attending so we know who to expect for lunch by the deadlines listed above. This event is sponsored by the Classical Home Missions Team of Classis Lake Superior.

**Expanding our view of service**

We often think of serving in terms of Matthew 25: supplying food and clothing; caring for the sick, incarcerated and other "least of these" members of society — serving Jesus in the process. But we also can serve him with our unique talents and by doing things we love.

For example, Ged King, a barber in England, devotes some of his time off to giving homeless people free haircuts. Imagine Jesus saying, "For my hair was long and scraggly, and you cut it" — or "My heart was lonely, and you played music to lift my spirits. I could no longer read small print, and you read to me. I have to work two jobs, and you invited my child to spend afternoons crafting with you. My car broke down, and you repaired it." Then the King will say, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father ... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:34, 40, NIV;



**PRAYER CORNER**

Please remember those in our congregation who have continuous health concerns: Marge Link, Butch & Linda Mayer, Darla Ruschen, DeeDee Johnson, Carson Groen, Caroline Brouwer

Sermon Notes  
Sunday, April 3, 2022  
Daniel 12

**Embodying Hope**

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**The Persecuted Church - Iran**  
**Bible Distributor Protected by Government Official**

When a front-line worker was arrested for possession of 30 Bibles that he intended to distribute, a high-ranking official protected the Christian, scolding the police officers who arrested him. *“Why did you take these books from that man?”* he demanded. *“I know about this; they are my responsibility.”* The official kept the Bibles but released the front-line worker. Praise God for the official’s compassion toward the Christian. Pray that the confiscated Bibles will reach those who need to hear the gospel inside this restricted nation.

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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**

