

**Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, April 11, 2021**

**Sunday evening
5:00 pm**

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship

Welcome and announcements

Opening prayer

*Call to Worship

*God's greeting

*Greet one another

*Song of Praise *Lord I Lift Your Name On High
Lion of Judah
Shout to the North*

Psalm 73

Confession of sin

Assurance of pardon

Song *I Will Rise*

Congregational Prayer:

Song *Ancient Words*

Prayer for illumination:

*Scripture Hebrews 10:32-39

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Lord's Day 1

Message **Our Only Comfort**

*Song of response *Boundless Grace*

*Parting Blessing

*Closing Song *My Friends May You Grow In Grace*

Welcome as we gather on the second Sunday of the Easter season.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

*The risen Christ appears among us — despite our locked hearts,
our fears, our attempts to hide — and says, "Peace."*

*I invite you to welcome one another to worship
with that same word of peace.*

There will be a prayer meeting this Sunday at 5 pm. 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

Paul Knapper - Clerk

Deacons:

Samantha Link - Chairman

Heather Link - Bldg / Benevolent Fund

Todd Groen - Treasurer

Resonate Global Mission

Match Your Gift - You can help join God's mission and spread the gospel in North America by supporting Resonate Global Mission. It's not too late to double your gift by visiting www.resonateglobalmission.org/EasterGift! Any amount you give to this special campaign will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous donor! Don't wait—give today while your gift will go twice as far.

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: KNOW THAT GOD IS WORKING - When life has fallen apart, it can be difficult to know where or how to begin rebuilding. Join Groundwork as we study the rebuilding of Jerusalem in Ezra 1-2, Ezra 7:1-8, and Nehemiah 1:1-4 for biblical wisdom and guidance for rebuilding with confidence after life knocks us down. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Celebrating: In Following Jesus, Henri Nouwen wrote, "Celebrating life is not a party but an ongoing awareness that every moment is special and asks to be lifted up and recognized as a blessing from on high." How might you become more aware of the moment-by-moment blessings you receive each day? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

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TODAY

Curt Groen
General Fund
Donna & Connie

Sound System
Offering
Coffee Hour
Nursery

NEXT SUNDAY 4/18/21

Paul Knapper
Bldg & Benevolent Fund
Brad & Julie Link
Lindsey Knapper

CHURCH CALENDAR

- April 14: Council Meeting 6:30 pm
April 17: Church clean up day beginning at 9am
April 18: Catechism and Circle of Grace after the worship service
Difficult Conversations: a study of the CRCNA human sexuality report at 5pm
April 25: Difficult Conversations: a study of the CRCNA human sexuality report at 5pm

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

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



Next Sunday, April 18 we will be hearing God's word from Matthew 6:5-14 and Lord's Day 45 of the Heidelberg Catechism.



On Saturday, April 17 beginning at 9am there will be an opportunity to serve by helping clean up the church.

Beginning April 18 at 5pm we will begin Challenging Conversations: A Study of the CRCNA human sexuality report (this was originally scheduled to begin April 11 and has been postponed a week).

Our church will be hosting NA (Narcotics Anonymous) meetings on Sundays at 2 pm. There will be no meeting for the 3rd and 4th Sundays in April. For more information, please call 218-616-7967.

Today in your church mailbox you will find a brochure from Bible League International. Your gift will ensure the Word of God will continue to be a source of hope and opportunity for so many to feel the love of Christ. Please prayerfully consider how the Lord would lead you to be a blessing to the world.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - MS Fundraiser - POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

CMCS Constitution Review

The Governance Committee was tasked by the Board of Directors with reviewing and recommending updates to the current CMCS Constitution. The proposed changes, along with supporting documentation, are available in this month's Cable and the links are available on the school's website. If you would like copies of these documents, please contact the high school office. These proposed changes will be voted on at the Annual Meeting, April 13 at 7:00 pm in the Event Center.

CMCS Board Nominations

Do you have a passion for the mission, vision, and values of CMCS? The governance committee is soliciting interest from members who would like to be considered for nomination to the Board of Directors. We would appreciate the opportunity to share insight on how the board functions and how we partner with school leadership to fulfill the mission of CMCS. Please reach out if you would like to learn more about the role of the board at CMCS, time commitment to serve, and attributes we are looking for in directors. Contact Josh Lundeen at joshl@prinsbank.com or Jason Ver Steeg at jasonvs@cmcschool.org

CMCS Annual Meeting Information

The CMCS Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00PM in the Event Center. The Annual Report is available on our school website under current families, publications. If you are interested in casting a vote for school board nominees and constitution revisions, you can pick up a hard copy of the absentee ballot and annual report at the school office.

Upcoming Concerts at CMCS

5-12 Band Concert: Monday, April 12 at 7:00pm in the Event Center
6-12 Choir Concert: Monday, April 19, 7:00pm the High School Gym
K-5 Spring Program: Thursday, April 22, 7:00pm in the HS Gym
9-12 Pops Concert: Tuesday, May 18, 7:00pm in the HS Gym

We have recently seen a few positive cases of covid surface within our school community. Therefore, we ask that you take precautionary measures when attending and stay home if you have symptoms. Family or community members who are uncomfortable gathering in larger groups are welcome to watch online from home on our YouTube channel. Our live streaming team works hard to ensure a great experience for our constituency.



The Haiti Literacy Team is working on a new fundraiser with your moms in mind. Place your order for practical, useful and decorative dish towels. We are making flour sack towels with the shape of the state of Minnesota on them in seasonal prints. You can choose a set of 4- one of each season, a matching set of 2 or a single towel. Prices and more information are on the Haiti Literacy Program Facebook page or from one of the team members. Team members are: Paulaine Jean Louis (320-212-1878), Christy Groen (320-212-9643), Stacy Schwitters (320-979-0196), Kris TeBrake (320-894-6394), Megan Erickson (712-363-3043) and Valor Gorans (320-905-6164).

Order on our Facebook page or by contacting a team member. Orders are due by Monday, April 26. Orders can be picked up on Monday, May 3 at Unity CRC where you will be able to choose your colors and put your sets together yourself OR you can let us choose for you and deliver them to you in time for Mother's Day gifts. These also make great bridal shower gifts. Thanks for your support!

Interested in seminary? Concerned about the cost? If you are hoping to pursue vocational ministry as Minister of the Word in the CRCNA, there is financial help available! The Classis Ministry Leadership Team (CMLT) intentionally journeys alongside seminary students toward candidacy, and can help connect you with funds raised from the churches of Classis Lake Superior. If you'd like to learn more or connect with the CMLT about your plans, please e-mail Robert Hoekstra at pastor@hopecrc.com by June 1

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.



PRAYER CORNER

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

The Persecuted Church - Ethiopia
They Thought They Could Wipe Out the Church

When Muslims in eastern Ethiopia forced a small congregation out of the home used for meetings, they expected the Christian presence in their area to cease, but the number of believers has increased in the last year. Biblical Christians in the region, which is 98 percent Muslim, used to meet for worship on Sundays in the living room of one of the believers. Local Muslims pressured the man’s landlord to evict him, and then the believer was unable to rent another house because the same Muslims had threatened other landlords. The church had no place to meet, and the believers were in great despair. However, with assistance from believers outside Ethiopia, the small church purchased a piece of land and built a worship space. Today, the church has grown from 58 people to more than 70. Many of those who persecuted the church told the believers that they were shocked that the believers managed to hold onto their faith. The church leaders told VOM, “*We observed God’s presence in our midst through this experience and we are spiritually renewed.*” Praise God for his faithfulness in all circumstances, and pray that the believers will continue to grow in faith and in number.

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.

Sermon Notes
Sunday, April 11, 2021
Hebrews 10:32-39 - Lord’s Day 1
Our Only Comfort

~ 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

