

**Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, April 18, 2021**

Luke 11:1-13 and Lord's Day 45 of the
Heidelberg Catechism.

There Ain't Nothing In It?

*At Emden Church, we worship the Triune God — Father, Son
and Holy Spirit. Welcome to this time of praise and prayer, song
and silence, grace and growth in faith. Amen.*

**Sunday evening
5:00 pm**

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

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ReFrame Ministries

GROUNDWORK: MAKING SENSE OF SETBACKS - Just like most building and construction projects, we can expect to encounter setbacks in our lives. Join Groundwork as we study the setbacks Ezra and Nehemiah faced in Ezra 3-4 and Ezra 7:8-28 to gain a greater understanding and biblical perspective for enduring our own trials and setbacks. 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: Practicing celebration early in the day can help adjust our mindset and focus us on God's goodness. Consider beginning each morning by praying a Scripture passage of celebration, such as Psalm 103:1-5. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Other

EASTER VICTORY FROM SHAMEFUL DEFEAT? - Join CRC campus ministers Rick Mast (University of Alberta) and Mike Wagenman (Western University) for a timely discussion for the post-Easter season: what can we as Western Christians learn from the long history of theological reflection in the East? There are not only racial and economic divisions in our world that we're addressing in this year's online book club - but also our divisions as Christians. Join us on Sunday, April 25 (8pm ET | 7pm CT | 6pm MT | 5pm PT) as we engage Dr. James Payton's new book, *The Victory of the Cross: Salvation in Eastern Orthodoxy*. Payton taught church history for many years at Redeemer University (Ontario) and will share some of the insights he's drawn from a long study of Eastern Christianity. Register at www.WesternCampusMinistry.ca!

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TODAY

Bldg & Benevolent

Sound System
Offering
Coffee Hour
Nursery

NEXT SUNDAY 4/25/21

Todd Groen
CMCS Tuition Support
Tim & Dawn Link
Donna Fuls

CHURCH CALENDAR

April 21: *Council meeting*

April 25: Difficult Conversations: a study of the CRCNA human sexuality report at 5pm

CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, phone calls and texts, beautiful, meaningful cards and kind words expressing your sympathy to us in the loss of our dear brother, Wally Ammermann.

— Will & Jolene Ammermann

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.

Heather Link will be printing the bulletin for next Sunday, April 25. Please have all announcements to Heather by 4:00 on Thursday, April 22. hthink@gmail.com

Next Sunday, April 25 we will be hearing God's word from Psalm 33 and Lord's Day 46 of the Heidelberg Catechism.

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

Beginning April 25 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).

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

Upcoming Concerts at CMCS

6-12 Choir Concert: Monday, April 19, 7:00pm the HS 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.

CMCS Open House Thursday, April 29 6:30-8:00pm

CMCS Event Center - We invite all who are curious about how a Christ-centered education will impact your child as we help them develop into effective kingdom citizens who are in the world but not of it. There is no RSVP required.

Community Worship at CMCS

We would like to invite you to a time of community worship on Thursday, April 29 at 7:30pm in the CMCS Event Center.

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!

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.

The Back the Pack program in Olivia is seeking volunteers to pack bags on Tuesday mornings for about an hour and a half during the month of April. Contact Paul Knapper if interested.



PRAYER CORNER

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

REQUESTS
—FOR—
PRAYER

Sermon Notes
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**The Persecuted Church - West Africa
Fulani Believers Receive Bibles**

This year, many Fulani believers have received audio Bibles as part of an ongoing effort to deliver God's Word among the Fulani tribes in central and northern Sahel. Distributions of Bibles among the Fulani have resulted in many salvations and the spread of the gospel across the Sahel over the past few years as many are eager to hear God's Word. Pray that these Fulani Christians will grow in their faith as they learn the Scriptures. Pray that many more Muslims in the Sahel will be eager to hear Scripture and will come to know Christ.

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

