

**Emden Christian Reformed Church**  
**Pastor David Zigterman**  
**Sunday, April 25, 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

\*Song of Praise

*For the Beauty of the Earth* PH 432  
*I Need Thee Every Hour* SJ 169

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Prayer

Song

*Take Time to be Holy* SJ 171

Prayer for Illumination

\*Scripture Psalm 33

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Lord's Day 46

Message **Relying on the Lord**

\*Song of Response *Be Thou My Vision (O God Be My Everything)*

\*Parting Blessing

\*Closing Song *Seek Ye First* PH 209

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-espf-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.

***We welcome everyone to worship today. Let us all love and accept one another, just as Christ unconditionally loves and accepts us.***

**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

## **ReFrame Ministries**

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: BUILDING BLOCKS FOR BIBLICAL SUCCESS** - How can we deal with opposition when we are trying to rebuild after our life has fallen apart in some way? Study Nehemiah 2:11-18, Nehemiah 4:1-15, and Nehemiah 5:1-12 with Groundwork to discover what we can learn from Ezra and Nehemiah's experience with opposition. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

## **Faith Formation Ministries**

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Celebrating: Family traditions create unforgettable memories—and they form faith! Choose one night of the week (or one day of the month) to be Family Celebration Night. To see how one family does this, check out the video at [tinyurl.com/BewleyVideo](http://tinyurl.com/BewleyVideo). (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [crena.org/FaithFormation/Practices](http://crena.org/FaithFormation/Practices).)

*Wait in hope for the Lord  
He is our help and our shield.*  
Psalm 33:20

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without an appointment.

## **TODAY**

Todd Groen  
CMCS Tuition support  
Tim & Dawn Link  
Donna Fuls

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

**NEXT SUNDAY 5/2/21**  
Brad Link  
Ministry Shares  
Heather & Heidi Link  
Layla Lewis

## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

- April 27: Sound System training at 6:30 pm  
May 1: Church clean up, 9am  
May 2: Congregational mtg to discuss kitchen remodel  
Circle of Grace class  
Difficult Conversations: a study of the CRCNA human sexuality report at 5pm  
May 16: Catechism

## **CHURCH FAMILY**

We express our sympathy to Duane and Verla Mulder on the death of Verla's sister, Gladys, this past week. May God grant them peace and grace in the coming days.

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Sunday, May 2 we will be hearing God's word from Psalm 89 and Lord's Day 47 of the Heidelberg Catechism.

On Sunday, May 2 at 5pm we will begin Challenging Conversations: A Study of the CRCNA human sexuality report. This is a 5 session study designed to help a congregation work through the study report. The dates for this study are May 2, May 9, May 16, May 23, and June 6. Copies of the summary report are available by the mailboxes.

On May 2 and 16 after the service there will be a Circle of Grace class for our young children. The goal of the Circle of Grace program is to educate children to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others.

The last Catechism class of the year will be on May 16 after the service.

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/emdcrc>. 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.emdencrc.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.

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

**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.

### **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.

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.

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](mailto:pastor@hopecrc.com) by June 1.



**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.**

HEBREWS 13: 8

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

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### **The Persecuted Church - Pakistan**

#### **Christians Injured in 2013 Peshawar Bombing Still Recovering**

Two Christians who were among the 150 injured in the 2013 suicide bomb attack on All Saints Church in Peshawar are still recovering. Aqeel Arif's left leg was injured in the blast, and doctors later had to amputate his leg due to subsequent infection. Although he remains strong in his faith, Aqeel is struggling with his new, limited life. Samina Azeem, who suffered shrapnel injuries to her legs and feet, is still struggling to walk, even after several surgeries. Her latest surgery, which took place in March, likely won't be her last. Pray for Aqeel, Samina and others injured in the blast who are still recovering. Pray for them to be encouraged through their church, the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit. Pray for continued healing and restoration of their lives.

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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**

