

Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, April 26, 2020

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship
How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds
Welcome and announcements
Call to worship Psalm 145:9-13
Song of Praise *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Prayer of God's people
Song of preparation *Jesus Loves Me*

Prayer for illumination:
*Scripture Acts 3:1-10
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **The name of Jesus**

Parting Blessing

*The risen Christ appears among us — despite our locked hearts,
our fears, our attempts to hide — and says, "Peace."
I invite you to worship with that same word of peace
as we worship apart and in isolation.*

What Easter does

Jesus' resurrection from the dead is life-changing and life-giving for his followers. But, as Henry Knox Sherrill notes, Easter's "joyful news ... does not change the contemporary world." On earth, we still must deal with sin, pain, death and brokenness. And "still before us lie work, discipline, sacrifice," Sherrill adds. What Easter does, though, is provide Christians with "the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline and make the sacrifice."

By defeating the grave, Jesus empowers us to bear our worldly troubles with joy, peace and hope. His resurrection assures us that trials, tears and suffering are only temporary, while eternal victory and life with Jesus are permanent.

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 The Banner

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From Back to God Ministries International

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: I BELIEVE THE SON WILL JUDGE - The Apostles' Creed declares that Christ "will come to judge the living and the dead." Study Mark 13:26-27, Acts 1:11, 2 Peter 3:3-13, and 2 Corinthians 5:10 with Groundwork to discover why believers don't need to fear Judgment Day and what it means for how we live today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Faith Formation Ministries

At-Home Faith Formation Tip - Count your blessings as a household. When something happens for which you are grateful, write it down or draw it on a piece of paper. Collect these blessings in a bowl or jar, and at the end of the year, reflect on the many ways God has blessed you—and blessed others through you! (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

~ 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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Pastors Cell: 320-400-3023
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**You are welcome to stop in and visit
without an appointment.**

CHURCH FAMILY

Correction on Gerald Mulder's phone # 320-979-6727

Adeline Groen has moved this week into the Cardinal Care Center in Prinsburg. 403 Cardinal Drive, room #2, Prinsburg, MN 56281 PH: 320-978-8890

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will not be having any services or activities at church through all of April. However, services will continue to be recorded and published on our website <https://www.emdenrcrc.org/sermons>. These recordings are also available on most major podcast distributors (i.e. Spotify, Overcast). Simply search for Emden updates. Bulletins will continue to be made and can also be found on our website: <https://www.emdenrcrc.org/resources>. If you would like a bulletin mailed to you, please let a member of council or Judy Groen know. An effort by the council is also being made to contact everyone in the congregation. If you have any needs or prayer requests, please let myself or a member of council know. Finally, thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and prayer. 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.emdenrcrc.org/online-giving> for more information and directions.

Tonight (Sunday) there will be a prayer meeting. This will be hosted on Google Meet. It is scheduled for 6 pm tonight. 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.

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

Next Sunday, May 3, we will be hearing God's word from Acts 17:1-9 and 1 Thess. 1:1-19.

Upcoming dates:

May 5: council meeting



The May church calendar will be posted on the web site but the schedules are dependent on the decisions by the state as far as gathering for church services. So please be aware that we may not be meeting for Sunday services or Bible Study.

Rachael Zigterman - I've been trying to think of ways to give back to our community and I'm hoping you will join me. There are so many people we could thank who are working hard; however, I would like to focus on our health care workers, specifically focus on the staff who work at RenVilla Health Center/Nursing Home. Many of us have people we know and love living there and I would like to thank the staff for their hard work, going the extra mile to connect families to their loved ones and being family for the residents during this difficult time. I was hoping to provide lunch and supper some time in the near future. I am staying in contact with the nursing home and Barts to plan a future date. We will be supporting a local restaurant (Bart's Place) as they will provide the meals and (Maynards) for drinks. Please join me in raising enough money to purchase meals for around 55 health workers.

You may donate via the Go Fund Me page or you can mail a check to Emden Christian Reformed Church - 512 Emerson Ave. NW Renville, MN 56284. Make checks payable to "Emden Christian Reformed Church" and write "**health care meals**" in the memo. Thanks in advance for supporting and thanking our healthcare workers for their service. Once a date is set I will update you.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Haiti Literacy Program: During this interesting time in history when we are separated from each other, we have two ways that you can support the Haiti Literacy Program to stay connected to the important ministry happening there. We are placing another Singing Rooster coffee order. This coffee is grown in Haiti so we are excited to support the farmers there as well as the HLP with the sale of this coffee. Each bag is \$15. With the purchase of 4 or more bags of coffee, receive one Vienna ground bag of coffee free. We are also taking orders for Kwik Trip Car Wash cards. Each card contains 5 ultimate car washes for \$36. Orders for coffee and car wash cards are due May 1 with payment. Contact Christy Groen at 320-212-9643 to order. We also have an April newsletter with an update on the situation in Haiti. Please visit our Facebook page to read more information or email mrustad2010@gmail.com to receive your e-newsletter.

CCT buses are available to pick up and take seniors/shut-ins to the grocery store, etc OR, they can deliver groceries to them. CCT Olivia: 320-523-3589; if you have any questions, you can contact Tiffany at the Willmar office at 320-214-7433.

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.



And the peace of God,
which surpasses all
understanding
will guard your hearts
and your minds
in Christ Jesus.





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

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: Syria Refugee Remains Faithful Amid Hardships

Abdallah, a Syrian refugee in Lebanon, holds fast to his Christian faith despite suffering unemployment, homelessness and persecution from Muslim family members. Although his father was a committed teacher of Islam, Abdallah was attracted to Christianity at an early age. He said he resisted his first visit to a mosque, which left him with a feeling of “fire coming from my face ... as if evils were in front of me.” Abdallah purchased his first Bible after his father died, but his mother did not approve. “When my 90-year-old mother saw the Bible, she fainted,” he said. His brothers threw the Bible away and forced him to take a pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia. Then, when war broke out in Syria in 2011, the family moved to Lebanon, where Abdallah bought another Bible. He has had difficulty finding work, however, because of his Christian faith. “Even though I have many problems, I decided to get baptized one year ago,” Abdallah said. “I have really faced many hard situations and I became homeless, but I will never leave my faith.” Pray for Abdallah, and thank God for the way He has worked in his life.

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**

