



Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, April 4, 2021



Sunday evening
6:00 pm

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

- Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship
- Welcome and announcements
- Opening Song *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* PH 388
- Opening prayer
- *Call to Worship
- *God's greeting
- *Greet one another
- *Song of Praise *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done* PH 391 vs. 1,3,5

- Psalm 16
- Confession of sin
- Assurance of pardon
- Song *Living Hope*
- Congregational Prayer Duane Mulder
- Song *Low in the Grave Christ Lay* PH 396 vs. 1-3

- Prayer for illumination
- *Scripture Matthew 28:1-10
 Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
 Congregation: Thanks be to God
- Lord's Day 17
- Message **He is Risen!**

- *Song of response *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* PH 402 vs. 1,3,5
- *Parting Blessing
- *Closing Song *What a Beautiful Name*

Easter Sunday Evening Celebration

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Let's join together to celebrate the Risen King!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Welcome to worship and to resurrection life on this most joyous day.
What a joy to celebrate and affirm that goodness is stronger than evil,
that love triumphs over fear, and that life, not death, is the final word.
Happy Easter!

<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u>	
10:00 am	Morning Worship
5:00 pm	Evening Prayer Time

Elders:	Deacons:
Duane Mulder - President	Samantha Link - Chairman
Nick Daugherty - Vice President	Heather Link - Bldg / Benevolent Fund
Paul Knapper - Clerk	Todd Groen - Treasurer

ReFrame Ministries

GROUNDWORK: IT IS FINISHED - It's easy to assume that when Jesus declares "It is finished," he means his suffering is finished. Join our Groundwork conversation on John 19:28-30 as we discuss why this is really a cry of accomplishment; his work done, he is victorious, and the triumph we proclaim at Easter is just the beginning. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Resonate Global Mission

Spread the Good News this Easter! - He is risen! As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, say a special prayer for those joining your congregation for the first time today. Many Resonate Global Mission church planters and missionaries are working to reach this special audience and right now you can also make a special gift to help. Any amount you give at www.resonateglobalmission.org/EasterGift will be doubled!

Faith Formation Ministries

At-Home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Celebrating: Today we celebrate an event that changed everything: the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! As you celebrate Easter with family and friends, read 1 Peter 1:3-9 together, and invite people of all ages around your table to share how you experience the "living hope" that Jesus' life, death, and resurrection offers. And in this pandemic year, express your gratitude for the way God's love has carried us through these very difficult times. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit cena.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

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TODAY

Brad Link
Ministry Shares
Doug & Anne Groen
Rachael Zigterman

Sound System
Offering
Coffee Hour
Nursery

NEXT SUNDAY 4/11/21

Todd Groen
General Fund
Donna Fuls & Connie Mulder
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 FAMILY

We express our sympathy to Jane & Todd Groen & family on the death of her mother, Margie Bakker, this past week. May God grant them peace and grace in the coming days.



Emden Congregation: What a joy it was to get that package in the mail of the Bag of Blessing from my church family. I want to thank everyone for their kindness for sending all the well wishes and encouraging notes, and of course all the goodies that came with it. Thanks again. "Walk each day in the lite of His Glory".

In his love, — Ida Huisman

Dear Friends,

This week we have a blog post for you at <https://antharsa.blogspot.com> with the continuation of stories from our trip to Kotido: *Cakes, Beans, and Chaya in Kotido*

May God give you joy and peace this Easter as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ and the new life we have in him. We would appreciate your prayers as we travel to a place called Apac next week. Anthony is facilitating TLT and I will be meeting with women in various churches to teach and discuss how to care for people in churches who are going through challenges.

In Christ, Sara and Anthony

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/emdencrc>. 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.

Next Sunday, April 11 we will be hearing God's word from Isaiah 40 and Lord's Day 1 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 March and April. For more information, please call 218-616-7967.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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.

CLEAN your closets, **BAG** your stuff, **DONATE** your bags and larger items, **SUPPORT** your community. Bring your bagged items to CMCS March 24, 31, & April 7 or contact a Junior class student for pick-up. Spring clean and support the Juniors! Contact the CMCS office questions.



MS Fundraiser - Bart's place, Sunday April 11, 11:00 - 1:00



Drive up / Pick up - Enter in the alley east of Police Station. Pork sandwich, cheesy hash browns, coleslaw, cookie. Free-will donation and bake sale.

Sermon Notes
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Matthew 28:1-10 & Lord's Day 17
He is Risen!

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.

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.

God amid pandemic

Last spring, life changed as we became familiar with terms such as social distancing, flattening the curve and self-quarantining. We could hardly believe the closed schools, businesses and especially churches — just as Holy Week and Easter drew near! The coronavirus ran rampant in the world. Where was God?

But as the spread continued, many civic leaders stepped up, calmly informing us of the facts, of actions being taken to mitigate the crisis and of how we could help. Healthcare professionals risked their lives and endured separation from families; teachers drew on astounding stores of creativity to teach online; pastors delivered sermons and lessons to empty sanctuaries as members listened and prayed while living in lockdown. Surely God was present — through them!

Then I remembered how God assures us through Isaiah, "Fear not! When you pass through the waters, the fires, yes, even the pandemics of this world, I will be with you" (43:1-2, paraphrased). And Jesus echoes, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20).

—Sandy Hyland



PRAYER CORNER

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

REQUESTS
—FOR—
PRAYER
Carson Groen

The Persecuted Church - Ethiopia
Christian Mother Recently Widowed

Liya was eight months pregnant when her husband was killed by rioting Muslims in 2020. When riots broke out against Christians in central Ethiopia, Liya’s husband rushed home from his job in another city. While he traveled, the attackers found him and killed him. During the attack, radicalized Muslims looted and burned Christian homes, sparing properties owned by Muslims. After the attack, Liya moved in with her mother, who is also a poor widow, and her son was born shortly after. Pray for Liya, her mother and the other believers affected in the widespread riots.

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**

