

Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, May 1, 2022 10:00 am



Sunday evening
5:00 pm

Our next Bible Study will be May 8.



WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship
 Welcome and announcements
 *Call to worship
 *God's Greeting of His People
 *We Greet One Another
 *Songs of Praise *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* SJ 70
 O For A Thousand Tongues PH 501

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Psalm 36
 Song *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* PH 486
 Prayer of God's people
 Offering General Fund
 Noisy Offering
 Song of preparation *How Firm A Foundation* PH 500

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination
 *Scripture Ephesians 1:1-2 pg. 1817
 Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
 Congregation: Thanks be to God
 Message **Practice Resurrection**
 *Song of response *The Church's One Foundation* PH 502
 Communion
 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty PH 249
 Thank Offering for The Broken

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing
 *Closing Song *By The Sea of Crystal* PH 620

*Today we share in the communion meal instituted by Jesus himself.
 We're pleased that you're here to worship and partake in God's body
 and blood. May the warmth of Christ's love be in all of us.
 Welcome!*

| <u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> | |
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| 10:00 am | Morning Worship |
| 5:00 pm | Evening Bible Study |

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| Elders: | | Deacons: | |
| Tim Link | - President | Janel Watson | - Chairman |
| Nick Daugherty | - Vice President | Heather Link | - Bldg / Benevolent Fund |
| Paul Knapper | - Clerk | Samantha Link | - Treasurer |

ReFrame Ministries

Groundwork: Understand: Jesus on the Road - On the road to Emmaus, two of Jesus' followers listened as their companion explained the Scriptures to them. As their understanding of Scripture grew, so did their faith. Join Groundwork as we study this story in Luke 24:13-35 and discuss how we too cultivate our faith yet today as we develop a greater understanding of God and his ways through Scripture. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Faith Formation Ministries

Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Prayer: Read Matthew 6:9-13 and ponder or discuss the following question. In Whistling in the Dark, Frederick Buechner writes, “‘Thy kingdom come . . . on earth’ is what we are saying. And if that were suddenly to happen, what then? What would stand and what would fall? . . . To speak those words is to invite the tiger out of the cage, to unleash a power that makes atomic power look like a warm breeze.” What are we asking when we pray for God’s kingdom to come on earth? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

Race Relations

Stand Against Racism Webinar - Friday, May 6 - Join the CRC Office of Race Relations at noon (EDT) on Friday, May 6, for a free webinar event in observance of the YWCA's national ‘Stand Against Racism’ campaign. Listen in on an engaging talk between a multiracial team of Christian antiracism educators as they discuss Critical Race Theory and the fear behind it. Find more info and register here: crcna.org/Race/Events

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TODAY

Connie Mulder & Janel Watson *Greeters*
Paul Knapper *Sound System*
General Fund *Offering*
Connie Mulder & Isabelle *Coffee Hour*
Isabelle Daugherty *Nursery*

NEXT SUNDAY 5/8/22

James & Phyllis Santjer
Brad Link
Building / Benevolent
Jaden & Cassandra
Judy Groen

CHURCH CALENDAR

May 1: *Communion (thank offering for The Broken); potluck*
Saturday, May 7: *Church Cleanup Day*
Wednesday, May 11, 6:30 pm: *Church Council Meeting*
Thursday, May 12, 7:00 pm: *Soul Group Bible Study* - week 8 study

CHURCH FAMILY

Introducing TLT in Burundi

We are grateful for all of you. Every week we have moments when we stop and reflect upon on how amazingly blessed we are with generous churches and supporters, who not only give financially, but truly care about us, take time to pray for us, and encourage us. With such support, it makes our work and ministry a joy.

Some prayer requests:

1. Please pray for Karamoja, which is the region next to us in Eastern Uganda. Violence and cattle raiding has been increasing among the many pastoral tribal groups in that area. A number of civilians have been killed recently. It is becoming more unstable again like it was years ago. The raids have even encroached a little into our Teso region. This area is on our heart particularly because Resonate is supporting and working with PAG in Karamoja on a church planting project, and we have TLT groups there as well. Pray for safety for the church planters and teachers. And pray that God will use them mightily to point people to Christ and see transformation in that area.

2. We have been building relationships with some Indian shop owners in Soroti. Pray particularly for Raj and Keyur, and their wives, that God would bring them to himself and to salvation. We have been intentional, and now we are able to enjoy long conversations with them at the shop, and try their foods, and they try our foods. Raj came for ping pong at home once, but they are so busy with work that it is hard to get together. Pray that we would have opportunities to visit with them and that God would give us the right words to speak.

Please let us know how we can pray for you as well!

—Anthony and Sara

On behalf of our family, I would like to thank those who sent cards, brought food, for the visits and the prayers that were said for our family in the passing of our dear mother and wife. Thank you for sharing memories with us, through the laughter and tears. Mom will be missed but we know that she is with her Lord and Savior and that some day, we to, will have "Victory in Jesus"! We are truly blessed to be a part of a caring, loving and faithful church family. God bless you all!
 --Donald Roelofs, Brad & Julie Link, Joel & Gail Roelofs, Kevin & Darlene Roelofs, John & Kris Meyer and families.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Today we will be celebrating Communion and we will have a potluck after the service. Everyone is invited to stay and fellowship together.



We will worship each Sunday at 10:00.

You can also watch our services on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/emdenrc>. The sermon will continue to be made available on the website.

These are the dates for Sunday School for the remainder of the year: 5/8, 5/22



Next Sunday, May 8, we will be hearing God's word from Ephesians 1:3-14.



Our next Bible Study will be May 8.

We will have a church and cemetery clean up day on Saturday, May 7 beginning at 9:00 am



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

Emden coffee mugs are here! Those who have paid ahead of time should check their mailbox. If you would like to purchase one, see Heather Link. The cost is \$8



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date! Renville Area Ecumenical VBS. July 24-28 at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church.



As we see the springtime growth around us, it's a reminder that those who are in Christ are a new creation. We're no longer dead to sin, but alive and called to bear fruit. That message is being shared around the world through the Luke Society as new Christians are coming to the faith each day. We thank the people of Emden Christian Reformed Church for being part of that process of physical and spiritual health through your faithful gifts. May the Lord bless you as we continue to partner together for His kingdom.

A Foretaste Of The Feast

While teaching a group of First Communion students about the Lord's Supper, a pastor gave each child one M&M's candy at the beginning of class. "Eat it!" he invited, before proceeding to teach.

Near the end of the session, the pastor asked the students what they'd thought of the earlier treat. "Good!" said one. "I wanted more!" another admitted. "I wanted a whole bag!" chimed in a third.

"Now you understand another thing about Holy Communion," the pastor said. He drew out of his supplies a full bag of M&M's for each student. "Sometimes we call Communion 'a foretaste of the feast to come.'" Indeed, he explained, God promises that one day we'll feast together with Jesus in heaven, but until then, Communion is that delicious little taste of what the feast will be like. We're left wanting more because we have "[tasted] and [seen] that the LORD is good" (Psalm 34:8).



PRAYER CORNER

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

**The Persecuted Church: Nigeria
Church Security Guard Killed During Kidnapping**

On Tuesday, March 8, armed assailants abducted Rev. Joseph Akeke from his home in southern Kaduna state. During the abduction, the assailants shot and killed Luka, the church security guard. The assailants then abducted three others, a woman and two children, and killed another man as they fled the predominantly Christian village. *“Pray for God’s intervention and for [the pastor’s] safe release,”* said an area resident. Pray that the kidnapped Christians will be returned safely to their homes and families. Pray that the other Christians in this village will remain firm in their faith and bear witness to the love of Christ amid ongoing attacks.

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



Sermon Notes
Sunday, May 1, 2022
Ephesians 1:1-2

Practice Resurrection