



Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, May 9, 2021



Sunday evening
5:00 pm

There will be no evening service tonight.

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 *Rejoice, the Lord is King* PH 408
He is Lord PH 633

- Confession of sin
- Assurance of pardon:
- Song of response *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* PH 469
- Prayer of God's people
- Song *Seek Ye First* PH 209

- Prayer for illumination
- *Scripture Psalm 72
 Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
 Congregation: Thanks be to God
- Lord's Day 48
- Message **God's Coming Kingdom**

- *Song of response *Jesus Shall Reign* PH 412
- *Parting Blessing
- *Closing Song *By the Sea of Crystal* PH 620

*Welcome to worship, and a special greeting to those who follow in
 God's footsteps by mothering and comforting others.
 Happy Mother's Day!*

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

World Renew

Free A Family® on Mother's Day - Today is Mother's Day and Free A Family® Sunday for World Renew. Whether you are meeting in church or online due to social distancing, you can remember your Mother and the other important women in your life with a gift that helps moms like Nvou Gyang grow hope for her family. Free A Family® from poverty and hunger with your offering for World Renew. You can give online at worldrenew.net/ FreeAFamily.

Will you help to protect lives in rural India? - As the world watches the unfolding COVID-19 crisis in India, the focus has been on the rising number of COVID cases, the shortage of medical supplies, and the heartbreaking loss of life in urban cities. But the virus is now spreading to rural areas where there are even fewer resources to protect lives. World Renew and its local partner are working in rural communities in Jharkhand to deliver hygiene kits to over 4,300 families to protect their health. We are also providing cash to help meet over 1,100 families' medical and food costs. To learn more about our efforts or to donate go to: worldrenew.net/corona/india

ReFrame Ministries

GROUNDWORK: OUR FAITHFUL GOD AND HIS ENDURING WORD - Change is inevitable. But scripture assures us that our God is faithful and constant. Join our Groundwork conversation as we examine some of those promises in 2 Kings 2:7-15, Deuteronomy 18:15-18, Hebrews 13:5-8, and Lamentations 3:22-24, and together, we'll say goodbye to our co-host, Dave Bast, as he retires and welcome his successor, Darrell Delaney, to the co-host seat alongside Scott Hoezee. 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 Prayer: In Whistling in the Dark, Frederick Buechner writes, "Thy kingdom come . . . on earth' is what we are saying. . . . 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 crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

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TODAY

Todd Groen
General Fund
Duane & Verla Mulder
Dawn Link

Sound System
Offering
Coffee Hour
Nursery

NEXT SUNDAY 5/16/21

Paul Knapper
Bldg Fund / Benevolent Fund
James & Phyllis Santjer
Isabelle Daugherty

CHURCH CALENDAR

- May 12: Council Meeting 6:30 pm
May 16: Circle of Grace 11:00 am
Difficult Conversations study 5:00 pm
May 23: Communion - thank offering for The Broken
Difficult Conversations study 5:00 pm

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/emdenrcrcc>. 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.emdenrcrcc.org/online-giving> for more information.

The last Catechism class of the year will be today after the service.

On May 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.

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



Next Sunday, May 16 we will be hearing God's word from Psalm 119 and Lord's Day 49 of the Heidelberg Catechism.

The next Challenging Conversations: A Study of the CRCNA human sexuality report will be on Sunday, May 16 at 5 pm. Food will be provided.

The Emden Church in Renville will host a Hymn Sing on Sunday, June 27 at 4:00 PM. This Hymn Sing will be facilitated by Ned Wohlman, Randy Groen, and Paul Knapper, with accompanists Janel Watson and Pam Knapper. This event will include a few trio selections and of course, the roof raising singing of many 'good old hymns' of yesteryear. It's going to be a good time so mark your calendars today!



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

9-12 CMCS Pops Concert: Tuesday, May 18, 7:00 pm 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.



Outdoor Movie Night featuring the original *Toy Story*. Saturday, May 15, CMCS courtyard. Movie starts at 8:00 pm. Concessions open at 7:00 pm. Come on out for a night of fun! Bring blankets or chairs, or drive-in and enjoy from your vehicle. Admission: Freewill offering for CMCS.



Pastor Steve & Ang Zwart, along with friends and family, invite you to celebrate with them two of their children getting married this summer with a pair of wedding showers taking place in June!

There will be a bridal shower celebrating Abigail Zwart (fiance' Parker Wierda) on Saturday morning, June 5, from 10:00-11:30am at Unity Church of Prinsburg. Come and stay or come and go! Goodies and refreshments will be served! The couple is registered with Target, Amazon, and Pottery Barn. Bring along a favorite recipe on 4x6 index card to help jumpstart their recipe collection! (The couple plans to be married July 2 in Harrisburg, SD.)



There will be a bridal shower celebrating Zach Zwart's fiance', Katie DeVries, on Sunday afternoon, June 27, from 2:00-4:00pm at Unity Church of Prinsburg. Come and stay or come and go! Goodies and refreshments will be served! The couples' registry to be announced later. (The couple plans to be married August 6 in Grand Rapids, MI.)

Suicide Intervention Training, July 26-27 - Learn to save a life. LivingWorks ASIST is a two-day face-to-face workshop featuring powerful audiovisuals, discussions, and simulations. At a LivingWorks ASIST workshop, you'll learn how to prevent suicide by recognizing signs, providing a skilled intervention, and developing a safety plan to keep someone alive. Pastors Perrin Werner (Grace CRC) and Daryl Thul (South Santiago Lutheran Church) will be facilitating the course. Both are Master Trainers and have taught the course in both military and civilian contexts and used these methods to save lives. Cost \$125. Unity CRC in Prinsburg will be hosting the upcoming ASIST workshop on July 26-27 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Participants must be present on both days. Email Pastor_Perrin@gracecrcigh.org

Kids' Video Bible Study - Learning the Bible can be fun. Keep your kids engaged with "God's Big Story," a 7-part introductory Bible study from Kids Corner that takes your child on a trip through the Bible and God's rescue plan for his people. Check it out at kidscorner.net/gods-big-story.

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.

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.



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

Sermon Notes
Sunday, May 9, 2021
Psalm 72 & Lord’s Day 48

The Persecuted Church - Iran
"Can I Really Have My Own Bible?"

A Christian couple were recently blessed by receiving Bibles. After VOM workers placed Bibles and Christian literature in the backseat of a taxi, the taxi driver distributed them to the believers in his small group. When the driver called to express his gratitude for the Bibles, his wife also got on the phone and said, “*Can I really have my own Bible?*” She had never had a personal copy of God’s Word. “*I just want to be sure this Bible is mine,*” she said. “*I always prayed that I would have my own Bible. I’m happy that God heard my prayer.*” Pray for these believers to grow in their faith as they study the Scriptures, and pray for more opportunities to deliver Bibles to those hungry for God’s Word inside Iran.

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.

<p>~ OUR MISSION ~</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	
<p>“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God” - Philippians 4:6</p>	