

Emden Christian Reformed Church  
Pastor David Zigterman  
Sunday, May 10, 2020  
*Mother's Day*



Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship  
Welcome and announcements  
Song of Praise

Congregational Prayer  
Song of preparation

Prayer for illumination

\*Scripture Acts 18:1-4 and 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **Unity in Christ**

Parting Blessing  
Closing Song

*On this wonderful Mother's Day, we lift up all mothers  
in our prayers to God. May the Holy Spirit  
grant them joy and peace.*

*May this be a time when we remember our families  
and pray for each family member.*

*We thank God for the gift of family and especially for  
those who helped us to know at an early age  
the meaning of love and acceptance.*

From Faith Formation Ministries

At-Home Faith Formation Tip -  
Today is *Mother's Day*.

For some it's a joyous occasion. For others,  
it's a reminder of grief.

Whatever your experience, give thanks today  
for the women in your life (biological mothers,  
adoptive mothers, mentors, teachers, and others)  
who pointed you toward Jesus and helped you  
along your faith journey.

(Tip from Faith Formation Ministries;  
[crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))



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

The Banner Available Online - You can access all of our content for free, including online extras at: [thebanner.org](http://thebanner.org). You can also sign up for our weekly email newsletter at [thebanner.org/Signup](http://thebanner.org/Signup). Or download our free mobile app, giving you real-time online content. Follow us on Facebook ([crcbanner](https://www.facebook.com/crcbanner)) and Twitter ([@crcbanner](https://twitter.com/crcbanner)).

### From Back to God Ministries International

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: I BELIEVE IN THE CHURCH, GOD'S COMMUNITY - What is the Church? Dig into John 10:14-16, Colossians 1:15-18, Ephesians 4:4-6, John 17:21, and 1 Peter 2:9, Acts 2:42-27 with Groundwork to gain a biblical understanding of the Church and the communion of saints. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### From World Renew

Free A Family from Poverty on Mother's Day - Today is Mother's Day and Free A Family® Sunday with World Renew. Whether you are meeting in church or online due to social distancing, you can remember your mother with a gift that helps unstoppable moms like Kadzo Safari Kenga in Kenya. Free A Family® from poverty and hunger with your offering for World Renew. You can also give online at [worldrenew.net/FreeAFamily](http://worldrenew.net/FreeAFamily).

~ 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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All Bulletin announcements due by Thursday noon.

**Pastor David's office hours: Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 am—12:00 Pastor's**  
**Pastors Cell: 320-400-3023**  
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**You are welcome to stop in and visit  
without an appointment.**

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

All services and activities at church are cancelled until further notice. 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. 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 the church 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-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.

On Sunday, May 17 Anthony and Sara hope to join our prayer meeting, which will be at 1pm.

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

### Upcoming dates:

May 21: Ascension Day service



Next Sunday, May 17, we will be hearing God's word from 1 Corinthians 13:1-3.

### Council Notes

#### April Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	\$14,060.49
Total Deposits	\$6,318.36
Total Expense	\$6,172.20
Ending Balance	\$14,206.65
Benevolent Fund:	\$1,690.86
Building Fund:	\$11,837.50

#### Notes:

Gratitude was expressed at the continued faithfulness of God for providing for our needs

Church will remain closed until the stay at home order is lifted, currently set to end May 18

On May 21 an Ascension Day service will be made available. More information to come.

### REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.



### CMCS Annual meeting - May 19th at 7:00

Due to the COVID-19 virus, the CMCS Annual Society Meeting will be taking place via Zoom virtual meeting on Tuesday, May 19th @ 7:00 pm. The voting process for new board membership will all be done by way of absentee ballot format. Ballots are available at the CMCS office, local supporting church offices, and will be distributed electronically with the Cable, along with instructions on how to return your ballot. An information packet will also be distributed to all parents via email on Tuesday, May 12th which will include instructions on how to access the Zoom meeting and various other meeting materials. If you are not a parent and would like to be emailed the information packet, please contact the school office. 320-978-8700

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.

### 2020 Decennial Census Operations

Do You want to work on the upcoming 202 Census Operations? We are taking immediate applications for a variety of temporary jobs, including census takers, office staff, and supervisory staff. You can earn extra income while helping your community. The Census Bureau is committed to hiring people to work in the area where they live. They are the most familiar with the people and places within their own community. We offer: competitive wages, mileage reimbursement, weekly paychecks, flexible hours, paid training. Applying is easy! Do it Today! Applications are being taken immediately! Go Online: [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs). Or call 1-855-JOB-2020



## 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

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### CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH - Indonesia

#### Family Worship Interrupted by Muslim Neighbor

A Christian family worshipping at home were interrupted recently by a Muslim neighbor who burst in and told them they could not hold a Christian meeting in their house. The man, who is known as a haji because he completed a pilgrimage to Mecca, waved a stick at the family and became increasingly agitated as one family member began recording on his cellphone. With a neighborhood leader watching from the doorway, the man warned them that if they did not stop holding Christian meetings he would return with a mob. The family later filed a police report. “We don’t understand why these men were causing a problem with us, since we were following our government’s advice to stay home [for social distancing],” they said. Pray for believers around the globe who are encountering persecution during this unique time.

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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.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God”  
Philippians 4:6

