

Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, May 24, 2020

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship
Boundless Grace

Welcome and announcements
Song of Praise *Amazing Grace*

Congregational Prayer
Song of preparation *The Strike is O'er, the Battle Done*

Prayer for illumination
*Scripture 1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **Resurrection**

Parting Blessing

*Welcome to worship on Memorial Day weekend.
Today we remember those who've given their lives for
our earthly freedom — and worship the One who died
and rose to ensure our eternal freedom.*

Thoughts for Memorial Day

The anthropologist and naturalist, Loren Eiseley, who died in 1977, wanted this epitaph for his wife and himself: "We loved the earth, but could not stay."

No one can stay, of course. We all are moving inexorably toward that final day when "the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over, and our work is done" (Book of Common Prayer).

This Memorial Day we particularly remember the men and women who have perished in war, giving the ultimate sacrifice to make the world a better place. They too "loved the earth, but could not stay." May God hasten the day when we can solve our disputes peacefully.

We also remember all our loved ones whose stay on Earth is over. Christians believe that death does not end all. We trust that the God who made us will provide for us when our bodies can no longer sustain us.

A memorial stone on the campus of the College of Wooster in Ohio, placed there by a class many years ago, reads:

*United in time
Divided in time
To be reunited
When time shall be no more.*

That is a hope we can have for ourselves, our loved ones and those who sacrificed all.

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 Back to God Ministries International

GROUNDWORK: I BELIEVE IN BODILY RESURRECTION AND EVERLASTING LIFE - What does this statement mean we believe? Join us as we study Job 19:25-26, 1 Corinthians 15:20, 35-54, Revelation 21:1-5, and John 5:24-30 to discover what this means and conclude our study of the Apostles' Creed. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Other

SERVE 2020 - SERVE@Home - In light of the current pandemic situation, Youth Unlimited has made some changes to this year's SERVE program. Rather than sending students across the country to serve, SERVE@Home equips local churches and home congregations to serve in their home communities. Groups who participate in SERVE@Home will receive resources from Youth Unlimited to make the week more than just a community service project. Learn more at www.youthunlimited.org/covid-19-creates-opportunity-for-new-servehome-outreach-program/

From Safe Church Ministry

Safe Church Webinar - May 27 - On Wed May 27 at 12 pm Eastern, Safe Church is hosting a webinar with Chuck DeGroat, author of When Narcissism Comes to Church: Healing Your Community From Emotional and Spiritual Abuse. The webinar will take place via Zoom and Facebook Live. Learn more at network.crcna.org/safe-church/safe-church-webinar-chuck-degroat-author-when-narcissism-comes-church

~ 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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**You are welcome to stop in and visit
without an appointment.**

CHURCH FAMILY

Adeline Groen's new phone number is 320-978-4140

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The new Stay Safe order limits group gatherings to 10 people and under. Gatherings and meetings will remain cancelled for the time being. Council will re-evaluate this week how best to respond. Worship services will continue to be posted on our website and there will be an opportunity to gather virtually each Sunday during our prayer meeting. 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.

There will be a prayer meeting this Sunday at 6pm. This will be hosted on Google Meet. To join the video meeting, go to this link: <https://meet.google.com/mex-esp-fbs>. 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 31 is Pentecost Sunday. We will be hearing God's word from Acts 2:1-4 and 1 Corinthians 12:1-13.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear CRC Church Member,
With so many of us staying at home and having extra time on our hands, The Banner would love to send you our

Signing up is as easy. <https://www.thebanner.org/signup>
Thank you, and may God keep you all safe during this time.
—Shiao Chong, Editor, The Banner

Graduation Receiving Line on Fri., May 29th at 6:45 pm - We will be having a drive through receiving line after the closed graduation ceremony in front of school. Go to the school's website to see the map of traffic flow.

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. Or call 1-855-JOB-2020

Memorial Day emerged from the grim shadows of the American Civil War. Before the close of the war, women began decorating the graves of soldiers who had died in that war. The practice quickly spread, and a few years later May 30, 1868, was designated as Decoration Day — a day for placing flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers throughout the United States.

In 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were also honored. Over the years, it has become a day when all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise — are remembered. In 1971, the United States Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed annually on the last Monday in May.

On this Memorial Day, remember those who gave their lives for our country. But also pray for those who continue serving to keep America free, especially those who are in harm's way.



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

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH - Nigeria

Pandemic Hasn't Stopped Attacks or Aid

The global pandemic has not stopped Muslim militants from continuing their attacks on Christian villages in northern Nigeria. VOM workers have documented attacks on 15 cities in Plateau and Kaduna states since Jan. 8, 2020. At least 86 people have been killed, 13 kidnapped and 24 injured in the attacks, and more than 400 families have had to relocate. In the most recent attack, on May 5, eight militants shot a pastor, his wife and their two children at their home; thankfully, all survived. Despite pandemic lockdown measures, VOM workers have been able to distribute food aid on the three days per week when travel is permitted, and safety measures are in place to protect those receiving the aid. "We continue our commitment to serve the persecuted in the midst of the pandemic," VOM's regional director for Africa said.

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

