

**Emden Christian Reformed Church  
Pastor David Zigterman  
Sunday, June 14, 2020**

**Sunday evening  
6:00 pm**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship  
Welcome and announcements  
God's greeting  
Song of Praise *Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns*

Psalm 48 (on screen)  
Confession and assurance  
Song *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*  
Congregational Prayer  
Song of preparation *The Church's One Foundation*

Prayer for illumination  
\*Scripture Ephesians 2:11-22  
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord  
Congregation: Thanks be to God

Lord's Day 21

Message **Reconciled in Christ**  
Prayer

Apostles Creed  
Song *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*  
Parting Blessing  
Closing Song *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Brothers and sisters in Christ, how good it is to gather to praise  
our God and hear his Word for us today!  
May God bless you during your time here.*

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-f-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.

**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

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: WHY, GOD, WHY? - Why do we suffer? Does God cause bad things to happen? If not, why does he allow them? How can we maintain faith in God when everything is going wrong? Study Job 1-3 with Groundwork to see how the story of Job helps us wrestle with one of life's most difficult questions: the problem of suffering. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

## From Faith Formation Ministries

At-Home Faith Formation Tip - This summer, watch for how God is revealed in creation. Read Psalm 148 for inspiration, then use your five senses when you explore parks, forests, and beaches. Admire the symmetry of a flower, the strength of a tree, or the pattern of a shell. Let the kids in your life teach you about childlike wonder! (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))

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<b>Pastor David's office hours: Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 am—12:00</b> <b>Pastors Cell: 320-400-3023</b> <b>Office phone: 320-329-3932</b>	<b>Pastor's e-mail: <a href="mailto:davidzigterman029@gmail.com">davidzigterman029@gmail.com</a></b> <b>You are welcome to stop in and visit without an appointment.</b>

## CHURCH FAMILY

I will be working from Wisconsin this next week. We leave Monday and plan to be back Friday or Saturday. Feel free to call or email me. Pastor David

Pastor David has a new e-mail address:

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Rachael's e-mail	<a href="mailto:rizigterman@gmail.com">rizigterman@gmail.com</a>
Rachael's cell phone	507-923-3829

Dear friends. We hope you are well as things begin to open up in North America. In Uganda, people have started to go back to work, but schools and churches are still closed, which means we can't do trainings either. But we have been able to start meeting individuals or couples for counselling or planning meetings. One piece of good news is that one of the couples we have been doing marriage counseling with is doing very well! They have been growing in trust, communication, and forgiveness and there were many smiles in our last visit.

We have one new blog post at <http://anthysara.blogspot.com>. Soroti Timothy Leadership Training Manual 1. And here are a couple quick stories from the last few weeks. Sorry to those who might already have read them elsewhere.

My friend Charles, a Ugandan pastor, reminded me a couple weeks ago that when I preached at his church at the very end of December, I preached about the new year. And I had said to the church, "I hear a lot of people right now prophesying to others - 'you will have a prosperous new year.' But God allows us to go through challenges sometimes, so we can't guarantee that this new year will be a year of prosperity. Challenges might come, so I want to prepare you to face those challenges." And then I proceeded to preach from the book of Job about trusting God during times of suffering. Charles said to me that it was a timely message because of COVID-19 and the lock-downs which have come this year and that, "You didn't know but the Holy Ghost in you knew." This encouraged me a lot!

I have been talking with a lady named Annette who has been listening to my teachings on the radio and calling me with prayer requests. I was overjoyed last week when Annette told me she wanted to know Jesus and commit her life to him. I was able

to explain the Gospel to her over the phone, and then connect her to the local pastor where she lives, through the help of the Bishop there. She met the pastor and praise the Lord she is now born again and excited to live for Christ!

Let us know how we can pray for you. We are praying for the USA in general, but we would love to pray for you as individuals and families and local churches as well. Thank you for your prayers for us! —Anthony and Sara

### **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Worship will continue at 10:00 am. The use of face masks is encouraged as well as social distancing. **PLEASE SIT ONLY IN PEWS THAT HAVE BULLETINS ON THEM.** If you do not feel well, we request that you refrain from coming. If you are unable to come or you don't feel comfortable attending, we will also be livestreaming the service using Facebook Live. You can view it by using this link: <https://www.facebook.com/emdencrc/live/>. The sermon will continue to be made available on the website.

If you would like to continue giving during this time and are unable to join us Sunday morning, 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 and directions.

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

Next Sunday, June 21 we will be hearing God's word from 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 and reflecting again on Lord's Day 21 of the Heidelberg Catechism.

I need 4-5 volunteers to create a Support Circle for a friend. Ideally, this group will meet once a week for about an hour at the beginning. As time goes by it will be moved to twice a month. Andrew Peltz of the Renville County Restorative Justice program had stated he is willing to train and help get this circle started.

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Krispy Kreme donuts are coming to town! Order yours before June 27 to benefit the Haiti Literacy Program. Pick up will be on Wednesday, July 1 from 4-6pm at the New 2 You parking lot in Willmar. There will be a limited number of donuts available for purchase that day, so placing your order ahead of time assures that you will get your donuts. Contact Kris Te Brake at 320-894-6394 or visit the Haiti Literacy Facebook page for more information.

Dear CRC Church Member,  
We know many members of the Christian Reformed Church in North America might be missing out on the articles published in the print version of The Banner during this pandemic, and we want them to know they can still read everything, and even interact by commenting, on our website. The Banner Update is a helpful way to quickly see what new articles are there each week.

With so many of us staying at home and having extra time on our hands, The Banner would love to send you our weekly update. It's free and you can cancel at any time.

The Banner Update is a weekly email sent on Mondays to anyone interested in getting the latest news from the Christian Reformed Church straight to their inbox. Once a week, we include links to news, features, online-extra content, Our Shared Ministries articles, and reviews of books, movies, and TV shows readers might be interested in. It gives a sneak-peek of all the new articles posted in the past week at [www.thebanner.org](http://www.thebanner.org).

Signing up is as easy. Just visit: <https://www.thebanner.org/signup>  
Thank you, and may God keep you all safe during this time.

—Shiao Chong Editor, The Banner

In these unprecedented times, Green Lake Lutheran Ministries is saddened to have to cancel all summer camp weeks (including our Ecumenical VBS day camp), to COVID-19. Ecumenical VBS has been cancelled. Past participants will receive a notification email in the coming days.

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.

Sermon Notes  
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**Reconciled in Christ**

### **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

### **Welcoming the Holy**

Abraham and Sarah welcomed three strangers who turned out to be the Lord. Jesus said, "If anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple," the giver will be rewarded (Matthew 10:42, NIV). An ancient Jewish proverb asserts: "Hospitality is one form of worship." A Russian Orthodox monk is said to have told a younger one, "Sometimes I see a stranger coming up the road and I say, 'Oh, Jesus Christ, is it you again?'" And an old Gaelic poem declares, "Often, often, often, goes the Christ in the stranger's guise."

Sometimes we think we must do something big to serve God. Today, when you smile at someone on the street, take time to entertain a child's question, bring cookies to a new neighbor, thank a server or clerk ... know that you are serving Jesus, that you are worshiping God.



## 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 - Cuba

#### Cuban Christians Face New Difficulties

While many churches around the world have moved their services online because of the coronavirus pandemic, Christians in Cuba do not have that option. Since very few people have access to the internet, Christians have been completely without worship and fellowship. "People are in fear of being visited by others," a VOM worker said. "Many also live in homes where not everyone is a believer." In addition, Christians are concerned about future restrictions the government may impose and how they will have to adapt their teaching and worship services. In general, Cuba is experiencing increasing violence and anxiety. Cubans must wait in long lines for food, many are without work, there is no public transportation and there is a lot of theft. According to contacts around the island, food is the hardest thing to find. Pray for Christians in Cuba.

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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.

~ 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

