

**Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, June 28, 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 1 Corinthians 1:2-3

Song of Praise *The Day of Resurrection*

Psalm 73 (on screen)

Confession and assurance

Song *In Sweet Communion, Lord, With Thee*

Congregational Prayer

Song of preparation *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Prayer for illumination

*Scripture 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Lord's Day 21

Message **The Beginning of Joy**

Apostles Creed

Song *The Strife Is O'er, The Battle Done*

Parting Blessing 1 Corinthians 16:13,14,23

Closing Song *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Welcome!

***On this Sunday before Independence Day, we welcome everyone
to this service of worship. May we all express our gratitude to
God for our homeland where we can worship as we choose.
God bless us as we gather 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 - 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. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

GROUNDWORK: CONSOLING THE SUFFERING - Sometimes our attempts to console suffering friends and loved ones with biblical truths do more harm than good. Join Groundwork in studying Job 32-34 to discover where we might run into trouble, how we can more faithfully represent God, and more lovingly comfort the suffering. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Seeking God in Suffering - "Seeking God in Suffering" is a four-week, inspirational devotional series from Today. How do we respond when faced with difficulties? Let stories of grief, healing, and community inspire you to seek God in trials. Subscribe at todaydevotional.com/seekinggod.

From Faith Formation Ministries

At-Home Faith Formation Tip - The Examen is a helpful daily prayer tool that Christians have used for hundreds of years to review their day in a godly way. This is a great bedtime practice for people of all ages. A simplified Examen looks like this: First, pray that God will give you insight. Then ask yourself two questions: "What was I most grateful for today?" and "What was I least grateful for today?" Close in prayer, thanking God for the blessings of the day, and asking God's help with your shortcomings. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

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CHURCH FAMILY

Pastor David has a new e-mail address:

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Rachael's e-mail

rzigterman@gmail.com

Rachael's cell phone

507-923-3829

Address for Patrick & Kristie Nelson

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Dear Friends,

This week we have one blog post for you at <https://antharsa.blogspot.com>

Book Recommendation: *A Bucket of Water*

Thank you all for your prayers. We are still doing well here in Uganda. The current restrictions have been extended indefinitely, so we are limited to meeting with no more than 5 people at a time, but we are doing as much as we can to talk to people over the phone, continue giving marriage counseling, and visiting people at home and bringing them fruit or produce from my garden.

In Christ — Sara and Anthony

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/emdenrcrc/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.emdenrcrc.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, July 5 we will be hearing God's word from John 1:1-18 and reflecting again on Lord's Day 23 of the Heidelberg Catechism.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Freedom Fun Run

The virtual Freedom Fun Run will take place virtually this year from June 15 - July 3. We invite all of our community, both near and far, to participate from wherever you may be! This event is a community builder as well as a key fundraiser for the school's Annual Fund. The registration link is on the school's website. Every participant that registers will receive a FREE race shirt, so encourage your friends and family to run/walk and support the school in this event.

If you do not have access to register online, please call or stop by the high school office between June 15 – July 3 to register. The summer office hours are Monday–Thursday 8:00am-3:00pm

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.

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*

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.

Independence Day lessons for church life

- **Return to the basics** — On July 4 we commemorate the origins of our country. In terms of faith, we also periodically need to hear again the foundational stories of Creation, the Israelites and, of course, Jesus.

• **Honor the gift of freedom** – “For freedom Christ has set us free ... do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1, ESV). We strive as citizens to preserve and live out our national freedom. Likewise, as citizens of God’s kingdom we live gladly in the freedom of salvation and share that gift with others.

- **Enjoy community** — July 4 is known for picnics, parades and other community gatherings. Similarly, the church is nourished by coming together for worship, meals and other special events.

• **Be light in the darkness** — As fireworks brighten the sky with light and color, the church is called to display the Gospel's unique light in a dark world. Our word dynamite and the Greek word for power — as in, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you" (Acts 1:8) — share a root. Through God's power in us, we share Jesus — dynamically! — with others.



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 - Laos

Christian Families Expelled from Village

Two Christian families were expelled from their Laotian village recently after declaring their faith in Christ. When the Mua family became Christians, village leaders wrote an official complaint to district authorities, saying, “[Our] village does not want to cooperate or associate with those that take on the Jesus religion. ... We dislike that the Christians keep coming to tell others about this Jesus religion. It is annoying.” After the Mua family led six more people from another family to Christ, village leaders ordered all of them to leave the village by the end of April 2020. When VOM contacts learned that the 10 believers were camped beside the main road leading into the village, they provided them with temporary housing and are now helping them find a permanent solution. Thank God for the willingness of these believers to give up everything they owned for the sake of Christ.

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

