



Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, July 4, 2021



Sunday evening
5:00 pm

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 Praises *My Country Tis of Thee* SJ 602
 America the Beautiful SJ 600

Confession of sin

Assurance of pardon

Song of Assurance *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* PH 603

Prayer of God's people

Offering Ministry Shares

Noisy Offering

Song *God of All Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* PH 599

Prayer for illumination

*Scripture Micah 4:1-8

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **Vine and Fig Tree**

*Song of response *Christ is the World's True Light* PH 600

*Parting Blessing

*Closing Song *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* PH 316

*We gather in gratitude for freedom to worship God in this land,
intent on not taking this opportunity for granted.
As our nation celebrates Independence Day, let us remember and
proclaim that God so loved the whole world that he sent Jesus
to share in this life. Let us join in praise!*

We do not have an evening service this week.

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

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ReFrame Ministries

GROUNDWORK: SEX, FOOD, AND FAITH-INFORMED CHOICES
- Should your faith impact the choices you make in life? Only the big ones or the everyday ones too? Join Groundwork as we study 1 Corinthians 7-8 to hear the Apostle Paul's guidance for how faith influences our decisions -- even the ones we make about sex and food. 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 Remembering: The faith practice of remembering centers our attention on what God has done in our lives, deepening our assurance that God is with us here and now, and expanding our hope and anticipation for what God will yet do. Take some time this week to make a "faith timeline" to remember what God has done in your life and in the lives of people you love. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Safe Church Ministry

July Safe Church Webinar with Scot McKnight: July 7th - Join us online Wednesday, July 7th 12p - 1p Eastern (9-10a Pacific) when Dr. Scot McKnight, author of *The Church Called Tov: Forming a Goodness Culture that Resists Abuses of Power and Promotes Healing*, will be the guest speaker for our Safe Church monthly webinar. To find out more: <https://bit.ly/ChurchCalledTov>

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TODAY

Todd Groen
Ministry Shares
Kevin & Dani Engstrom
Isabelle Daugherty

Sound System
Offering
Coffee Hour
Nursery

NEXT SUNDAY 7/11/21

Paul Knapper
General Fund
Dalen & Donna Fuls
Judy Groen

CHURCH CALENDAR

July 14: **Council Meeting** 6:30 pm

July 18: **Communion and potluck**

July 25-29: **VBS**

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will be continuing in-person worship. You can watch our services on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/emdenrcrc>. The sermon will continue to be made available on the website.

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



Pastor David and family are on vacation this week. If a need arises, please contact one of the Elders.
Elden Nelson will be leading our worship service next Sunday, July 11.

The remaining Challenging Conversations: A Study of the CRCNA human sexuality report will be on July 18, August 1, and August 8, each at 5 pm. Food will be provided.

On Sunday, July 18 we will be having Communion and a Pot Luck Dinner. Circle 4 is in charge of planning, setting up and serving for the dinner.
Everyone please bring a dish of your choice to share.
Dessert, bread and beverage will be provided.



Calling all kids, grandkids, friends and neighbors! All kids ages 4-13 are invited to join us for Community VBS "**Guided by the Light**" at Emden July 25-29. There are sign-up sheets available on the back table for all who are interested!





Bridal Shower

BIBLE LEAGUE



Ice Cream Social

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

Please remember those in our congregation who have continuous health concerns:

Marge Link, Butch & Linda Mayer, Darla Ruschen,
DeeDee Johnson, Carson Groen, Caroline Brouwer

The Persecuted Church Pakistan

Muslim Family Hungers for God's Word

A front-line worker recently requested prayer for a Muslim family who came to Christ after studying Scripture. Shakeel and his family were Muslims who shared a home with a Catholic Christian family. A Christian worker was visiting the Christian family regularly for prayer and encouragement when he was introduced to Shakeel's family. The worker prayed for the Muslim family, and they felt moved and peaceful during his prayer. They requested he continue visiting them and teaching them the Word of God. The front-line worker gave them an Urdu Bible, which their teenage son was able to read for them. After some time, Shakeel told the worker he wanted to accept Jesus Christ as Lord. The worker immediately baptized Shakeel, and the rest of his family is in line for baptism as well. Pray for Shakeel and his family to continue growing in their faith. Pray that many more Muslims in Pakistan will hunger for the truth of God's Word.

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**



Sermon Notes
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Micah 4:1-8
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