

**Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, July 12, 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
Greet one another
Song of Praise *I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace*

Psalm 19 (on screen)
Congregational Prayer

Prayer for illumination
*Scripture Matthew 20:1-16
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
Congregation: Thanks be to God

Lord's Day 24

Message **A Parable For Pride**
Apostles Creed

Song: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* SJ 379

Parting Blessing
Closing Song *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Welcome to Emden Church as we rejoice in the Spirit's gifts,
receive God's Word and become refreshed to go forth
and serve again in Jesus' name.*

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: GOD ANSWERS JOB - Job gets the opportunity many of us wish for: God himself enters the conversation and answers him. The experience is a humbling one for Job. Join Groundwork as we study Job 38-42 to see how God answers Job then unpack what God's response teaches us about why bad things happen to good people. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Formation Tip - "Family is about the forming of persons. . . . While in one sense a person is simply what we are as human beings, we are also able to become—to grow in capacities that are only potentially present within us at first. Family helps form us into persons who have acquired wisdom and courage"—from The Tech-Wise Family by Andy Crouch, Baker Books 2017. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

From Office of Social Justice

Do Justice Podcast - What better to listen to in the summer than a brand new podcast? The Office of Social Justice is pleased to present the Do Justice podcast. We're starting conversations on justice with fantastic guests. Listen and subscribe on your favorite platform today. <https://anchor.fm/do-justice>

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TODAY

Paul Knapper

Sound System

NEXT SUNDAY 7/19/20

Curt Groen

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 web-site.

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 19 we will be hearing God's word from 1 John 3:10-15 and 5:1-5 and reflecting again on Lord's Day 32 of the Heidelberg Catechism.

A Restorative Justice Circle will be meeting in the church on Wednesdays from 3-5pm.

If you would like to play church league softball this year, please let me know. Send me a text at 320-400-3023. --Pastor David
The first game will be on July 22 and the season will run for 5 weeks. Games will be played on the city field in Prinsburg with the first game starting at 6:00 pm and the second game at 7:30 pm. Concessions will be available.

Week 1 will be: game 1 - Bunde (red) vs Raymond (gray)
game 2 - 1st CRC (white) vs Emden (green)

Upcoming dates:

August 12: church picnic

Council Notes

Council met on Wednesday, July 8. Here is the report:

Treasurer's Report

May

Beginning Balance	\$14,206.65
Total Deposits	\$6,012.69
Total Expense	\$6,914.72
Ending Balance	\$13,304.62

June

Beginning Balance	\$13,304.62
Total Deposits	\$20,466.88
Total Expense	\$6,812.18
Ending Balance	\$26,959.32

Benevolent Fund: \$1,191.09

Building Fund: \$12,058.09

Notes:

- Thank you for your generosity in supporting this church. We have been richly blessed by God and we give thanks to God for this.
- We will have our church picnic on Wednesday, Aug. 12 at Brad and Julie's place
- Motion was made and approved to accept the bid from Jesse Zietz to do cement work on the sidewalk and entrance to the church. The bid was \$4,300.00

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Join Bible League Volunteers for their “*Spreading the Fragrance of Life*” conference on Monday evening, September 14 and Tuesday, September 15 at the First Reformed Church in Sioux Center, IA. Guest speaker and author, Kelli (Kredit) Gotthardt, whose roots are in Iowa, has a story that will encourage and inspire you. Tickets are available on line at bibleleague.org/tickets or call 708-367-8541 during business hours through September 7. For more information, call Sandy Wubben at 320-212-0944.

God amid pandemic

Last spring, life changed as we became familiar with terms such as social distancing, flattening the curve and self-quarantining. We could hardly believe the closed schools, businesses and especially churches — just as Holy Week and Easter drew near! The coronavirus ran rampant in the world. Where was God?

But as the spread continued, many civic leaders stepped up, calmly informing us of the facts, of actions being taken to mitigate the crisis and of how we could help. Healthcare professionals risked their lives and endured separation from families; teachers drew on astounding stores of creativity to teach online; pastors delivered sermons and lessons to empty sanctuaries as members listened and prayed while living in lockdown. Surely God was present — through them!

Then I remembered how God assures us through Isaiah, “Fear not! When you pass through the waters, the fires, yes, even the pandemics of this world, I will be with you” (43:1-2, paraphrased). And Jesus echoes, “I am with you always” (Matthew 28:20).



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

Authorities Hold Church Leader Without Charges Because of Coronavirus

A church leader who has not yet been charged with a crime remains in prison while officials wait for an end to the “Covid situation.” Phong was arrested in early March after refusing police orders to renounce his faith. About 130 Christians live in Phong’s village, and police thought that arresting him would cure their Christian problem. Phong’s wife said police are demanding that Christians turn in all Bibles, hymnbooks and other Christian materials and renounce their faith. Although she was at first able to visit Phong in prison and take him food, no one is allowed to visit the prison now because of the coronavirus. The authorities told Phong’s wife that they are waiting for the “Covid situation to be over before they charge her husband with a crime.” Pray for Phong and his family as they endure separation and uncertainty.

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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