

**Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, July 18, 2021 10:00 am**

**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

*Songs of Praise *Blessed Redeemer* SJ 248
Grace Greater Than Our Sin SJ 383

Confession of sin

Assurance of pardon

Song of Assurance *Amazing Grace* SJ 299

Prayer of God's people

Offering Building Fund/Benevolent Fund
Song *I Will Sing The Wondrous Story* SJ 328

Prayer for illumination

*Scripture Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **The Quest**

*Song of response *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* SJ 492

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Thank offering Children of the Promise

*Parting Blessing

*Closing Song *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* SJ 162

*As we gather for worship on this Communion Sunday, you are welcome
as we celebrate this profound yet humbling gift — and privilege.
We're pleased that you're here to worship and partake in God's body
and blood. May the warmth of Christ's love be in all of us.*

Tonight we will have a **Challenging Conversations: A Study of the
CRCNA human sexuality report.**

Please read section VII. Reflections on singleness, premarital sex and
cohabitation, polyamory, and divorce.

We meet at 5 pm and food will be provided.

The remaining studies will be on August 1 & August 8, each at 5 pm.

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

The Banner

Writers Wanted - The Banner is looking to expand its network of news correspondents - freelance writers paid per story to report on assignments from every corner of the Christian Reformed denomination.

Correspondents are particularly needed in areas where there is not already a regularly contributing writer: Illinois, New York, New Mexico, California, Wisconsin, and others. Experience is not necessarily crucial. If you love stories, are curious to ask church leaders about how and why they do things, and are willing to train and learn, our news editor would love to hear from you: news@thebanner.org. (And if you are an experienced writer, all the better! Just mention that in your email.)

ReFrame Ministries

GROUNDWORK: LOVE: THE GUIDING PRINCIPLE FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING - The struggle for unity is not unique to the modern church. The Apostle Paul encouraged the Corinthian Christians to make Christ-like love their guiding principle and he taught them about spiritual gifts. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Corinthians 11-13 for guidance as we too seek to worship and live well together in community. 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: In the sacrament of The Lord's Supper we remember both the great sacrifice and the wonderful gift of Jesus' death and resurrection. Think and talk about how you might more fully enter into both the sorrow and the joy as you celebrate communion. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Disability Concerns

Disability Concerns Leadership Training 2021 - Join us August 11 and 12th for our annual Disability Concerns Leadership Training Event. 11am - 2pm Eastern. Hosted online this year. All welcome! Find out more at: <https://bit.ly/whosmissinginmychurch>

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TODAY

Curt Groen
Building & Benev Fund
Pot Luck Dinern
Rachael Zigterman

Sound System
Offering
Coffee Hour
Nursery

NEXT SUNDAY 7/25/21

Brad Link
CMCS Tuition Support
Doug & Anne Groen
Lindsey Knapper

CHURCH CALENDAR

July 18: *Communion and potluck*

July 25-29: *VBS*

August 12: *Church picnic*

CHURCH FAMILY

Dear Friends,

Our intern, Cindy, made it safely back home to Midland early this week.

We have two new blog posts for you at <https://anthsara.blogspot.com> about the variety of things that happened during her time with us, one of which is a guest post from Cindy herself.

Guest Post from Cindy! *Cindy's Internship*

Please continue praying with us for the people in Uganda who are suffering due to the lockdown - many are struggling to get enough money for food or paying medical bills.

In Christ, Sara and Anthony

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.

Today we are having **Communion and a Pot Luck Dinner**. Everyone is invited to stay and have a meal with us and fellowship together.



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

Next Sunday, July 25, Marlin Breems will be leading worship.

COUNCIL NOTES

Treasurer report - June	
Beginning balance	\$12,788.06
Total deposits	\$897.21
Total expense	\$8,101.47
Ending Balance	\$5,583.80

-note: this is the balance in the F&M Bank Account. We recently opened an account with Dawson Credit Union, which has about \$25,000 in the account.

Benevolent Fund	\$3,204.68
Building Fund	\$11,678.90

Council notes:

- The annual church picnic is moved back a day. It will now be at 6 pm on Thursday, Aug. 12 at church.
- The next movie outreach night will be on Sept. 18 at 7:30pm

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.

A new Greeter schedule is in your church mailbox. Be sure to check it for your turn at greeting.



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!



Community VBS is quickly approaching and Emden is the host site for the week. It will be an exciting week to host around 100 kids, parents and counselors! With that, we are in need of some help! As in years past, there are ingredients and donation slips on the social hall door, if able and willing to do so, please have all donations to church by Wednesday, July 21.

New this year, Emden will be hosting the counselors for supper 2 evenings (Sunday, July 25 and Thursday, July 29) - we will need 2-4

volunteers to help serve 6 counselors supper 4-5:15pm. We will also need 2-4 volunteers to help serve snacks to all the VBS kids 5-7pm Sunday and Thursday. There is also availability to help with the kids in



their Bible study, craft, games and worship. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet on the back table for anyone interested. Samantha, Heidi and Rachael are able to answer any questions.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday is the last day for you to give your "**July Love Gift**" for the Bible League. Your gift may be placed in the yellow gift bag by the mailbox counter or mailed directly to Sandy Wubben in the envelope provided. Thank you for your consideration of your gift to help supply Bibles for a country where it is needed the most at this time.



A Celebration of Life service for Norma Lois (Bonnema) Viss will take place Thursday, July 22, at 5:00p.m. at the Unity CRC in Prinsburg, MN. Interment will be at Holland Township Cemetery at 4:00p.m., preceding the service and a fellowship meal will be served immediately following the service. Friends and family are welcome. Norma was preceded in death by parents, Garrit and Mabel (Wieberdink) Bonnema, brother Milton (Lucille) Bonnema, sisters Harriet (John) Zondervan, Eleanor (Cornelius) Zondervan and son James Viss. She is survived by 4 daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Suicide Intervention Training, July 26-27 - Learn to save a life. LivingWorks ASIST is a two-day face-to-face workshop featuring powerful audiovisuals, discussions, and simulations. At a LivingWorks ASIST workshop, you'll learn how to prevent suicide by recognizing signs, providing a skilled intervention, and developing a safety plan to keep someone alive. Pastors Perrin Werner (Grace CRC) and Daryl Thul (South Santiago Lutheran Church) will be facilitating the course. Both are Master Trainers and have taught the course in both military and civilian contexts and used these methods to save lives. Cost \$125 Unity CRC in Prinsburg will be hosting the upcoming ASIST workshop on July 26-27 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Participants must be present on both days. Email Pastor_Perrin@gracecricgh.org



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

Sermon Notes
Sunday, July 18, 2021
Ecclesiastes 1:1-11
The Quest

The Persecuted Church Uganda

Mother Curses Daughter for Faith in Christ

Anifa is 19 years old and came to faith in Christ earlier this year. She had been suffering from seizures and received healing through prayer at a Christian church in Arua. Her mother, a radical Muslim, became enraged at her daughter’s conversion and threw her out of their home. Her mother also cursed her and threatened to have her killed. After Anifa’s mother kicked her out, she moved in with her aunt, who is also a Christian. Anifa has enrolled in tailoring classes, but her aunt is planning to relocate to South Sudan, and Anifa will be looking for a home once again. Pray for Anifa to remain firm in her faith as she faces trials. Pray for safety and peace of mind as she rebuilds her life.

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

