

Emden Christian Reformed Church  
Pastor David Zigterman  
Sunday, July 5, 2020



Sunday evening  
6:00 pm

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship  
Welcome and announcements  
Welcome

God's greeting  
Greet one another

Song of Praise *I will Sing of the Mercies*

Psalm 103 (on screen)  
Congregational Prayer

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 23

Message **The Great Invitation**

Apostles Creed  
Song

*Immortal Invisible*

Parting Blessing  
Closing Song

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

*We gather in gratitude for freedom to worship God in this land,  
intent on not taking this opportunity for granted.  
Welcome to worship, one and all.*

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

GROUNDWORK: CHOOSING HOPE IN SUFFERING - When we have every right to lament and despair, what is the source for our continued hope? Join Groundwork as we listen to Job's laments in chapters 13-21 and find out what he declares is the source of his continued hope at a time when it seems all hope is lost. 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](http://todaydevotional.com/seekinggod).

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](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

### From Faith Formation Ministries

At-Home Faith Formation Tip - "Boredom is a crucial warning sign—as important in its own way as physical pain. It's a sign that our capacity for wonder and delight, contemplation and attention, real play and fruitful work, has been dangerously depleted" from The Tech-Wise Family by Andy Crouch (Baker Books). How might you refill those depleted areas at home this week? (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))

Emden Christian Reformed Church PO Box 390—518 5th Street NW e-mail: <a href="mailto:emdenrcrc@centurytel.net">emdenrcrc@centurytel.net</a> Secretary: Judy C Groen (320) 905-3921 All Bulletin announcements due by Thursday noon. <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>	320-329-3932 Renville, MN 56284 web site <a href="http://www.emdenrcrc.org">www.emdenrcrc.org</a> e-mail: <a href="mailto:j.k.groen56284@gmail.com">j.k.groen56284@gmail.com</a> <b>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>
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### TODAY

Todd Groen

*Sound System*

### NEXT SUNDAY

Paul Knapper

### CHURCH FAMILY

Rachael's e-mail [rlzigterman@gmail.com](mailto:rlzigterman@gmail.com)  
(correction - second letter is an l not an i)

Address for Patrick & Kristie Nelson  
221 Baldwin Street, Granite Falls, MN 56241

### 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 12 we will be hearing God's word from Matthew 25:31-46 and reflecting again on Lord's Day 24 of the Heidelberg Catechism.

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

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Each year Bible League International Volunteers sends out a love letter to the members of their respective congregations. Our division does this the month of July and this letter is available to you today in your mailboxes. As Volunteers we are no longer working for just one country, but the funds we raise are being used in the countries that need it the most. Please read the letter, pray about it and contribute as God leads and enables. There is a yellow gift bag by the mailbox counter which you can put your donation in or else send it to Sandy. Won't you please help transform lives for Him? Thank you! —Sandy Wubben.

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  
1 Corinthians 15:12-19  
**The Great Invitation**

### How will we use our freedom?

In 2000, Cornealious Anderson was sentenced to 13 years for robbery. The 23-year-old was released on bail and told to await orders to show up to prison. But due to a clerical error, those orders never came. Some people might have taken advantage of such freedom and committed more crimes. But Anderson started a business, coached youth football and volunteered at church, earning respect in his community.

Thirteen years later, when Missouri officials discovered the error and put Anderson behind bars, an online petition called for his release. A judge agreed that Anderson was a changed man and, again he was freed.

What would you do with such undeserved freedom? What do we do with the unmerited freedom God grants us despite our sin, and with the freedoms we celebrate on July 4? May we follow Anderson's example and use our freedoms — social and spiritual — to serve 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

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### **CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH - North Korea, Propaganda Film Helps Lead Defector to Christ**

Mrs. An wasn't yet a Christian when she was arrested in China as a North Korean defector, but she did know how to pray. She had learned about prayer from an anti-Christian propaganda film she had seen while still in North Korea. She remembered seeing Christians praying in the film, and now, in her Chinese jail cell, she noticed that someone had scratched the name Jesus on the wall. Desperate for help, Mrs. An decided to ask the Christians' God to help her get to South Korea. Later, after successfully reaching South Korea, she sought out Christians who could teach her to grow in faith. Mrs. An is now learning how to witness to her family, coworkers and others around her. Pray for her continued growth and perseverance in faith.

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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**

