

**Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, August 29, 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 of His People
*We Greet One Another
*Songs of Praise *What a Beautiful Name*
O Praise the Name

We will not be having an evening worship service tonight

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Confession of Sin
Assurance of God's Grace
Song of assurance *What A Friend We Have in Jesus* SJ 162
Prayer of God's people
Offering Crossroad Prison Ministry
Song of preparation *Bind Us Together* SJ 130

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination
*Scripture Ecclesiastes 4:7-16 pg. 1038
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
Congregation: Thanks be to God
Message **Working Together**

*Song of response *The Family of God* SJ 128

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing
*Closing Song *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* SJ 138

Welcome to Emden Church! As our fall schedule gears up, we invite you to join us again. May our unity as the body of Christ be an ongoing blessing to one another.

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

ReFrame Ministries

GROUNDWORK: REMEMBER THE SABBATH - Why does God want us to remember the sabbath? What does it mean to keep it holy? Join Groundwork as we study Exodus 20:8-11 to better understand the second commandment and discuss the implications of what it means and looks like to live this rhythm of life today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Safe Church Ministry

Safe Church Town Hall - Calling all Safe Church coordinators, Safe Church classis team members, Classis Clerks, Classis Chairs, Congregational Safe Church Leaders and friends of Safe Church! Join Safe Church Ministry staff on Sept. 8 (7-8:30 pm Eastern) for a town hall as they share the vision for the year to come. You'll also meet with other safe church volunteers and learn about new resources to support your work with Safe Church Ministry. Interested? Register here: bit.ly/SCMtowhall

Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Service: In Celebration of Discipline, Richard Foster writes, "Self-righteous service fractures community. . . it puts others into its debt and becomes one of the most subtle and destructive forms of manipulation known. True service builds community. It quietly and unpretentiously goes about caring for the needs of others. It draws, binds, heals, builds." Look for ways to heal and build others up through service this week. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Resonate Global Mission

Heading off to Campus? - As you study, experience a multitude of perspectives and worldviews, and develop new relationships, why not also be part of a diverse community that gathers together to grow in faith and to engage God's world? There are over 35 CRC Campus Ministries on campuses across North America, comprised of students, faculty, and staff. To find out if there is one on your campus, check this map: resonateglobalmission.org/campusmap. No campus ministry at your school? You can also locate a nearby CRC here: <http://www.crcna.org/churches>. For more information about our unique ministries, please contact us at campusministry@crcna.org

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TODAY

Rachael Zigterman & kids ***Greeters***
Brad Link ***Sound System***
Crossroads Prison Ministry ***Offering***
Duane & Verla Mulder ***Coffee Hour***
Judy Groen ***Nursery***

NEXT SUNDAY 9/5/21

Todd & Jane Groen
Todd Groen
Ministry Shares
James & Phyllis Santjer
Isabelle Daugherty

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Sept. 12: ***Communion***
Saturday, Sept. 18: ***Movie outreach night*** at 7:30 pm

CHURCH FAMILY

Dear Friends,
We have two blog posts for you at <https://anthsara.blogspot.com> where you will get to read about my experience of having malaria and see pictures of interesting things going on in our normal lives lately.

Malaria in Soroti Home Activities

Thank you for your prayers while we were traveling in northeastern Uganda last week. We had a very interesting time and safe travel. Anthony will be sharing more about the trip later.

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/emdenrcr>. 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.

All are welcome to join us for our FREE Outdoor Movie Night event on Saturday, September 18 at 6:00. There will be mini golf, pumpkin painting, s'mores, caramel & apples, and much more! The featured movie is "***Wonder***" which will start around 7:30. We need your help to pull it off!

1. Set up (4:30) and tear down (prior to and following the movie).
2. Sign up to help during the event: concessions, games, painting, or s'mores.
3. Invite family and friends!

The sign-up sheet is on the back table. If you have questions or suggestions, talk to Heather Link.



Thank you to everyone who helped make our Church Picnic and Fun Night a success! There was good food, good fellowship and fun entertainment!

Next Sunday, Sept. 5, we will be hearing God's word from Ecclesiastes 5:1-7.

How is your soul? Do you want to go deeper and get back into God's Word? Are you craving something more? Come check out Soul Care. On September 9th at 7:00pm we will have an informational meeting and you can decide if Soul Care is right for you. ~Rachael Zigterman



Beginning Sunday, Sept. 19 we will begin a study in the evening on hospitality called ***Just Open the Door*** by Jen Schmidt.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethany Reformed Church Fall Benefit - Take-out Turkey Dinner will be on Wednesday, September 8th from 4:30 - 7:00 pm. ***Come & pickup a good meal!*** Drive thru the alley to pick up your meals. Free-will donations. All proceeds will go towards the Clara City Ambulance, Fire Department, City Library, and Aquatic Center.



CMCS Retreat - September 10-12 the CMCS high school students have the opportunity to spend a weekend at Lake Geneva Christian Center near Alexandria. How can you help?

- First, pray that each one attending may experience a nearness to God. May He have His will with all who attend the retreat.
- Second, Snacks, Snacks, Snacks. Kids come with appetites. If you can help – please bring goodies to the CMCS office by Sept. 10.
- Would you be able to help financially? Costs keep going up and we are trying to keep it affordable to students. In addition to lodging, we have travel and speaker expenses. Financial gifts may also be brought to the CMCS office. Thank you in advance for your help.



The Friesen Historical Society, dedicated to preserving the original site of the Bunde Christian Reformed Church, invites the public to a Community Picnic and Flag Retirement Ceremony to be held at the historical site north of Bunde at 4075 140th Ave SE, Clara City, MN on Saturday, September 11. A picnic meal will be served starting at 5PM. There will

be a free-will donation accepted for the supper. Come tour the house, gardens and antique tool shed. The Clara City Boy Scout Troop #269 will oversee the Flag Retirement Ceremony beginning at 6:30PM. Veterans are welcome to participate. If you don't know what to do with an old flag that you have, bring it with to have it properly retired. This ceremony is very meaningful. Please bring your own lawn chair.



Dear Congregations of Classis Lake Superior, with gratefulness to God, the Pease Christian Reformed Church will be celebrating their 125th Anniversary on Sunday, September 12 at 9:30AM. There will be a special worship service followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments. As a proud member of Classis Lake Superior and as brothers and sisters in Christ, we are thankful for your partnership with us in the gospel and invite you to join us rejoice in God's goodness and faithfulness. In Christian Love, your friends at Pease CRC; Pease, MN



Join with Bible League friends on Monday evening, September 20 at 6:30 pm for a special fellowship dinner. *"But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere."*



2 Corinthians 2:14

On Tuesday, September 21, a special day is planned with keynote speaker Kelli (Kredit) Gotthardt. She is the founder and executive director of DeepWell Sustainable Leadership, a global community of women exploring leadership that flows from a centered soul. Also joining us is ministry director Thony Ronaldo. He serves the Lord in Indonesia and will share how God's Word is breaking through the spiritual darkness in powerful ways. You will come away inspired.

The cost to cover expenses is \$20 for the Monday evening dinner and \$40 for the Tuesday conference, including lunch. Registration is open through September 12. Register online today at bibleleague.org/tickets or pick up a brochure on the mailbox counter.

Thank you for your *"July Love Gift"* for the Bible League. The Emden Christian Reformed Church gave **\$295.00** which will purchase 59 Bibles. The total amount of gifts from the churches in the West Central Minnesota League was **\$1,830.00**. This means we have supplied a total of **366** Bibles for a country in need at the cost of \$5.00 each. Please remember these people in your prayers and thank you again for your contributions for the Bible League.

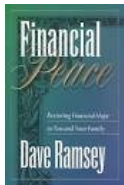
FRIENDSHIP BIBLE STUDY did not fold or cease. Due to the challenges with Covid and the pandemic restrictions, it was difficult not being in person and helping everyone feel valued and know the love of Jesus. We did have one

Friendship Bible Study



in-person meeting and we made attempts to encourage, stay in touch and carry on Bible studies with packets containing prayers, devotionals, activities, and songs with the individual students, their contacts, the Group Homes and staff. We are eager to resume once again! We plan on starting Monday, September 20 and will meet every other Monday at 7 pm for an hour of worship and fellowship at the Rock of Life CRC. We are in need of mentors since many faithful ones are retiring. We would appreciate some volunteers to make cookies for our fellowship time. If you are interested and willing to SERVE/REACH OTHERS in any way, please call Helene @320-295-0901 or Clara @320-235- 0455. Sunday, September 26 will be DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY. An evening service is being planned to be held @ 6 pm at First Prinsburg CRC with Pastor Joel DeBoer from Bunde CRC giving the message and our Friendship students leading the praise songs.

Planning for the future is hard when you're still paying for the past!



Listen—there's a better way! Join our ***Financial Peace University class***, and we'll learn how to beat debt and make a plan for the future together! Interested? Join us at Rock of Life CRC, 1708 8th St SW, Willmar MN. Classes are included in the cost of subscription to Dave Ramsey. The subscription rate starts at \$59.99.

There is a free two-week trial period when you register.

Please register by September 8. Classes start Wednesday, September 15 at 6:30 pm. For more information and to register go to fpu.com/1136525 or go rockoflifecrc.org and scan the QR Code.

Sermon Notes
Sunday, August 29, 2021
Ecclesiastes 4:7-16
Working Together



PRAYER CORNER

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

REQUESTS

Marge Link, Butch & Linda Mayer, Darla Ruschen,

FOR

DeeDee Johnson, Carson Groen, Caroline Brouwer

PRAYER

The Persecuted Church Iran

Suicidal Woman Finds Hope in Christ

Fariba is married to a drug addict, and they have a teenage son. They live in a small room in a machine shop, and Fariba works long hours as a house-cleaner to try to make ends meet. Desperate and hopeless, Fariba decided to commit suicide because she felt her life was worthless. After she bought the pills with which she planned to kill herself, she was sitting on the bus when a woman sat next to her and handed her a book. Fariba tried to refuse the book, but the woman told her that it was a gift from God for her to know that He loves her and cares about her. Moved by the stranger's kindness, Fariba asked the woman to tell her more. After talking for a while, the woman prayed for her and encouraged her to read the book and use the contact information contained inside if she had any more questions. Fariba decided to read the book, and she found peace in God through it. Now, she hopes that God will use her to reach others like her. *"I was hopeless and disheartened, and I wanted to end my life by killing myself, but God had a plan for me,"* she said. *"He found me, He saved my life. Please pray for me that I can share the gospel with other women who need to find their identity in 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

