

Emden Christian Reformed Church  
Pastor David Zigterman  
Sunday, August 7, 2022 10:00 am

**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 *All Creatures of Our God & King* PH 431 vs. 1,3,5  
*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* PH 460 vs. 1-3

**WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE**

- Confession and Assurance  
Song *Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer* PH 543 vs. 1-3  
Prayer of God's people  
Offering General Fund  
Song of preparation *Spirit, Working in Creation* PH 415 vs. 1-3

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

- Prayer for illumination  
\*Scripture Jonah 1:1-3 pg. 1436  
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord  
Congregation: Thanks be to God  
Message **Why Are You Here?**  
\*Song of response *I Love to Tell the Story* PH 530 vs. 1-3

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

- \*Parting Blessing  
\*Closing Song *Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow*  
PH 638

*Welcome to worship as we gather to praise the God of all creation,  
our Savior Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit who guides us in love.*

**A living mystery**

In *Walking on Water*, Madeleine L'Engle quotes Emmanuel Suhard, a French cardinal in the Catholic Church during the 1940s: "To be a witness does not consist in engaging in propaganda, nor even in stirring people up, but in being a living mystery. It means to live in such a way that one's life would not make sense if God did not exist."

What would it look like in your life to be "a living mystery" — to live in a way that wouldn't make sense if not for God's existence? What risks might you take for the sake of wholeness and justice in the world? To what lengths might you go to serve a neighbor? What fears might no longer fill your heart and rule your mind? Will you see Jesus in people who are poor, be surprised to find him revealed amid suffering? What "fruits" might you allow the Holy Spirit to cultivate in you — generosity, patience, self-control? What grace will you show to others because you have experienced God's love so powerfully? All of which makes sense only because God exists!

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

10:00 am Morning Worship

**Elders:**

Tim Link - President  
Nick Daugherty - Vice President  
Paul Knapper - Clerk

**Deacons:**

Janel Watson - Chairman  
Heather Link - Bldg / Benevolent Fund  
Samantha Link - Treasurer

### ReFrame Ministries

Groundwork: When Discipleship Growth Stalls - Sometimes the things we do and say are out of sync with the faith we profess to believe. Study Acts 10:34-48, Galatians 2:11-16, James 1:22-27, 1 John 1:8-10, and Philippians 3:12-14 with Groundwork to understand what God does for us in these situations and what we need to continue growing again as Christ's disciples today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Practices Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Service: Read Deuteronomy 10:12-13 and ponder or discuss the following questions. What does serving the Lord “with all your heart and with all your soul” mean to you? How would you know if you were indeed serving God with all your heart and soul? What might be different about your daily life? What might be the same? How would you describe this type of wholehearted service to a child? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

### World Renew

Kentucky Flood Response: - World Renew Disaster Response Services is preparing to assist the survivors of flash flooding in Kentucky. There has been heavy damage to buildings and homes, and more than 37 people have died. Please pray for Kentuckians affected by this devastation, and give generously to help families recover at worldrenew.net or call 800-552-7972 to give by credit card. You can also mail your check made out to World Renew, with “DRS-Kentucky Flooding 2022” in the memo line, to World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr SW, Byron Center, MI 49315-7400.

### Office of Diversity

Next Week is Diversity Sunday - On August 14, we will recognize and celebrate the growing number of non-Anglo congregations in the CRC. Learn more about the CRC Office of Diversity and consider giving to its mission as it serves and grows diverse leadership throughout the denomination. Check out the website: [crcna.org/Diversity](http://crcna.org/Diversity)

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### TODAY

Kevin & Dani Engstrom *Greeters*  
Curt Groen *Sound System*  
General Fund *Offering*  
Duane & Verla Mulder *Coffee Hour*  
Dawn Link *Nursery*

### NEXT SUNDAY 8/14/22

(LAKE SERVICE)  
Kandiyohi Co Food Shelf

### CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday, August : *Church Softball* 7:30 pm Raymond vs. R.E.W.  
(note time change) (Roseland, Emden, Willmar)  
Sunday, August 14: *Church at the Big Kandiyohi Lake*  
Wednesday, August 17 *Council meeting*

### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning, Nick Daugherty, will be leading our worship service.

We will worship each Sunday at 10:00. You can also watch our services on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/emdenrc>. The sermon will continue to be made available on the website.

Please remember to check the 3 month schedule and find out which Sundays you are responsible to help in some area of the service. If you find you cannot be there, please find someone to trade with and let Judy know so it can be changed in the bulletin. Thank you.

The Zigterman family will be on vacation from August 6 through 12.

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



On August 14 we will be having a church service at Big Kandiyohi Park. The service begins at 11 am. After the service there will be a potluck. Meat will be provided. Bring a dish to pass. Offering will be for the Kandiyohi Food Shelf. If there is rain, the service will be at Emden.



To continue receiving prayer requests from Emden sign up for Flocknote. Text all caps EMDEN to 84576, by clicking on this link: <https://emdenrc.flocknote.com/> or by scanning this QR code:



Emden CRC,

Thank you for giving to our work in Japan! We are grateful and humbled by your support. We take great comfort in knowing that you, like us, see the need for this work among the unreached. The needs in Japan are significant, and we could not do this without you. Whatever fruit is born by our service in Japan, you will have a share.

We are less than two weeks away from our departure for Japan. We know that the months ahead will come with difficulties, but we rejoice that we are not alone. We take confidence in your prayers, the friendship of the Japanese Church, and our great God. He who has called us is faithful. To his name be glory now and forever in his Church.

With deepest gratitude, The Werners (Perrin, Jodi, Ellie, and Jo)

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Calling all softball players!

A friendly competition of softball between the area CRC churches of Bunde, First, Unity, Raymond, Roseland, Willmar, and Emden will be held on Wednesdays from July 20 till August 17, at the baseball field in Prinsburg. We are planning to play two games a night (either five innings or one hour) in order that all get a chance to play each other. The 1st game will start at 6:15 p.m. and the 2nd game by 7:30 p.m. It is open to men and women and high school-age students.

Concessions will be open for food purchases and proceeds will go to the summer league baseball program.

#### **(Please note time changes).**

The games will take place as follows: (R.E.W. = Roseland, Emden, Willmar)

Ø Aug 10

Game 1: Unity vs. Bunde

Game 2: Raymond vs. R.E.W. 7:30 pm

Ø Aug 17

Game 1: First vs. R.E.W. 6.15 pm

Game 2: Unity vs. Raymond



Thank you for your "**July Love Gift**" for the Bible League.



The Emden CRC gave \$420 which will purchase 84 Bibles. The total amount of gifts from the churches in the West Central MN League was **\$4,579.05**. This means we have supplied a total of **931** Bibles for a country in need at the cost of \$5 each. Please remember these people in your prayers and thank you again for your contributions for the Bible League.

—Sandra Wubben, Volunteer Coordinator

#### A kindled fire

*"I can worship outside among nature just as well as I can inside a church building." That claim is especially common during the summer, when church attendance tends to decline.*

*Certainly it's possible to worship and talk to God among his creation. In fact, George Washington Carver called nature "an unlimited broadcasting station, through which God speaks to us every hour, if we will only tune in." And Martin Luther said, "God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars."*

*Yet corporate, or church, worship is still vital. Luther also noted: "At home, in my own house, there is no warmth or vigor in me, but in the church when the multitude is gathered together, a fire is kindled in my heart and it breaks its way through." When we're away from God's house, we miss blessings and opportunities including communion, fellowship and support. So this summer, spend time in nature but don't neglect "to meet together" (see Hebrews 10:25)!*



**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

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**The Persecuted Church: Ethiopia  
A Pastor's Bold Witness**

Pastor Dereje came to faith in Christ 20 years ago through his friends' Christian witness. Once he became a Christian, Dereje felt called to serve the Lord. As he witnessed about Christ throughout his community, a church gradually formed. As more and more people become believers, others in the community started opposing Dereje. They threatened to kill him if he did not stop evangelizing, and they refused to rent homes to any Christians. Eventually, he was attacked for his bold witness, suffering a broken leg. Though he can't walk, he is still traveling from place to place to share the gospel. *"I was called to serve the Lord,"* he said. *"I am ready to do so under any circumstances."* Pray that Dereje's leg heals quickly, and pray that his community is receptive to the gospel.

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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**



Sermon Notes  
Sunday, August 7, 2022  
Jonah 1:1-3

**Why Are You Here?**