

Emden Christian Reformed Church  
Pastor David Zigterman  
Sunday, September 5, 2021 10:00 am



Sunday evening  
5:00 pm

We will not be having an evening worship service tonight

### 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 *We Will Glorify* SJ 35 vs. 1-4  
*Great Is The Lord* SJ 7 vs. 1,2

### WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Preparatory Exhortation for the Lord's Supper PH pg. 976  
Song of assurance *Cleanse Me* SJ 410 vs. 1-4

Prayer of God's people

Offering Ministry Shares  
Noisy Offering

Song of preparation *Spirit Of The Living God* PH 424 vs. 1,2

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination

\*Scripture Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 pg. 1039

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **God's In Charge, Not You**

\*Song of response *He Leadeth Me* PH 452 vs. 1-4

### WE DEPART TO SERVE

\*Parting Blessing

\*Closing Song *Be Still and Know* SJ 24 vs. 1,2

*Welcome to worship this Labor Day weekend! The Lord gives a wide array of talents and knowledge to us all so we may serve one another through both paid and unpaid work. Thanks be to God!*

#### 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: HONOR YOUR PARENTS AND AUTHORITIES** - Why does God care about our relationships? Join Groundwork as we study God's command in Exodus 20:12 to honor our fathers and mothers. Together we'll look to the whole of scripture to help us understand this command and how we can keep it in both healthy and broken relationships. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Sabbath: Read Exodus 20:8-11 and ponder or discuss the following question: Sabbath rest is God's gift to us. How might you receive that gift with gratitude? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject](http://bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject))

### World Renew

World Renew DRS Hurricane Ida Response - World Renew Disaster Response Services is organizing a response to help people who have survived Hurricane Ida in Louisiana and across the U.S. Gulf Coast. Please pray for those whose homes and lives are affected by the storm, for the dedicated DRS volunteers who help them clean up, rebuild, and recover, and for God's guidance as we prayerfully make plans to respond. You can support this work with your financial gift to World Renew, DRS Hurricane Ida 2021, at [worldrenew.net/donate](http://worldrenew.net/donate), or call 800-552-7972. You can also send your check by mail to: World Renew, 1700 28th St. SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49508.

### TODAY

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

***Greeters***  
***Sound System***  
***Offering***  
***Coffee Hour***  
***Nursery***

### NEXT SUNDAY 9/12/21

Paul & Wanda Knapper  
Paul Knapper  
General Fund  
Todd & Jane Groen  
Lindsey Knapper

### CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday, Sept. 8: ***Council meeting***  
Thursday, Sept. 9: ***Informational meeting on Ladies Bible Study***  
Sunday, Sept. 12: ***Communion***  
Saturday, Sept. 18: ***Movie outreach night at 7:30 pm***  
Sunday, Sept. 19: ***Beginning evening Bible Study, 5pm***  
Monday, Sept. 20: ***Classis***

### CHURCH FAMILY

We express our deepest sympathy to Harriet Link on the death of her brother, Jerald Ryks, who passed away last Sunday. May God bring comfort and peace in the coming days.



### 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.

Next Sunday, September 12, we will be hearing God's word from Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:9. We will also be celebrating the Lord's Supper together.



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

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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.

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 7:00 pm we will have an informational meeting and you can decide if *Soul Care* is right for you. ~Rachael Zigterman



## 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



On September 20-21, Bible League Volunteers host two special events for you called *Spreading the Fragrance of Life*. Mon Monday evening there will be a special dinner and on Tuesday enjoy Christian Fellowship and spiritual renewal at a daylong conference.



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.

Rock of Life CRC is inviting you to the Disability Awareness Service on Sunday night, September 26 at 6:00 pm at First CRC in Prinsburg. Paul Knapper and Pam Knapper will be leading us in Praise and Worship and Pastor Joel De Boer from Bunde CRC will be our guest speaker. The offering will be collected for our local Friendship Ministries. We hope you can join us for this special service to celebrate "**Everyone Serves and Everyone Belongs.**"



FRIENDSHIP BIBLE STUDY did not fold or cease. Due to the

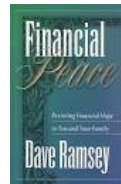
Friendship Bible Study



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 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](http://fpu.com/1136525) or go [rockoflifecrc.org](http://rockoflifecrc.org) and scan the QR Code.



Sermon Notes  
Sunday, September 5, 2021  
Ecclesiastes 5:1-7  
**God's In Charge, Not You**



## **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 Niger - Widowed Mother of Six Rebuilding Life After Husband's Martyrdom**

Rahila and Ibrahim met in Niger when Ibrahim began attending Rahila's church. Ibrahim had grown up in a Muslim home, but he heard the gospel while working in Niger, and he started attending church. Ibrahim and Rahila eventually married, and after the birth of four children, they felt called to return to Nigeria where they had two more children. Ibrahim's family were shamed by his Christian faith, and Ibrahim's brother eventually killed him to restore honor to the family. The brother then told Rahila that his remaining task was to kill her and the children for their faith as well. Rahila fled with her children to Tahoua, Niger, where she is currently staying in a small two-bedroom home with her elderly disabled father and his family. Pray that Rahila and her children's needs will be met. Pray they can find adequate housing, that Rahila will be able to provide for her family, and that the children will be able to return to school.

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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**

