

**Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, September 6, 2020**

**Sunday evening
6:00 pm**

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship
Welcome and announcements
God's greeting
Greet one another
Song of Praise *Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary* SJ 372 v.s 1-3

Psalm 81
Responsive Reading of the Law
Song *Jesus Paid It All* SJ 255 vs. 1,2,4
Congregational Prayer
Song *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* SJ 494 vs. 1,2

Prayer for illumination
*Scripture Psalm 115
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
Congregation: Thanks be to God
Lord's Day 34
Message **Calibrating The Heart**

Song *Grace Greater Than Our Sin* SJ 383 vs. 1,2,4
Parting Blessing
Closing Song *Bond of Love* SJ 123 vs. 1,2

***Welcome to worship this Labor Day weekend!
May our time together strengthen us so we can serve God
in whatever work we do.***

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: ANSWER GOD'S CALL FOR JUSTICE - In our current society, the topic of justice has become very political. Join Groundwork as we study Leviticus 25:10-17, Luke 4:17-21, Acts 6:1-4, Amos 5, and Micah 6:8 to better understand the meaning of Biblical justice and what that means for our role in pursuing justice. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Disability Concerns

Disability Concerns October Caregiver Series - Join us every Thursday in October, at 12 pm EDT for a conversation on Caregiving. This training event will help caregivers navigate the emotional landscape of their role and will give practical ideas how churches can help these families address the challenges for the person living with a disability as well as their siblings, parents, spouse, or other caregivers. Registration required. View our Network post: Disability Concerns Canada Conference Re-Imagined.

From Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Sabbath: In Wendell Berry and the Given Life, author Ragan Sutterfield quotes Berry: "[Sabbath] is not a break so that we might become renewed and refreshed for more work, but is rather a time when we live in the simple reality that we are creatures whose lives are given by God." How might this insight change how you celebrate sabbath? (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

From Office of Social Justice

"Blessing Not Burden" Campaign - The CRC Office of Social Justice is relaunching their "Immigrants Are a Blessing, Not a Burden" campaign to equip people of faith to speak in uniquely Christian ways about immigration! Stay updated with resources and opportunities by following their "Blessing Not Burden" Facebook page today! facebook.com/BlessingNotBurden

TODAY

Paul Knapper
Ministry Shares

*Sound System
Offering*

NEXT SUNDAY 9/13/20

Curt Groen
General Fund

CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday, Sept. 9 - 7:00 pm **Council meeting**
Sept. 21-22 **Classis meeting**

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/emdencrc/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.emdencrc.org/online-giving> for more information.

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

Next Sunday, September 13 we will be hearing God's word from Exodus 32 and reflect on Lord's Day 35 of the Heidelberg Catechism.

We will be resuming our regular offering schedules.

First Sunday of the month - Ministry Shares
Second Sunday - General Fund
Third Sunday - Building or Benevolent Fund
Fourth Sunday - CMCS Tuition Support
There will also be an offering plate for General Fund each Sunday.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethany Reformed Church will be having our Annual Fall Benefit Supper on Wednesday, September 9th from 4:30 – 7 pm. Take-Out Turkey Dinner...drive thru the alley to pick up your meals. All proceeds will go towards the Clara City Ambulance, Clara City Fire Department & Clara City Aquatic Center. Come & pick up a good meal!



CANCELLED September 14-15, 2020 Bible League Volunteers conference at the First Reformed Church in Sioux Center.

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.

Labors of love

Thomas Merton, an American monk, writer and social activist, said, "It is in the ordinary duties and labors of life that the Christian can and should develop his spiritual union with God." As the United States observes Labor Day, may we find meaning not simply in marking summer's end but in celebrating the ways nearly all "duties and labors of life" can empower ministry and faith.

Whether as a dentist, parent, artist, teacher, mechanic, gardener, city councilor, farmer, day laborer, attorney or anything else, a Christian can begin each workday or shift by praying for opportunities to serve whoever they'll encounter. We also can pray for and seek ways to grow in "spiritual union with God": cultivating spiritual fruits; actively loving God and neighbor; seeing Jesus in the vulnerable; practicing humility, gratitude and praise.

In Labor Day, may we find inspiration to make all our labors loving and faithful!

Labor Day thoughts

On this Labor Day weekend, it's hard not to think about how unemployment has affected many people in our communities and churches. Congregations with unemployed members have a calling to help however they can.

Some churches provide job fairs; some have regular meetings to help unemployed people cope. Some churches provide food and other necessities. Those who can should hire an unemployed brother or sister in Christ at a fair wage. The entire congregation should pray regularly for unemployed people.

Christians who've lost their jobs should know they still have work to do. The church always needs volunteers, and unemployed people can serve the Lord and help the church's mission.

Charles Wesley made every Christian's "work" clear in his hymn "A Charge to Keep I Have":

A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify,
A never-dying soul to save and fit it for the sky,
To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill;
O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!

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(interesting how fitting it is for today's world)



PRAYER CORNER

~ Please remember those in

REQUESTS
FOR
PRAYER

our congregation who have continuous health concerns:
Marge Link, Linda Mayer, Gerald Mulder, Darla Ruschen,
DeeDee Johnson, John & Dorothy Aalderks, Carson Groen

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Psalm 115

Calibrating The Heart

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH - Laos

Transformation for Young Man

Khamla was devastated when his wife left him. One day, as he walked past the Buddhist temple in extreme sorrow, something that looked like a small bird hit him in the chest. He became a strange person, violently strong and unable to communicate. His parents and the community were so desperate that they locked him in a cage. His parents made many animal sacrifices to the spirits and invited multiple witch doctors to help him, but nothing worked. Finally, they turned to the Christians, who sent believers to pray every day. After a month of prayers, Khamla calmly told his father he was ready to leave the cage. He, his parents and siblings all gave their lives to Christ after witnessing Khamla's transformation, and many others in the village began to show interest in Christianity. This worried village authorities, and they declared that Khamla and his family could remain Christians, but no one else in the village could. They also said that Khamla and his family could not lead others to Christ. *"Pray they will know what to do and that the Lord breaks down these barriers, as many saw the healing miracle of the Lord,"* a VOM partner wrote.

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

