

Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, September 12, 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 *Immortal, Invisible* SJ 12 vs. 1-4
Day by Day SJ 486 vs. 1-3

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Confession of Sin
Assurance of God's Grace
Song of assurance *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* SJ 481 vs. 1-3
Prayer of God's people
Offering General Fund
Song of preparation *Seek Ye First the Kingdom* PH 209 vs. 1-3

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination
*Scripture Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:9 pg. 1039
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
Congregation: Thanks be to God
Message **The Gift of God**
*Song of response *Be Thou My Vision* SJ 400 vs. 1-4
Celebration of the Lord's Supper PH pg. 973
Thank Offering The Broken

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing
*Closing Song *Lord, Be Glorified* SJ 528 vs. 1,2

On this anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, our Lord reminds us He is the Prince of Peace. Let us strive for peace in our homes, our community and this church. Welcome!

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

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. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

GROUNDWORK: YOU SHALL NOT MURDER - The sixth commandment "You shall not murder" seems quite straight forward. Yet as we read the whole Bible we discover it demands more of us than simply not killing another person. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Exodus 20:13, Genesis 4:2-12, and more to gain a deeper understanding of the sixth commandment. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Faith Formation Ministries

Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Sabbath: Read Mark 2:23-28 and ponder or discuss the following questions: What would a sabbath that is "made for you" look like? What would be life-giving? What would be restful? What would point you to God? For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject

Safe Church Ministry

Church Called Tov Book Club - Safe Church Ministry is hosting a virtual book study open to all interested in learning more about creating a TOV (good) culture in our churches! We will be reading *A Church Called TOV: Forming a Goodness Culture that Resists Abuses of Power and Promotes Healing* by Laura Barringer and Scot McKnight. Join us Monday evenings at 7:30 pm Eastern/4:30 pm Pacific for five weeks, starting September 27th and running through October 25th. To register: <https://bit.ly/TOVbookclub>

Safe Church Abuse Awareness Sunday: September 26 - In two weeks, the Safe Church ministry of the CRC invites congregations to imagine a more holistic approach to nurturing a safe and healthy church community where abuse itself becomes unthinkable and where survivors feel supported and safe. In preparation, learn more about Safe Church now at their website: crna.org/SafeChurch

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All Bulletin announcements due by Thursday noon.	
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Pastor's Pastors Cell: 320-400-3023	e-mail: davidzigterman029@gmail.com
Office phone: 320-329-3932	You are welcome to stop in and visit without an appointment.

TODAY

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

Greeters
Sound System
Offering
Coffee Hour
Nursery

NEXT SUNDAY 9/19/21

Rachael Zigterman & children
Nick Daugherty
Bldg & Benevolent Funds
Bob & Joan Swyter
Donna Fuls

CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, Sept. 18: ***Movie outreach night*** at 7:30 pm
Sunday, Sept. 19: ***Sunday School / Catechism begins after service***
Beginning evening Bible Study, 5:00pm
Monday, Sept. 20: ***Classis***

CHURCH FAMILY

We express our deepest sympathy to Sharon Van Eps & family on the death of Wally this past week. May God bring comfort and peace in the coming days. Visitation is Sunday evening, 5:00-7:00 pm and one hour prior to the funeral service on Monday at 11:00 am



Dear ones at Emden,
Thanks so much for the grateful note and card. I also want to thank Judy for so faithfully sending me the bulletin. I really appreciate that. May God continue to bless you all with the richest blessings. Please use my offering where the most need is. With love & prayers
—Ida Huisman

Thank you for the many blessings I received during this time of cancer treatments. It is overwhelming and I am humbled by the generosity and love shown by your calls, cards, visits, meals, and drives to Willmar. You all reflect God's love through your loving care! My sincerest thanks, —Caroline Brouwer

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.



On Sunday, Sept. 19 we will begin Sunday School/ Catechism. This will occur after the service.





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

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 all together!

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.



Next Sunday, September 19, we will be hearing God's word from Ecclesiastes 6:10-7:14.

COUNCIL NOTES

Treasurer report - July
Ending Balance \$34,701.89
Benevolent Fund: \$3,320.38
Building Fund: \$6,322.30

Council notes:

- Classis is on Monday, Sept. 20. Our delegates are:
Pastor: David Zigterman
Elder: Paul Knapper (alt. Duane Mulder)
Deacon: Heather Link (alt. Todd Groen)
- Mission Emphasis Sunday will be Oct. 24. Chris Alle from The Broken will give the message. The offering will be for Anthony and Sara.
- Our church will be hosting the Reformation Day service on Oct. 31

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

On September 20-21, Bible League Volunteers host two special events for you called ***Spreading the Fragrance of life***. 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 on line 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 DeBoer from Bunde CRC will be our guest speaker. The offering will be collected for our local Friendship Ministries. We hope you join us for this special service to celebrate ***"Everyone Serves and Everyone Belongs."***



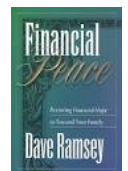
FRIENDSHIP BIBLE STUDY did not fold or cease. Due to the

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 7:00 pm for an hour of worship and fellowship at the Rock of Life CRC in Willmar. 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. Our friendship students will be leading the praise songs at our evening worship service on Sunday, September 26 at 6:00 pm.

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, 2021 at 6:30 pm. For more information and to register go to fpu.com/1136525 or go rockoflifecrc.org.





REQUESTS
FOR
PRAYER

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

The Persecuted Church: Afghanistan

Meeting Practical Needs with God's Love

With ongoing turmoil in Afghanistan, front-line workers and others face challenges in getting aid into the country. One of the biggest obstacles is that most banks are closed, blocking necessary funds for relief supplies, food and other materials. *"We pray in God's mercy that the Taliban would allow the country to open back up,"* a front-line worker said. *"We have connections where VOM is able to get practical assistance to our front-line workers ... we have contacts on the ground who are getting practical assistance into the country to assist our brothers and sisters."* Believers in the country are using opportunities to serve through such "practical assistance," displaying the love and humility of Christ and building relationships. *"It is a powerful witness, and coupled with praying with and for them and sharing the Word of God with them, God is pursuing the Afghan people, and they are coming to Christ,"* said the worker.

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, Sept. 12, 2021
Ecclesiastes 5:8 - 6:9
The Gift of God