

Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, September 13, 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
We Greet one another
Song of Praise *Here I am to Worship* LUYH 567

Psalm 115
Confession of our sin
Assurance of pardon
Congregational Prayer
Song *Holy God We Praise Your Name* PH 504

Prayer for illumination
*Scripture Exodus 32:1-14
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
Congregation: Thanks be to God
Lord's Day 35
Message **God's Never Ending Love**

Song *O Worship the King* PH 428
Parting Blessing
Closing Song *To God Be The Glory* PH 473

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-fbs>.
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.

As we look back and remember the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks this past week, our Lord reminds us he is the Prince of Peace. Let us strive for peace in our homes, our community and this church. Welcome!

<p><u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 9:00 am Catechism (1st & 3rd Sunday Sept.—May) 10:00 am Morning Worship</p>

<p>Elders: Duane Mulder - President Nick Daugherty - Vice President Doug Groen - Clerk</p>	<p>Deacons: Samantha Link - Chairman Curt Groen - Bldg / Benevolent Fund Todd Groen - Treasurer</p>
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From Back to God Ministries International

FAMILY FIRE - 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: A HOLY GOD LIVES AMONG US - Our Holy God chooses to live in our midst, among unholy people. Join us as we study Leviticus 1:1-2, Leviticus 10:1-7, Hebrews 10:19-25, and Mark 7:1-5, 14-23 to discover what this Old Testament book teaches us about living well in the presence of a holy God. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Formation Tip - "God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done." List all the things you "created" last week: work projects, meals, social media posts, family schedules, clean clothes, conversations.... Which of your creations were "very good"? Which helped others flourish? Which did not? Take some time to bring your list to God in prayer. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

Introducing the Faith Practices Project! - Faith Formation Ministries invites you to take a dive into transformational Christian practices (also called "spiritual disciplines") with the Faith Practices Project. Each month, find new resources for a particular practice at crcna.org/faithformation/practices. Join us as we start with the practice of Sabbath. We hope these resources will provide new insights for how to engage with God and open ourselves to God's work in our hearts.

From Safe Church Ministry

September 2020 Safe Church Webinar With Jay Stringer - Join Safe Church on Sept. 30 at 12 pm EDT for a Zoom call with Jay Stringer, CRC minister and licensed mental health therapist who has done years of research and uncovered the deep-rooted issues that lead to sexual brokenness. Learn more at <https://network.crcna.org/safe-church/september-2020-safe-church-webinar-jay-stringer-author-unwanted-how-sexual-brokenness>

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Pastor David's office hours: Tuesday - Thursday 8:30—12:00 Pastor's Cell: 320-400-3023 Office phone: 320-329-3932	e-mail: davidzigterman029@gmail.com You are welcome to stop in and visit without an appointment.

TODAY

Curt Groen
General Fund

*Sound System
Offering*

NEXT SUNDAY 8/20/20

Brad Link
Building / Benevolent Fund

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sept. 21-22 **Classis meeting**
Nov. 1 at 6pm **Prayer and Communion service**

CHURCH FAMILY

BRIDAL SHOWER - There will be an open house bridal shower honoring Cassandra Daugherty, bride-to-be of Jaden Thompson, next Saturday, September 19th at 9:30 in the church social hall. All are welcome! The couple is registered at Target and Amazon.



From Anthony & Sara: We don't have many updates for you today. Our schedules are very full with zoom meetings, writing curriculum, as well as meetings in small groups of people for training and counseling. We enjoy working with the Resonate team and we are continuing to go through the orientation process. We are a bit atypical because we were already on the field when we joined Resonate, so we are doing orientation, support-raising, and ministry, all at the same time. But since life has been moving at a slower pace throughout this pandemic season, it's all been working out very smoothly.

We have two blog posts today at <http://anthysara.blogspot.com> -
The Power of Four Page Sermons in Uganda
A Wedding During Covid-19

Thank you so much for your prayers for us. As we are praying for you with the upcoming election in the USA, please continue to pray for us for the upcoming election here as well. Also, please pray for us to be able to handle all of the screen-time that we have. We are getting exhausted by zoom, while at the same time appreciating the technology which allows us to do so much. Pray for my curriculum, *Helping Without Hurting in Africa* which is right now being printed by the publisher, Oasis International. It should be ready for people to order on Amazon by the end of December. Pray that God uses it in great ways and pray for me and my co-authors Jonny and Brian, that we would handle the launching of it well. Sara and I feel it is a privilege to pray for you too, so we invite you to share your prayer requests with us.

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 and directions.

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

Council Notes

Treasurer report:

Beginning balance	\$25,558.77
Total deposits	\$12,719.45
Total expense	\$9,236.97
Ending Balance	\$29,041.25
Benevolent Fund	\$1,673.46
Building Fund	\$12,709.72

Other notes:

On November 1 at 6 pm we will have a prayer and communion service. The purpose of this service is to ground our identity in and allegiance to Christ as we prepare for the Nov. 3 election.

We agreed to allow our church to be used as a distribution site for the Renville County Back-the-Pack program. This program provides meals and snacks to students at RCW who may need additional help to obtain nutrition over the weekends. If you would like to volunteer for this, please contact Pastor David.

Eliot Zigterman will be baptized on October 4

Next Sunday, September 20 we will be hearing God's word from Ecclesiastes 5;1-8 and reflect on Lord's Day 35 and 36 of the Heidelberg Catechism.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CMCS Concert Choir is looking for someone to accompany them for the Fall Concert on Monday, October 12. Rehearsals would be 2 or 3 times a week at 1:00-1:40pm starting September 21. If interested, contact Kourtney Schwitters at 320-441-8277 or kourtneys@cmcschool.org

Invitation: Are we/am I racist? What is systemic racism? What do Christians do about it? These questions are intensely in play among us these days. You are invited to listen in and even contribute to a ***“Living Room Conversation”*** on the topic, ***“Toward an Anti-Racist Ministry,”*** with the delegates of Classis Lake Superior on Monday, September 21st, from 7 to 9 pm. CDT. This conversation will be led by Dr Ruthanne Crapo Kim, a member of the Grace CRC, Inver Grove Heights, and on the Faculty of Philosophy, Minneapolis College. You may listen in from the comfort of your own home or perhaps with friends or in a group setting at your church (if so provided for). Registration is requested and you can do so here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4aaba92ea6ff2-toward>

If you have questions or would like further information, please contact Michael Ten Haken at mtenhaken75@gmail.com

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Raymond CRC on Tues., Sept. 15th from 1-7 pm. Due to Covid-19, walk-ins will NOT be available at this drive. Please make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org. Be sure to complete your “rapid pass” online before your appointment. This will help to ensure a quick check-in process. ALSO, donors will have the opportunity to be tested for Covid-19 antibodies during this drive....this does not indicate a current infection, but rather, a previous exposure to the virus. As always, if you are showing any signs of illness, please wait to donate blood until you are feeling well. Thank you so much for this life saving gift!



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.

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PRAYER

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

**The Persecuted Church: Tanzania
Wife Discovers Young Convert's Books**

Juma met with his pastor secretly after coming to Christ, afraid that his Muslim family would find out about his conversion. When his wife eventually found some of his Christian books, she immediately called his brothers, all radical Muslims. His brothers burned the books, beat Juma and threatened him. When word spread that he was a Christian, Juma was completely rejected by his relatives, neighbors and friends. He also lost his job. "No one will hire him, as no one is willing to give an apostate work," a VOM worker said. Pray for Juma and others like him, who have lost family and friends for the sake of 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.

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Exodus 32:1-14

God's Never Ending Love

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God" **Philippians 4:6**

