

Emden Christian Reformed Church  
Pastor David Zigterman  
Sunday, November 7, 2021 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 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*  
*Blessed Be the Name*

SJ 70 vs. 1-3  
SJ 59 vs. 1-4

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

Confession of Sin *Just As I Am, Without One Plea* SJ 387 vs. 1,3,5

Assurance of God's Grace  
Prayer: Loving God, I come to you in the name of Jesus.  
Sensing that you loved me before I could ever love you,  
I come to you as a sinner who needs your forgiveness.  
Trusting in your power,  
I long to turn away from all that keeps me from you.  
With your family in all times and places,  
I believe that salvation—  
for me, for others, for creation itself—  
comes through Jesus Christ.  
**Thank you for this indescribable gift. Amen.**

Prayer of God's people  
Offering Ministry Shares and Noisy offering  
Song of preparation *In Christ Alone* (words on screen)

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for illumination  
\*Scripture Ecclesiastes 11:1-6 pg. 1047  
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord  
Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **Investing In The Future**  
\*Song of response *Jesus is Lord of All* SJ 429 vs. 1-3

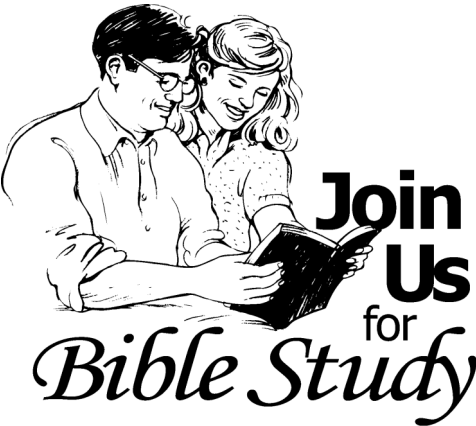
**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Parting Blessing  
\*Closing Song *Romans Doxology* (words on screen)

*Welcome to the Lord's house. Today we recognize with appreciation all the men and women who have served or are currently serving in our nation's military. We're glad you've joined us to worship God. Sing, pray and enjoy the Word of God when it is read and preached. Then go forth under the Holy Spirit's leadership.*

**Sunday evening  
5:00 pm**

Tonight we will continue our study in the evening on hospitality called ***Just Open the Door*** by Jen Schmidt.  
This is a 7 part series.  
Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us.  
Food will be served after the meeting.



**Elders:**  
Duane Mulder - President  
Nick Daugherty - Vice President  
Paul Knapper - Clerk

**Deacons:**  
Samantha Link - Chairman  
Heather Link - Benevolent / Building Fund  
Todd Groen - Treasurer

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**  
11:00 am Catechism  
(1st & 3rd Sunday Sept.—May)  
10:00 am Morning Worship

~ 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.*

**World Renew**

World Hunger 2021: Today is World Hunger Sunday. Join us! - Support the work of World Renew and help put food on tables around the world. Over 1 billion people around the world are hungry. World Renew has the plans, the systems, the partners, and the people to come alongside communities experiencing hunger. We are excited to join this program as a faithful response to the God who can accomplish abundantly more than all we ask or imagine. Thank you for giving as you are able to help solve World Hunger. . Pick up your World Hunger Campaign devotionals today and spend some thinking about what it means to hunger for good in our lives, our communities, and around the world. If you have children in your household, make sure to go online and download some special activities just for them at [worldrenew.net/WorldHungerChurches](http://worldrenew.net/WorldHungerChurches)

**ReFrame Ministries**

Seeking God's Face - is a daily, contemplative devotional—rooted in the ancient traditions of the Divine Office and lectio divina—guiding you to renewed communion with God through sacred Scripture and universal prayer. Subscribe for daily emails at [seekinggodsfacel.org/subscribe](http://seekinggodsfacel.org/subscribe).

Groundwork: Jonah: Praying for God's Deliverance - When we find ourselves in situations that we cannot fix, it’s natural to feel anxious, desperate, overwhelmed, exhausted, and scared. Join Groundwork as we study Jonah 2 to remember that God is ready to hear us, to deliver us, and to offer us his abundant mercy. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Ground-work's weekly emails for future episodes.

**CRC Communications**

Inspire 2022 - Are you missing gatherings and times of growing together? Plan to join us next summer in Chicago for Inspire 2022. People from across the denomination will gather August 4-6, 2022 at the Tinley Park Convention Center for worship, prayer, speakers, and workshops. We’d love to see you there! Learn more and sign up for email updates at [www.crcna.org/inspire](http://www.crcna.org/inspire)

**Faith Formation Ministries**

At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Generosity: Read Acts 4:32-35 and ponder or discuss the following questions. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject](http://bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)) The early church was characterized by a spirit of generosity. How does today’s church (or your own congregation) measure up? Do today’s Christians have a reputation for generosity? In what ways is that true or untrue?

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**TODAY**

David & Andrea Daugherty  
Brad Link  
Ministry Shares  
David & Andrea Daugherty  
Donna Fuls

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

**NEXT SUNDAY 11/14/21**

James & Phyllis Santjer  
Todd Groen  
General Fund  
James & Phyllis Santjer  
Layla Lewis

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

Wednesday, Nov. 10 ***Council Meeting,*** 6:30 pm  
Thursday, Nov. 11: ***Soul Care Women’s Bible Study,*** 7:00 pm  
Sunday, Nov. 21 ***Communion***  
Wednesday, Nov. 24 ***Thanksgiving Eve Service*** 7:00 pm

**CHURCH FAMILY**

Dear Friends, this week, we are sharing our November prayer letter. You can access it from the prayer letters page on our blog, <https://anthsara.blogspot.com/> . (Copies are in your church mail box). We are very grateful for your faithful prayers for us and would love to pray for you as well. Please let us know how we can be praying for you. In Christ, Sara and Anthony

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We will be continuing in-person worship. You can watch our services on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/emdencrc>. The sermon will continue to be made available on the website.



Sunday School/Catechism occurs after the morning service. We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month.

Tonight at 5pm we will continue our study in the evening on hospitality called ***Just Open the Door*** by Jen Schmidt. This is a 7 part series. The next study will be on Nov. 14.



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

Next Sunday, Nov. 14, we will be hearing God’s word from Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:8.



For the month of November, we will be recognizing World Hunger Month by supporting the Renville County Food Shelf. Each Sunday in November we ask that you bring nonperishable items to church and then throughout the week add money to the cans at home. You will find a list of donation items in your mailbox. Please also take a can to collect your money. Final donations and cans will be collected on November 28. Thank you in advance for making someone's holiday season a little more blessed this year!



FRIENDSHIP BIBLE STUDY did not fold or cease. We will meet every other Monday at 7 pm for an hour of worship and fellowship at the Rock of Life CRC. Our next meeting is Nov. 15. 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.

Friendship Bible Study



## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The CMCS Drama Department will be presenting "**All Together Now!**" a musical revue, featuring selections from many of your favorite Broadway shows, on Friday & Saturday, November 12 & 13 in the CMCS Event Center. We will be featuring our middle and high school students, along with several guest appearances from former CMCS drama students! Friday's performance will be at 7:00PM. Saturday's performances will be at 3:00PM (matinee) and 7:30PM. Tickets are \$10/adults and \$8/student & younger. Pre-k & under will be free ONLY for the Saturday Matinee. You can order tickets through Theater@cmcschool.org or by stopping in at the high school office during business hours.



Soup Supper

### Raymond-Bunde GEMS Soup & Pie Supper and Bake Sale

will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 17th from 5-7 pm at Raymond CRC. Take-outs are available. This event is free-will donation. We would appreciate anyone willing to donate items for the bake sale, to have the items to the church by 3pm on Wednesday, November 17.



### CMCS Harvest Festival - November 20

Central MN Christian School invites you to the 2021 Harvest Festival on Saturday, November 20th from 4:30-8pm. Bring the whole family for some sweet treats at the Sweet Shoppe and International Bakery, fun on the inflatables, shopping at the Market and Silent Auction, and a delicious meal at either the Snack Shack or the Ham supper. There are also some great items on the Live Auction starting at 6:30pm. Thanks for your support and we hope to see you there!!



### Honoring Our Veterans

Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, when a peace agreement ended World War I on November 11, 1918. President Wilson proclaimed that Armistice Day was to be marked with solemn pride in heroism and with gratitude for victory as well as the "opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice." In 1954, the remembrance was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. military personnel. It's a reminder to pray for and honor all who serve and sacrifice, to support and assist their families, and to pray that God will bring peace on earth.



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**PRAYER**

~ 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: Central Asia  
Pastors Train Children with Illegal Gospel**

Pastors in Central Asia are faithfully teaching the gospel to children even though such action is against the law. In many post-Soviet countries, teaching religion to children under age 18 is illegal. As followers of Christ, however, these pastors know it is important for young people to learn about the Bible and faith in God from a young age. Some of the pastors hold summer camps for children, and these camps attract both Christians and non-Christian participants. In fact, some of the children come from Muslim families who appreciate the lessons and activities that their children experience. Pray for these leaders as they teach the children at great personal risk, and pray that the children learn much about God.

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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.

Sermon Notes  
Sunday, November 7, 2021  
Ecclesiastes 11:1-6  
**Investing In The Future**

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

