

**Emden Christian Reformed Church**  
**Pastor David Zigterman**  
**Sunday, November 21, 2021 10:00 am**



**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship  
Welcome and announcements  
\*Call to worship Revelation 4:11; 5:12-13, NIV  
\*God's Greeting of His People  
\*We Greet One Another  
\*Songs of Praise *O Praise the Name*  
*Cornerstone*

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

Confession of Sin  
Assurance of God's Grace  
Song of assurance *Boundless Grace*  
Prayer of God's people  
Offering Building and Benevolent Fund  
Noisy Offering: Renville County Food Shelf  
Song of preparation *Be Unto Your Name*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for illumination  
\*Scripture Ecclesiastes 12:9-14 pg. 1048  
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord  
Congregation: Thanks be to God  
Message **Fear God And Keep His Commandments!**  
\*Song of response *Knowing You*  
Celebrate The Lord's Supper  
Thank offering The Broken

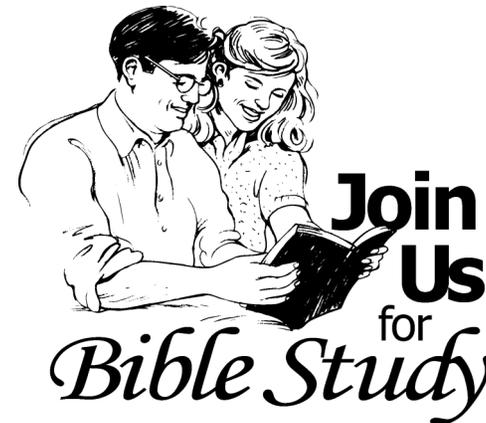
**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Parting Blessing  
\*Closing Song *Grace Alone*

*This is the Sunday before Thanksgiving.*  
*Let us be greatly thankful for all of God's blessings.*  
*This is the house of the Lord, and we are joining in worship*  
*as his children.*  
*Welcome!*

**Sunday evening**  
**6:00 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.



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

## Office of Social Justice, Resonate Global Mission, World Renew

Free Advent Devotion: You Shall Call His Name Jesus - Is your soul weary? Take heart in the names of Jesus that remind us of God's character, presence, and work in the world. Sign up for this free Advent devotion from World Renew, Resonate, and the CRC Office of Social Justice at [crcna.org/advent](http://crcna.org/advent).

### Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Generosity: Read 1 John 3:16-18 and ponder or discuss the following questions. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject](http://bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)) This passage clearly ties love of our neighbor to sharing material possessions with people in need. How do you discover needs in your neighborhood, city, country, and world? What needs are you able to meet? How might you remind yourself daily of God's generous love for you?

### Chaplaincy and Care Ministries

Today is Chaplaincy and Care Sunday - Churches throughout the CRCNA take time to pray for and encourage the frontline work of chaplains today. Chaplaincy and Care Ministry endorses, trains, advocates, and provides care for these specialized ministers and pastors as they serve in institutional settings. Support this essential and exciting ministry by giving at: [crcna.org/Chaplaincy/Donate](http://crcna.org/Chaplaincy/Donate)

### ReFrame Ministries

Groundwork: Jonah: Discovering God's Heart - Do you want to know and understand the heart of God? Join Groundwork as we study Jonah 4 to conclude our study of Jonah and witness the stark contrast between our human tendencies and his sovereignty. Together, we'll discuss how we can respond to God's relentless love and abundant mercy in our own lives today. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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### TODAY

Brad & Julie Link  
Paul Knapper  
Bldg & Benev Fund  
Paul & Wanda Knapper  
Dawn Link

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

### NEXT SUNDAY 11/28/21

Bob & Joan Swyter  
Curt Groen  
CMCS Tuition Support  
Doug & Anne Groen  
Isabelle Daugherty

### CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Nov. 21	<i><b>Communion</b></i>
Tuesday, Nov. 23	<i><b>Soul Care Service Project</b></i> 9:30 am
Wednesday, Nov. 24	<i><b>Thanksgiving Eve Service</b></i> 7:00 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 15	<i><b>Emden Christmas Caroling</b></i>
Friday, Dec. 17	<i><b>Christmas Cookie Decorating community event,</b></i> 5-8pm
Saturday, Jan. 22	<i><b>Community outreach pancake breakfast</b></i> (change of date)
Wednesday, Jan. 26	<i><b>Soup Supper</b></i>

### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sunday School/Catechism will occur after the service on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month.



Next Sunday, November 28, we will be hearing God's word from Psalm 122.



Tonight at 5pm we will conclude our study on hospitality called ***Just Open the Door*** by Jen Schmidt. Our next study will be on the book of Jonah.

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



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 non-perishable items to church. You will find a list of donation items in your mailbox. Please also take a can to collect money and then through out the week add money to the cans at home. Final donations and cans will be collected November 28. Thank you in advance for making someone's holiday season a little more blessed this year!



If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia plant to help decorate the church for the Christmas season, please sign up on the sheet on the back table. The cost is \$21 payable to Samantha Link.

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THANKSGIVING DAY Community Noon Meal at Unity CRC

Let's come together to eat and celebrate! Whether it's the year your kids are at the in-laws, or plans are to stay put, or you just don't want to fuss with the whole meal, COME! The main staples will be provided (turkey, potatoes, ham, stuffing). If you have a favorite side dish and/or dessert to share, bring it along! This is open to EVERYONE. Come with family. Come with friends. Come with a neighbor or co-worker. Pass this invite along to someone who would be blessed to share the day with others. No RSVP necessary. If you have any questions or would like to indicate an RSVP/ side dish choice, contact Pastor Steve & Ang - 320-444-6682.



You are invited to join us at Bunde CRC for a hymn sing next Sunday evening, November 28, beginning at 5:00pm. Please join us as we sing together many Thanksgiving hymns featuring the Bunde organists!

#### CMCS Holiday Greens & Poinsettia Fundraiser

If you placed an order for greens or poinsettias from a CMCS high school student and are able to pick up your order, the CMCS staff and students will be at the main school entrance to help load your orders into your vehicles on Tuesday, November 23 between 2:00-7:00PM. If you aren't able to pick up your order, you may contact the student you ordered from to arrange for delivery. Thank you so much for your support!

FRIENDSHIP BIBLE STUDY Monday November 22, 7pm at the Rock Of Life CRC. Cookies, Marlene R. and Jean TeBrake.

Friendship Bible Study



Sermon Notes  
Sunday, November 21, 2021  
Ecclesiastes 12:9-14

**Fear God And Keep His Commandments!**



**PRAYER CORNER**

Please remember those in our congregation who have continuous health concerns:

REQUESTS  
FOR  
PRAYER

Marge Link, Butch & Linda Mayer, Darla Ruschen,  
DeeDee Johnson, Carson Groen, Caroline Brouwer

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**The Persecuted Church: China**

**Authorities Detain Family from Early Rain Covenant Church**

On the morning of Nov. 1, government authorities detained Dai Zhichao along with his wife and their two sons. Dai, a practicing preacher of Early Rain Covenant Church and the leader of a small group, was about to take his family to another province for a vacation. Continuously persecuted over the past year, Dai has been summoned, detained and beaten multiple times by authorities in an effort to prevent him from participating in any activities related to Early Rain. Authorities have also monitored him, locked his home and shut off his electricity. His family planned the vacation as a way to break up the constant harassment. Pray for Dai, his wife and their two boys to have peace as they continue to endure persecution. Pray for them to remain joyful in the Lord and for them to find the peace that only Jesus Christ can provide. Pray for the gospel's continual advance in China.

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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**

