

Emden Christian Reformed Church
 Pastor David Zigterman
 Sunday, November 28, 2021 10:00 am



WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship
 Welcome and announcements
 Advent Candle Lighting
 *God's Greeting of His People
 *We Greet One Another
 *Songs of Praise *This is The Day* PH 241 vs. 1-3
 Praise The Lord. Sing Hallelujah PH 188 vs. 1-3
 We Praise You O God PH 237 vs. 1-3

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Confession of Sin
 Assurance of God's Grace
 Song of assurance *God Be Merciful to Me* PH 255 vs 1 & 3
 Prayer of God's people
 Offering: Emden Educational Fund
 Song of preparation *Grace* (on screen)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination
 *Scripture Psalm 122 pg. 966
 Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
 Congregation: Thanks be to God
 Message **Pray For The Peace Of Jerusalem**
 *Song of response *Jerusalem the Golden* PH 618 vs, 1,4

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing
 *Closing Song *Let All Things Now Living* PH 453 vs. 1,2

On this first Sunday in the Advent season, churches and Christian families now begin to celebrate the birth of Christ, whom God sent to earth for our salvation. We invite you to grow in eager expectation of celebrating our Savior's birth. Welcome!

Sunday evening
 5:00 pm

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



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.

World Renew

Advent Begins Today - Live as Jesus did in caring fellowship with the world's impoverished communities this Advent season through the World Renew 2021-2022 Gift Catalog. Choose a gift that helps people who live with scarcity to experience hope through Christ this holiday season. Give online at worldrenew.net/gifts or call 1-888-WRLD-RNW.

Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Generosity: Read John 3:16,17 and ponder or discuss the following questions. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject) As the season of Advent begins, how might you focus on God's great love and generosity expressed in the act of Jesus being born here on earth? What pictures do the words "eternal life" create in your mind? Where does your heart find itself more often: feeling God's generous grace, or feeling a sense of condemnation? Why do you think that is?

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: Christmas Hope: Tamar - If you feel far from God this Christmas, or if you just need a reminder that nothing can separate you from his love, then join Groundwork as we study Matthew 1:1-3, Genesis 38, and Romans 8:35-39. Together we'll be reminded of the real meaning of Christmas and find hope in the story of Tamar. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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TODAY

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

Greeters
Sound System
Offering
Coffee Hour
Nursery

NEXT SUNDAY 12/5/21

Rachael Zigterman & kids
Nick Daugherty
Ministry Shares
Tim & Dawn Link
Rachael Zigterman

CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 9	<i>Soul Care Bible Study</i> , Week 3 complete
Wednesday, Dec. 15	<i>Emden Christmas Caroling</i>
Friday, Dec. 17	<i>Christmas Cookie Decorating community event</i> , 5-8pm
Tuesday, Dec. 21	<i>Soul Care Service Project</i> 9:30 am
Sunday, Dec. 26	<i>Christmas Service</i> 10:00 am
Saturday, Jan. 22	<i>Community outreach pancake breakfast</i>
Wednesday, Jan. 26	<i>Soup Supper</i>

CHURCH FAMILY

As the fall season is upon us and the crops are gathered in, we should be grateful for the harvest after a hot, dry year! All of this is a reason to rejoice with gratitude for God's faithfulness. May God bless you all with joy, health and peace during these trying times. In Christ, Ida

With sincere hearts we would like to thank the congregation for your prayers, love and support, cards and gifts. We are truly blessed to be here and to consider this home. Thank you.

-Pastor David, Rachael, Evelyn, Obadiah, Serenity & Eliot

Dear friends, on this Thanksgiving day, we are grateful to God for bringing all of you into our lives. We are thankful that God has used you to provide the resources we need to live here in Uganda and to do the ministries God has called us to. We are grateful for the emails, letters, thoughtful questions, and the affirming encouragements. And we are grateful for the deeply committed prayers that you give to the Heavenly Father on our behalf and also for the Ugandan friends that we work with.

We have two new blog posts at <https://anthysara.blogspot.com>

Witchdoctor Testimony and Homosexuality Article

Post-Lockdown Ministry and Fun Life Photos

—Anthony and Sara

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.



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.

Next Sunday, Dec. 5, we will be hearing God's word from Psalm 72.

There is no Bible study tonight. Our next study will be on the book of Jonah beginning Dec. 5.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CMCS Christmas Concert Dates

The CMCS Music Department invites you to attend the following Christmas concerts:

Friday, December 10 at 7:00 PM - Elementary K-5 Concert, CMCS High School Gym

Monday, December 13 at 7:00 PM - 5-12 Band Concert, CMCS Event Center

Monday, December 20 at 7:00 PM - 6-12 Choir Concert, CMCS Event Center



FRIENDSHIP BIBLE STUDY did not fold or cease. We started on

Monday, September 20 and 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

December 6. 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.

Bethesda Foundation presents *The Sweetest Christmas Soiree*, Friday, December 17 at 7:00 pm. Please join us on our event page, Bethesda's Facebook page or Bethesda's YouTube channel to enjoy a night of local and regional musicians sharing their favorite Christmas music alongside your opportunity to bid on the best in Christmas gifting askets that also feature the holidays sweetest treats. Proceeds from *The Sweetest Christmas Soiree* will directly benefit resident life at Bethesda. Resident life strives to creat meaningful connections, enriching experiences, and vibrant communities that make life at Bethesda brighter. Register now at: **BethesdaWillmar.com/SweetChristmas**



Do you care deeply about seminary students on the journey to ministry? The Classis Ministry Leadership Team (CMLT) of Classis Lake Superior seeks to identity, encourage and support men and women who feel God's call to ministry. We believe this works best when pastors and lay people communicate with, support, and pray for seminarians. We are in need of a layperson to serve on our Committee, which meets a few times a year and makes connections with the students, typically by Zoom. If you are interested and willing to serve on this committee, please get in contact with Robert Hoekstra (pastor@hopecrc.com).



PRAYER CORNER

REQUESTS
FOR
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

The Persecuted Church: Ethiopia: Former Islamist -

"I Don't Get Peace If I Do Not Witness for Jesus"

Sheikh Ashim Hussein, 41 and father to nine children, grew up as a devout Muslim. Zealous for Islamic teachings, he sought to destroy Christianity and once mobilized his students to set fire to a church. But when the church members gathered at the sight of their burned church and prayed aloud for the forgiveness of those responsible, their witness bewildered Sheikh Ashim and shook his spiritual foundations. *"These people are not healthy people,"* he thought. *"How can they pray that God forgives someone who burned their church? In my religion, we curse people who do evil things."* Eventually, Sheikh Ashim trusted Christ for salvation and left Islam. But when Sheikh Ashim's Muslim community learned of his newfound faith, they rejected him, driving him from his home and threatening to kill him. Over the past decade, he has had to relocate multiple times due to ongoing harassment and threats. In spite of this, Sheikh Ashim boldly witnesses for Christ, and he has led 29 other sheikhs to salvation in Him. *"I don't get peace if I do not witness for Jesus,"* he said. Pray for Sheikh Ashim as he continues to share the gospel with Muslims. Pray that he and his family will have all their needs met as they seek to rebuild their lives after a decade of persistent persecution.

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, November 28, 2021
Psalm 122

Pray For The Peace Of Jerusalem