



Emden Christian Reformed Church
 Pastor David Zigterman
 Sunday, November 29, 2020



**Sunday evening
 5:00 pm**

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship

Welcome and announcements

Advent Candle Lighting

The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares,
 and their spears into pruning hooks;
 nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
 neither shall they learn war any more. —from Isaiah 2:4, NRSV

*God's greeting

*Greet one another

*Song of Praise *With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring* PH 183 vs. 1,3,4

Luke 1:46-55

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Song of gratitude *God, Be Merciful to Me* PH 255 vs. 1,2,4

Congregational Prayer

Song *O Love of God, How Strong and True* PH 463 vs 1,3,5,7

Prayer for illumination

*Scripture Matthew 1:18-25

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Lord's Day 11 of the Heidelberg Catechism

Message **The Name of Jesus**

*Song of response *O Come, O Come, Immanuel* PH 328 vs. 1,2,4

*Parting Blessing

*Closing Song *Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow*

This is the first Sunday in the Advent season. We begin now to prepare spiritually for the blessed event we call Christmas. Let us engage in sincere worship and vow to walk daily with God. A warm welcome to each of you!

There will be a prayer meeting this Sunday at 5pm. 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.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:00 am Morning Worship
 5:00 pm Prayer Time

Elders:

Duane Mulder - President
 Nick Daugherty - Vice President
 Doug Groen - Clerk

Deacons:

Samantha Link - Chairman
 Curt Groen - Bldg / Benevolent Fund
 Todd Groen - Treasurer

Free Advent Devotional - He Will Be Our Peace is an email devotional series put together by World Renew, Resonate Global Mission, and the CRC Office of Social Justice that features reflections from CRC ministries around the world during Advent 2020. Each devotion will be delivered to your email inbox every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, starting December 2, 2020, through Christmas Day. Join us as we journey through lamenting injustice to looking forward to the coming of the Prince of Peace using the book of Micah. Go to justice.crcna.org/advent to sign up today!

From Back to God Ministries International

Advent Devotional Series From Today - It's been a rough year. Let Advent help you see God's story in Christmas. This special devotional series takes you deeper into the true meaning of Christmas, the coming Savior. Subscribe at todaydevotional.com/advent. It's free!

From Safe Church Ministry

Safe Church December Webinar: Raising our Voices - This webinar will feature two courageous people who will raise their voices to share with us from their own experience of abuse, what it was like for them and how the church responded in ways that were helpful, and perhaps sometimes in ways that were unhelpful. What can we learn for the future? Learn more: network.crcna.org/safe-church/raising-our-voices

From World Renew

(for Thanksgiving Day, Thursday -- 11/26/2020) Join World Renew in Giving Thanks. Happy Thanksgiving! To know the hope we find in Jesus Christ is a miraculous blessing. To share that hope is an amazing gift. Through Free a Family®, World Renew helps people who live in poverty to eat better, stay healthier, and overcome poverty for the long-term. Please give generously to World Renew's Free a Family® program and deliver the gift of hope to families living in poverty. To donate today, call 1-800-552-7972 or give online at worldrenew.net/free-a-family

From Calvin University

Handel's Messiah Sing-Along - Messiah is a 101-year tradition at Calvin University. This year, a true "pick-up chorus" of Calvin students, faculty, and staff joined the Calvin Orchestra to keep the tradition alive! Join us for the Messiah Sing-Along Premiere on the Calvin University YouTube Chanel on Friday, December 4 at 8 p.m.

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TODAY

Children of the Promise

*Sound System
Offering*

NEXT SUNDAY 12/6/20

Curt Groen
Ministry Shares

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Dec. 20	10:00 am	<i>Communion</i>
Friday, Dec. 25	10:00 am	<i>Christmas Day service</i>

CHURCH FAMILY

Ida Huisman's new address: 2232 Roslyn Ave, Duluth, MN 55802

Kim & Nancy Mulder's new address: 107 Shellrock Drive, Northwood, IA 50459



New Address

 Congratulations to Jaden and Cassandra (Daugherty) Thompson who were married last Friday night. May God bless their marriage, enrich their lives and deepen their love through the years. New address: 13372 195th Ave SW, Raymond, MN 56282 Jaden: 320-979-2924 Cassandra: 320-579-0008

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council decided to cancel church through the end of November. Worship services will continue to be livestreamed during this time. 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. Council will meet again this week to decide for the month of December.

If you would like to send in your **Thanksgiving offering** envelopes and if you would like to continue giving during this time 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.emdenrc.org/online-giving> for more information.

Sunday School remains undecided. A decision will be made by Council this week.

Next Sunday, December 6, we will be hearing God's word from Isaiah 11:1-11 and Lord's Day 12 in the Heidelberg Catechism.

Please consider this prayer challenge: Pray 1 minute each night at 8 pm for our nation.

Please feel free to take any books from the library you would like to keep. The library will be disbanded in about a month.



Library books

If you think someone should serve on Council next year, please let a member of the council know.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A drive thru Turkey Dinner benefit for the family of John Booth, a 4 year old heart transplant recipient from Renville, will happen on Sunday, December 6 from 11am-1pm at Roseland Reformed Church. Free will donation. Please call 320-978-8911 with the number of meals you are requesting.



Would you like to give a unique Christmas gift this year that will help people around the world and can have a long lasting, positive effect in their lives and their community? Through the World Renew Giving Tree Project you are able to purchase a goat, ducks, sheep, chickens, tools, nutrition kits, farming tools, sanitary items, wheelchairs and many other items for people around the world and share God's light with those who live in extreme poverty. On the back table is a basket of cards with different items of differing monetary costs that you can choose an item that fits within your budget or your families budget and donate to World Renew. Mail in your card and donation or go online or call World Renew (instructions are on the cards). You can also give your donation as a gift in someone else's name and request a gift card be sent to them to let them know.



The Haiti Literacy Team would like to thank all those who supported us by ordering Haitian Spaghetti! It was an incredible fundraiser! Our next opportunity to support this work is to check out our metal art and ornaments brought to us by Singing Rooster, the same company we purchase our coffee through. These decorative pieces are made by Haitian artisans. Check out our Facebook page for more information. We will also take coffee orders. Orders will be taken from Nov. 9 - Dec. 7 and will arrive in time for Christmas. Questions? Call or text Christy Groen 320-212-9643.

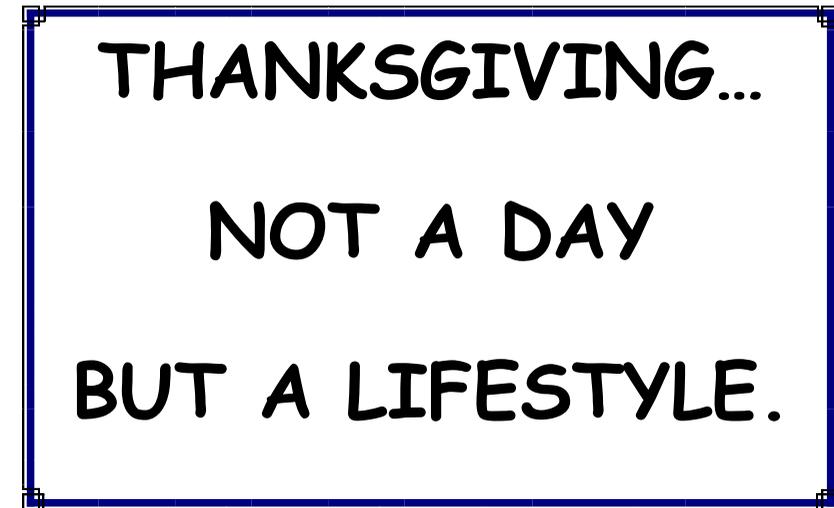


The Sweetest Christmas Soiree - a night of music and Christmas favorites, together at home. Join Bethesda Foundation for a night of virtual Christmas music and themed holiday auction, benefiting Bethesda's bold response to COVID-19 on Friday, December 11 at 7:00 pm. This online premiere will feature local musicians performing their favorite Christmas selections alongside your opportunity to bid on a variety of themed auction items crafted with the area's sweetest baked goods and candies. Register today at www.BethesdaWillmar.org or find us on Facebook "Bethesda Willmar".



Enrollment forms for the Back-the-Pack program can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/backthepackprogram/>. If you know of anyone who might be interested or in need of this program, please share this link with them.

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, Carson Groen

**The Persecuted Church: Mali
Kidnapped Swiss Missionary Dead**

Swiss missionary Beatrice Stockli arrived in Mali in 1998 as part of a missions team. Beatrice grew close to a local pastor’s family, staying in Timbuktu for several years and becoming known for distributing tracts. She was kidnapped in April 2012 during an Islamist insurgency in the country and held for 10 days before being released. She briefly returned to Switzerland but returned to Mali in 2013 against her family’s wishes and the advice of her government. She cited Galatians 2:20 to local Christian leaders as her reason for returning: *“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live...”* She stayed until June 8, 2016, when she was taken from her home by armed men in pickup trucks. Along with other foreign hostages, Beatrice was held by fighters of the Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb. In early October, a hostage who had been released reported that Beatrice had been executed just weeks before by members of the Jama’at Nasr al-Islam wal Muslim group. *“Her death, in our opinion, is that of a martyr who resisted in her Christian faith and surely refused to reject faith in Jesus,”* wrote a VOM contact. Pray that her witness for Christ might lead her executors to salvation, and pray that those she led to Christ in Mali will remain bold in their faith.

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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Matthew 1:18-25
The Name of Jesus

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

