

## **Emo CRC's March 27<sup>th</sup> updates in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Your Council would like to provide you an update of what's happening with respect to the Christian Reformed Church here in Emo. We continue to focus on support to our membership, keeping in mind that God is ultimately in control.

- Online services continue to be available through our website, [www.emocrc.ca](http://www.emocrc.ca)
- The video sermon from Marno Retief, scheduled for March 29, is currently postponed. Marno has sent us a video link to his COVID-19 Message. The video link is <https://youtu.be/iemKAiKT1m0>.
- The meeting scheduled for March 25 was cancelled and will be rebooked, hopefully for next week. This meeting will deal with how to move forward with the calling process. We are looking at teleconferencing equipment for the Council Room.
- Issues of The Banner and Today may be found (in box) just outside the entrance to the church and copies can be picked up by members anytime. You are reminded that you can also find The Banner online at [www.thebanner.org](http://www.thebanner.org) and the Today devotional online at [www.reframemedia.com](http://www.reframemedia.com).
- When there is more information to be sent out to our church family, it will continue to be done by email. This information is also available on our website. If you are aware of someone who does not have access to this information, please inform an elder.
- Church services through April 5 remain cancelled due to the COVID 19 pandemic. We will continue to review possible Sunday service start up dates
- All church activities i.e. GEMS, Coffee Break, Dorcas, Bible Study and Church Rental remain to be cancelled until further notice.
- The vote scheduled for April 5 to call Dr. Marno Retief will be postponed.
- The Congregational Meeting scheduled for April 7 will be postponed. The Agenda & Reports for the Congregational meeting will be printed and put in mailboxes at a later date, two weeks before the Congregational Meeting. If you have not yet submitted a report, you can still do so by emailing it to [emocrc@gmail.com](mailto:emocrc@gmail.com) or by calling Jeannette at 276-2928 to make other arrangements.
- As before, this continues to be a fluid situation and we will try to adjust as needed.

The circumstances surrounding the COVID 19 virus may cause you or your family to need support during this time. Our deacons are prepared to help in any way. If you, or anyone you know of, require(s) help to have groceries or household items delivered to your/their home, prescriptions or mail picked up, or if you/they require financial assistance, please contact one of the deacons.

With church being cancelled for the next two Sundays, we do have financial obligations to meet with our budget, including monthly expenses. We kindly ask that you continue to support the church with your financial giving, particularly if you budget weekly donations. Budget envelope donations can be sent to the church's mailing address - Box 209, Emo, Ontario P0W 1E0, or if you wish to do e-transfers (electronic funds transfer) please e-mail the transfer to [emocrc.t@gmail.com](mailto:emocrc.t@gmail.com). Otherwise, when church resumes, we can collect envelopes from previous weeks. If the church must remain closed beyond these two weeks, other arrangements will be explored to provide opportunity for receiving financial contributions.

Please find attached the April Care & Share newsletter, "Think On This-3" from Pastor Kasey and the COVID-19 message from Dr. Marno Retief.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the chair of council at [chair.emocrc@gmail.com](mailto:chair.emocrc@gmail.com)) or one of the deacons.

*"And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."* Micah 6:8