

Emo CRC's September 18th Update

Your Council would like to provide you an update of what's happening with respect to the Christian Reformed Church here in Emo this week:

- Our service is planned for this Sunday, September 20. The Worship Committee continues to work alongside Pastor Marno to plan Sunday services. The services will include both live and online components. Worship Lyric Videos will continue to be incorporated into the service to hum or meditate on the lyrics. Songs will be incorporated at the end of the service to sing outside (weather permitting). Please remember that attending the service is ultimately your decision; you are not required to attend. Face masks will be provided in the foyer if you need one. Do not attend if you have a cough, fever, or do not feel well. The service would include a controlled entrance and exit policy and physical distancing measures will continue to be in place. We will not have a Sunday school or nursery program at this time.
- If you have prayer requests that you would like included in the congregational prayer, please contact the elder of the week. This Sunday, Paul Koomans will be the officiating elder.
- Remember that the Fellowship Hall is also available for people to worship; the service will be projected on the big screen. Physical distancing applies in this room also.
- Online services continue to be available through our website, www.emocrc.ca. Dr. Marno Retief will have an online message prepared for September 20 for those not attending the service.
- A reminder that in our October Care & Share newsletter, we would like to have a list of our college/university students, with their addresses (physical and/or email) so we can remember them throughout the school year with notes/letters of encouragement, etc. Parents of these students can email Jeannette at emocrc@gmail.com or call her at 276-2928 with this info. Any other contributions for the newsletter can also be sent to Jeannette at emocrc@gmail.com. Please submit by Wednesday of next week.
- A new Elder District List has been made for 2020-2021. A hard copy has been placed in your mailbox at church. A digital copy will be added to our church's website under the members' tab.
- From The Church Library:
In April, the library put out a display of *The English Garden* series by Lori Wick. The first book in the series of four, called *The Proposal*, was taken out at that time. Another member is asking to read this series and would like to start with the first one. If you have this book at home, could you return it in to the Church Library Return Box so it can be passed on to the next person. If you can't get it back to the library, please contact Carolyn Stang. Also, at this time, the library and fellowship hall are closed and there is no definite time yet when the library will be available for use. If it was possible to get books out to the congregation and still follow Covid-19 guidelines for books and dvds, how many people would make use of that opportunity? Email Carolyn at cdstang@hotmail.com and let me know if it is something for us to consider trying to implement.
- The family of Ron Sikkema thank you for all the prayers for Ron since he became sick many months ago. They praise God that Ron was able to come home today and that he is clear of COVID. He came out of isolation this past Wednesday. Ron has a lot of things going on but he's good enough to get home with a lot of care and caution. Continue to pray as he moves forward.
- Please remember 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. The "second collection" for this Sunday will go towards the Emo Food Bank. You are reminded that when doing an e-transfer, you can put your envelope # (otherwise the deacons can look it up) and where you would like your donation to go in the message/memo line. If you leave the message/memo line blank, donations will automatically

go towards the Budget.

The second collections for the following Sundays:

September 27 - Safe Church Ministry

October 4 - Budget

October 11 - One Hope Canada/Mark Mast

October 18 – Timothy Leadership Training

Institute/Albert Strydhorst

- 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.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your elder or deacon.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6,7.