

## Emo CRC's October 9 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, October 11. This service will be a Thanksgiving Service. We will not be having a worship service on Thanksgiving Day (Monday). 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.
- As of last Sunday, there WILL BE Sunday School provided during our worship services for children Age 3-Grade 3. At this time, we WILL NOT have Sunday School at church for Grades 4-8. Each week, lesson material will be emailed to all families with school-age children. The material sent home will be flexible, easy to understand, and cover a range of age groups. We encouraged parents to do the lesson with their children. We can also provide hard copies of material if you request it. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Van Beek (807)275-9655 or Jenna Esselink (807)276-1542.
- If you have prayer requests that you would like included in the congregational prayer, please contact the elder of the week. This Sunday, Dan Agombar 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](http://www.emocrc.ca). Dr. Marno Retief will have an online message prepared for October 11, for those not attending the service.
- The COA is asking all committees, etc. to submit their budget requests for the 2021 Budget by the end of this week.
- A Congregational Meeting is being planned for Tuesday, November 24, 2020.
- The October issue of THE BANNER has arrived. You can pick up a copy, either on the table in the foyer, or in the box just outside the entrance to the church.
- This Thursday, October 15th at 7:00 p.m., our church will be hosting Gus Olsthoorn from Creation Ministries International (Creation.com). He will be doing a two part presentation with a 15 minute break between. The topics are:
  - I Can See Clearly Now: Making Sense of the Creation/Evolution Question
  - Noah's Flood: The Catastrophe that Changed the WorldWe will be following COVID-19 regulations. Social distancing will be in place and face masks will be provided if you need one. We hope to see you there!

- 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 [emocr.t@gmail.com](mailto:emocr.t@gmail.com).

The "second collection" for this Sunday will go towards World Renew - Free a Family. The Gift of Hope - Happy Thanksgiving! To know the hope we find in Jesus Christ is an amazing blessing. To share hope is an amazing gift. Through Free a Family, World Renew helps families to eat better, stay healthier and to overcome poverty for the long-term.

As we cannot have our "reverse offering" for the Emo Food Bank this Thanksgiving because of COVID, our deacons would like to encourage you to drop off groceries in the bin in the entrance at Cloverleaf for the Emo Food Bank. This is important to do anytime but especially now as we think about Thanksgiving Day approaching. They need canned fruit, canned vegetables and canned meat/fish. These are items everyone gets so are always needed. Cold cereal, cookies and crackers are also a popular item. Now with schools back, any lunchbox item is appreciated. 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:

October 18 - Timothy Leadership Training Institute/Albert Strydhorst	November 1 -
World Renew/World Hunger	
October 25 – Calvin Theological Seminary	November 8 -
Back to God Ministries	
- 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.**