

Emo CRC's October 16 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 18. 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.
- 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, Arnold Kaemingh 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 October 18, for those not attending the service.
- Thank you to all those who put together the meaningful service, celebrating Thanksgiving, which was held last Sunday. Below this email you will find a picture of the tree that was put up in front of the church. Everyone was invited to write on leaves, what they were especially thankful for, and then at the end of the service attach their leaves to the tree.
- The Dorcas ladies are scheduled to meet on Monday, October 26, at 9:45 a.m. at the home of Bonnie Toles. The roll call word will be *song*. All ladies are welcome to come out.
- A Congregational Meeting is being planned for Tuesday, November 24, 2020.
- 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 Timothy Leadership Training Institute/Albert Strydhorst. 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 25 – Calvin Theological Seminary
God Ministries

November 8 - Back to

November 1 - *World Renew/World Hunger
Chaplaincy and Care Ministries

November 15 -

*World Hunger Sunday 2020 - Nearly 1 billion people around the world are hungry. In two weeks, we will be observing World Hunger Sunday. God gives us food for the body and food for the spirit. He has a place for all of us at His table. Pick up your World Hunger Campaign devotionals and spend some time thinking about why and how we welcome others to God's table. Devotionals are in in your mailbox at church. If you have children in your household, you will also receive a children's devotional. If you are unable to come to church to pick up your devotionals, they can be downloaded online by going to: worldrenew.net/world hunger.

- 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.

