

## Emo CRC's December 4th 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, December 6, the Second Sunday of Advent. The Worship Committee continues to work alongside Pastor Marno to plan Sunday services. The service would include a controlled entrance and exit policy and physical distancing measures will continue to be in place. Face masks will be provided in the foyer if you need one. Please do not attend if you have a cough, fever, or do not feel well.
- 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 anyone is interested in teaching Sunday School in the coming months, please contact Jenna Esselink (Junior Sunday School) or Michelle Van Beek (Senior Sunday School).
- If you have prayer requests that you would like included in the congregational prayer, please contact the elder of the week. This Sunday, Dale 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](http://www.emocrc.ca). Dr. Marno Retief will have an online message prepared for this Sunday, December 6, for those not attending the service.
- A new church directory is being made up to come out in the beginning of 2021. You are asked to email Jeannette at [emocrc.ca](mailto:jeannette@emocrc.ca) with your information (names of family members, address, phone numbers, cell numbers, email addresses). Please send her your information even if there has been no changes since the last directory.
- Mark Mast has put together a 5-part Christmas Advent video series for children and teens which he has posted on YouTube. It can be seen by going to <http://tiny.cc/markmastvideos>.
- The December issue of THE BANNER has arrived. There will be some put in the box outside of the entrance to the church (tomorrow) and some will be available on the table in the foyer. Please help yourself.

- World Renew Christmas catalogues are in your mailbox at church. You can also see the catalogue at <https://worldrenew.net/gift-catalog>. The Gift Catalog gives you the opportunity to choose how you want to support families around the world achieve sustainable, healthy lives. Whether it be a goat, a chicken, a handwashing station, or an empowerment training for at-risk youth, your gift could be just what someone needs to move forward with hope. Browse through the catalog, get the family involved, and have fun!
- 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).  
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:  
December 6 - Local Budget  
December 13 - World Renew/Hurricane Eta Response  
December 20 - World Renew/World Hunger  
December 27 - Resonate Global Mission/Ian & Jessica Friesen
- 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.**