

Sola Gratia
Grace Alone

Sola Fide
Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura
Scripture Alone

Emo Christian Reformed Church
November 2022

Care & Share

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear Family

October was such a grace-filled month for us as a congregation and – on a personal level – for myself and my family. My ordination as a pastor of the Christian Reformed Church in North America on October 2nd, 2022, was truly one of the highlights of my life thus far. I am deeply grateful to God for the opportunity to serve and lead a congregation such as Emo CRC. As my brothers and sisters in Christ, I implore you to always keep me in your prayers, since I am totally dependent on the grace of God to fulfil the calling God has given me. Pastoral ministry can be and often is spiritually challenging, thus the support of your prayers is extremely important to me.

As we think about Reformation Day this year (October 31, 2022), I remind you of the Reformers' emphasis on grace alone (*sola gratia*). One of the perennial challenges of the spiritual life is the need to remember that our perseverance as followers of Jesus does not depend on our own strength or works. As Paul writes to the believers in Ephesus, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9, ESV). As this verse highlights, even the faith we have is "the gift of God"! We truly have nothing to boast about. Every aspect of our relationship with God is the result of God's grace. Accordingly, as we proceed on the path of faith, let's never think our acceptance by God is somehow related to our level of holiness or the depth of our theological understanding. No, we enjoy a right relationship with God because of Christ alone (*solus Christus*), on the basis of Christ's saving work on the cross. Yes, as children of God, the fruit of the Spirit needs to be present in our lives, as Paul emphasises in his letter to the Galatians, but even this spiritual evidence of saving faith is the work of God's grace. Thus, we truly are a people of grace! It's my heartfelt prayer that our interactions with each other as brothers and sisters in Christ will always be marked by a profound awareness of this amazing grace.

Yours in Christ

Pastor Marno

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

NEVER BE AFRAID TO TRUST AN UNKNOWN FUTURE TO A KNOWN GOD—Corrie ten Boom

We have arrived at the final months of the year. The first snowfall scared many but in the last few days we have experienced warmer temperatures again and lots of sunshine.

Our church's winter programs have started up again. Pastor Marno's first EDS (Emo Discipleship School) is finished and he will be starting another series on November 9th. The Sunday School staff has been putting their love into teaching their students about trusting Jesus. Jenelle and Brittany have been planning for a Christmas program already. Coffee Break is on the go. Zoe Youth will be starting up next Thursday. Our pastor, elders and deacons all do their work with care.

November 11th is Remembrance Day. In our district, we live in peace—a peace which we did not put our lives on line for. Other countries do experience war. Other Christians are persecuted. What about us? For myself, I could not take the life of another. Once I brought a live mouse outside because I could not kill it. The wars are a lot about power and greed. For some of us, we remember World War 2. After the war, everyone agreed—no more war! Churches were full with thankful people. Peace comes at a high price. Peace in our hearts came at a high price as well. Jesus died for us! We can appreciate the price paid by loving each other.

We praise God with Lucas & Alyssa Koomans with the birth of Kendal Marie, born on Friday, October 14th. Kendal is a sister for Colton. Congratulations Lucas & Alyssa as well as grandparents Paul & Karen and great grandparents Ted & Ynske.

We look forward to celebrating the baptism of Nora Andrea Esselink, daughter of Jake & Jenna, this Sunday, October 30th.

We welcome Hannah Assad who has been worshipping with us after recently moving to Emo.

As we look forward to the Advent/Christmas season, we encourage you to submit Advent/Christmas poems, writings, etc. for the December Care & Share. They can be emailed to emocrc@gmail.com

The Dorcas ladies invite you to their annual STAMPOT SUPPER, planned for the 18th of November.

Hayley Arpin is our student away who is celebrating her birthday on November 3. You can email her a note of congratulations to arpinhayley@gmail.com.

Our seniors celebrating birthdays in November are Louis Byma (on the 22nd) and Bonnie Toles (on the 25th). Those celebrating 40+ anniversaries in November are Dale & Kathy Kaemingh (40th on the 13th) and Nico & Jeannette (43rd on the 24th).

Blessings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in November.

Thought for the Month:

*A candle loses nothing of its light
by lighting another candle.*

I REMEMBER

When Remembrance Day rolls around each year, I remember;
I remember the young men who gave their legs
 so I may walk freely wherever I go;
I remember the young men who gave their arms
 so I may use my arms to hold love ones near;
I remember the young men who gave their ears
 so I may hear the sounds of the birds singing,
 not guns booming, as they heard;
I remember the young men who gave their feet
 so I can walk to greet my fellow man,
 not march to meet an enemy;
I remember the young men who died
 so we may live and not know the horrors of war.
I remember those who live with wounded minds
 so we may live, learn and develop our minds and country;
I remember the men who were prisoners of war and
 lived in concentration camps with little food, heat and clothing
 so we may live in a nice warm home with lots of food and clothing.
Anonymous



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*In Christ,
Kevin DeRaaf, Acting Canada Director*

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October 7, 2022

“Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever” (1 Chronicles 16:34).

Pikangikum Bound Again!

As you may recall, Mark was given the opportunity to minister in Pikangikum First Nation for two weeks in September. Besides teaching 30 Christian Education classes at Eenchokay Birchstick School each week, Mark also had many precious opportunities to meet/pray with people in need. God blessed in beautiful ways! And now, the door to return has been opened once again. Since Colleen Estes (missionary in Pikangikum) is continuing her medical leave until late October, Mark will be returning this coming Monday for another two weeks. Please pray for many Divine appointments as he instructs K-8 students from God's Word and ministers to many hurting people. Recently, there have been some very sad and difficult events and Satan is trying to gain the upper hand. “But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!” (1Corinthians 15:57).

Apple Blossoms

Tina and Rachel will once again be conducting a discipleship/mentoring program called Apple Blossoms throughout the month of November. Please pray for all the girls who will be nurtured in their faith.

Guatemala Outreach “GO!”

The Lord has raised a “GO!” team to serve in Guatemala from November 8-15 and your prayers are greatly needed and appreciated. The team will be building homes, continuing construction of the Grace, Love and Mercy church, conducting Bible Schools, preaching at churches and serving impoverished people at area dumps with the love of Christ. If you are interested in being part of a trip in 2023, please contact us for more information: masts@bell.net

“Happy Thanksgiving!”

Whether you live in Canada or the USA, it is the season of giving thanks! People in Canada are celebrating Thanksgiving this weekend (October 10) and those in the USA on November 24. As you gather with family and friends, may you be overwhelmed with thanksgiving to God for the greatest of all gifts, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. “Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift” (2Corinthians 9:15).

Thank You!

Once again, thank you for all the ways you bless and encourage us in ministry. Your prayers and support are deeply appreciated. We are daily reminded of God's faithfulness through you. Thank you again for everything.

All for Jesus,

Mark & Tina Mast






November

	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms	Proverbs
<input type="checkbox"/> 01	Ezekiel 1:1-3:15	Hebrews 3:1-19	Psalms 104:1-23	Proverbs 26:24-26
<input type="checkbox"/> 02	Ezekiel 3:16-6:14	Hebrews 4:1-16	Psalms 104:24-35	Proverbs 26:27
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<input type="checkbox"/> 05	Ezekiel 12:1-14:11	Hebrews 7:1-17	Psalms 105:37-45	Proverbs 27:3
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<input type="checkbox"/> 30	Daniel 7:1-28	1 John 1:1-10	Psalms 119:153-176	Proverbs 28:23-24



NOVEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00 COUNCIL	2 Ryan Kaemingh 10:00 COFFEE BREAK	3 Haley Arpin 6:00 ZOE YOUTH	4 Theo deGroot (Jnr.) John Redford	5
6 Janine Angus 10:00 WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL 5:00 PRAISE & WORSHIP	7 Adam Esselink Ashton Veldhuisen *Marno & Benita Retief (13th) 9:45 DORCAS	8	9 10:00 COFFEE BREAK 7:00 EDS	10 Skylar Arpin Carol Kaemingh Allegra Retief 6:00 ZOE YOUTH	11 Megan Polakoski  REMEMBRANCE DAY	12 Kristine Kaemingh
13 Hannah Veldhuisen *Dale & Kathy Kaemingh (40th) 10:00 WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL	14	15 7:00 CONSISTORY	16 10:00 COFFEE BREAK 7:00 EDS	17 Wilma Kooistra 6:00 ZOE YOUTH	18	19
20 Ayseling Foster 10:00 WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL	21	22 Louis Byma	23 10:00 COFFEE BREAK 7:00 EDS	24 *Nico & Jeannette Veldhuisen (43rd) 6:00 ZOE YOUTH	25 Bonnie Toles	26 Joanna Esselink Annie Van Rozen Haiko Van Zwol
27 Katy Esselink 10:00 WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL	28 Susan Crans	29 Elliana Kooistra Donna Osadchuk Andrea Van Zwol Marcus Veldhuisen	30 Jake Esselink 10:00 COFFEE BREAK 7:00 EDS			