

Dear Emden family,

With the closure of church these past and future weeks due to COVID-19, we, as a council, are trying to best navigate these different times, while receiving support and direction from many sources: community, state and national leaders, our denomination, fellow local CRC and area churches. While financially secure at this current time, we thank you for your continued financial giving to support our church and the community around us. During this time and moving forward, the CRCNA (Christian Reformed Church of North America) has begun an online giving platform that is available to CRC churches free of charge. The council has decided to pursue this for anyone interested in online giving, while still continuing to accept mailed or dropped off checks for those that prefer that. Having another option allows for flexibility for our members. As with all current giving (unless specifically marked otherwise), this will go directly into the General Fund. When giving online, you have the option of a one time gift or a recurring monthly gift. There is a 3% processing fee with each online gift. This is NOT for making a profit but, as with any credit/debit card processing, is a standard fee.

If interested in online giving, you can follow these instructions (instructions also on website):

1. Go to link: www.CRCNA.org/churchgiving (link can also be found on church website: <https://www.emdencrc.org/online-giving>)
2. Near the bottom of the page there are giving options: choose or enter amount you would like to give
3. Select Emden CRC from drop down menu: Minnesota - Renville - Emden CRC
4. Select US Dollars
5. Click the next button
6. If you desire to have a recurring (automatic) monthly gift, you can select that now
7. Enter payment method (credit/debit card or automatic bank withdrawal)
8. Enter payment info
9. Complete

You will receive an emailed receipt from CRCNA. Because your gift is processed through the CRCNA, you will only get a receipt from CRCNA and not from Emden. If needed for tax purposes, keep these receipts. The council will get frequent updates of those who have given online and record appropriately.

If you have any questions, please contact Samantha Link - Deacon Chairperson (320-894-4593 or samlink05@yahoo.com) or Pastor David.

Whether giving online, by mail or drop off, we are so grateful for the love you have for Emden, your financial giving and prayer support. Please continue to pray for Emden and Christians around the world as we trust God is in control.

We miss seeing you in fellowship and worship together!

Be blessed and be a blessing,

Emden Christian Reformed Church Pastor and Council