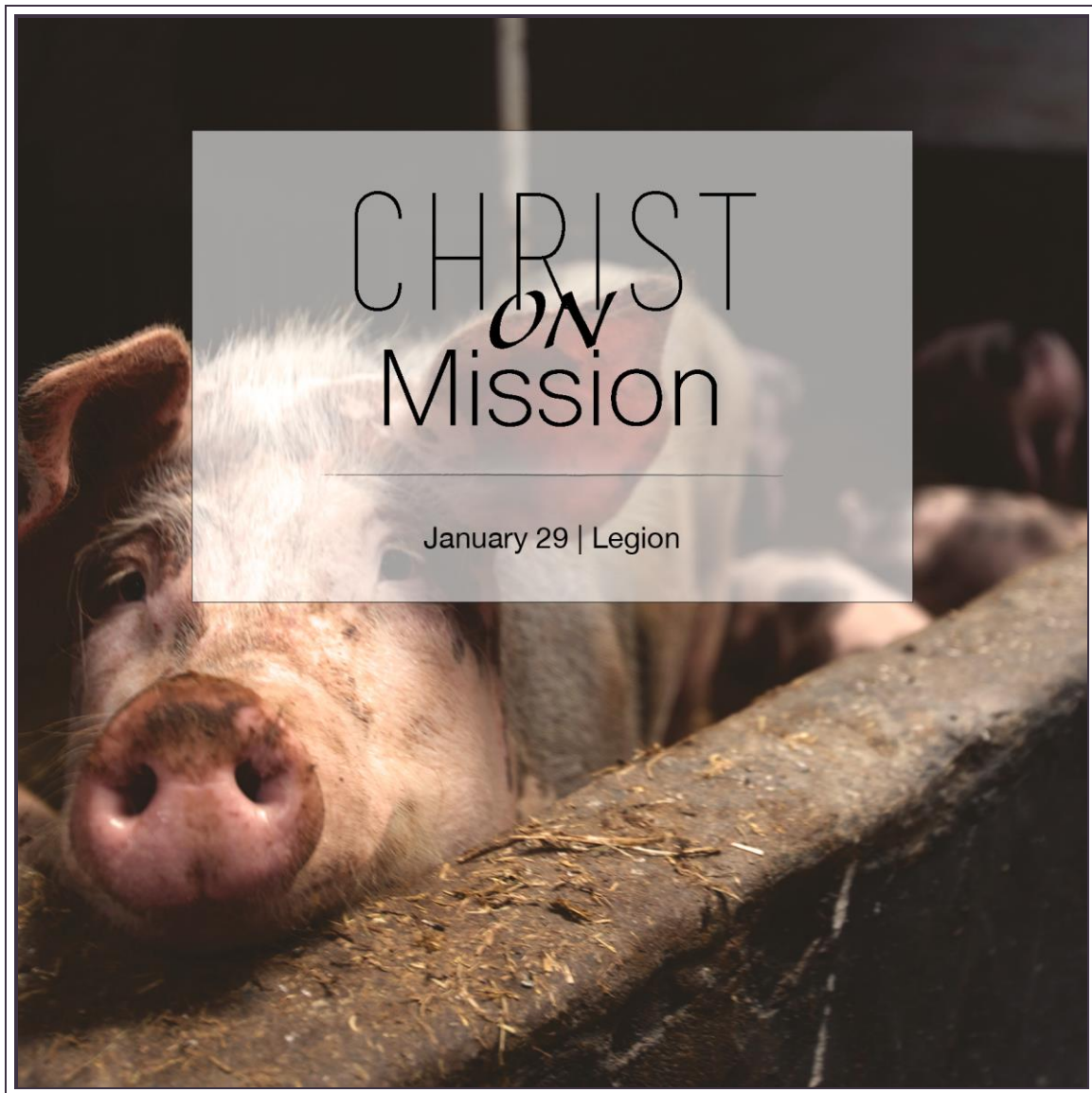


Community Christian Reformed Church  
Kitchener, Ontario



January 29, 2017

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**10:00 a.m.**

**Candidate Betsy DeVries**

*Elder-in-Charge: Ian B*

[\* Please rise, in body or spirit]

*Today we will be led in worship by Betsy DeVries who is a candidate for ministry in the CRCNA. She has her M.Div. from Calvin Theological Seminary and is currently a Ph.D. student at the Toronto School of Theology studying preaching. She and her family live in Drayton, Ontario, where her husband is a pastor at the Reformed Church.*

### **Gathering and Greeting**

Gathering Song: *"Lord Reign in Me"*

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

\*Songs of Praise: *"All Who Are Thirsty"*

*"Lord Most High"*

### **Confession and Assurance**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Thanksgiving: *"Forever Reign"*

### **Proclamation of the Word**

Children's Message

Children ages 3 – Grade 3 are now invited to participate in Sunday School. Children (ages 3-5 only) need to be signed in and out by a parent or guardian.

Song of Preparation: *"Hosanna"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 8: 26-39

Message: **"Legion"**

Prayer of Application

Children in Grades 4-6 are invited to participate in their weekly sermon discussion.

## **Response to the Word**

\*Song of Response: PsH #479 *"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community CRC  
2) Redeemer University College

Offertory Song: *"Sovereign Over Us"*

\*Closing Song: *"Crown Him (Majesty)"*

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: *"New Doxology"*

**The congregation is asked to remain in their seats after the service to allow the Pastor and people with special duties or disabilities to exit first.  
Please exit when the music begins.**



**Following the service, everyone is invited to come together  
for fellowship and coffee/tea/juice in the gymnasium.  
Coffee for seniors is served in the Multi-Purpose room.**

**6:00 pm**

**Pastor Carel Geleynse  
Celebration of Lord's Supper**

*Pianist: Irene G*

[\* Please rise, in body or spirit]

## **Praise and Prayer**

Welcome

Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Opening Song: PsH #42 vs. 1,5,3 *"As A Deer In Want of Water"*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 88

Prayer and Share

Offering: Redeemer University College

### Hearing the Word

Song of Preparation: *"I Need Your Help, O Lord My God"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Job 3

Sermon: **'Cursing the Day of His Birth'**

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response: PsH #576 1, 3, 6 *"A Congregational Lament"*

### Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Institution

Song: PsH #381 *"Go To Dark Gethsemane"*

The Teaching

Prayer

The Invitation

The Distribution of the Elements

Response of Praise

\*Song of Response: *"Be Still, My Soul"*

\*God's Blessing

\*Doxology: *"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"*

#### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

*The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong*

Congratulations to **Scott L and Katherine D-L** (11) with the birth of a daughter. Charlotte Eliana Grace was born on Sunday, January 22 and mom and daughter are doing well. Praise God for this gift of new life!

Our condolences are extended to **Pete and Joyce D** (4) and their children, **David, Samara (Charlie), Justine and Daniel** with the passing away of Pete's mom, Mrs. Ida D. Mrs. D passed away on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at the age of 90. The funeral was held this past Wednesday at Wyoming Christian Reformed Church.

Praise the Lord for the hope we have in Jesus! May the Lord comfort all who mourn.

Our condolences are extended to **Pamela V** (7) with the passing away of her brother-in-law **Bruce H** from Washington State. Bruce passed away on January 27, 2017 after being sick for some time. He was an uncle to **Jeff and Leah V (Olivia & Katelyn)** (6) and **Kevin and Amanda V**. Please keep this entire family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of a loved one.

**Richard T** (9) was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto last weekend and continues to be there even today. He is seriously ill. Pray for Amy, Nicholas and Emily during this time of concern for Richard's health. May God be gracious to the Ts and pray that He will allow them more time together as a family.

**Art K** (7) was released from Grand River Hospital this past week and has returned to his home. As much as they do not want this, it is a temporary arrangement until a room in a long-term care facility becomes available. Please keep Art and Nellie in your prayers during this difficult time. Pray that a spot comes open somewhere near where Nellie lives so that it will be easy for them to continue to spend as much time together as possible.

**Darlene B** (6) underwent shoulder surgery last week and is recovering at home. Pray for patience and healing during the recovery period.

Please continue to pray for:

- those dealing with various illness among members of their extended family;
- those dealing with depression and other forms of mental illness;
- those dealing with cancer, its treatment and effects: **Sarah B** (8), **Denise H** (11), **John N** (3), **Claire N**, a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student at Laurentian Hills Christian School. Claire's father **Terry N** is a nephew to **John and Ruth N**;
- those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis because of various health issues;
- those who are unemployed or underemployed;
- **John and Jane H** with Samaritan Foundation in the Dominican Republic; **Anthony and Barbara P** with Daystar Ministries on Manitoulin Island; **David and Jessica O** with World Renew in Senegal; **Kim H** with CRWM in Guatemala, **Hank and Rosario S** volunteering with CRWM in Guatemala; **David and Bethany N** (7) volunteering in Mali.
- **persecuted Christians**
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation.

## *A Note from Pastor John and Ashley*

**B:** As some of you may already know, **Pastor John and Ashley B** of St Catharines are engaged to be married. This week, Ashley will be moving from St. Catharines to Kitchener and living with Dorothy O for the next few months. The wedding is scheduled for August 11.

Thank you all for your continual kind words, encouragement, congratulations, cards, and gifts.

Love,

**Pastor John and Ashley**

### Membership Information

*Congratulations* to the following members of our congregation celebrating birthdays this coming week:



**Jan 29 – John F (8)**

**Feb 1 – Teresa R (6)**

**Feb 3 – Rob K (8)**

**Feb 4 – LaVonne M (4)**

May they experience God's richest blessings in the coming year and as they celebrate their birthdays!

### UPCOMING SERVICES

|        |         |                               |
|--------|---------|-------------------------------|
| Feb 5  | 10 a.m. | Pastor Amanda                 |
|        | 6 p.m.  | Community Care Groups         |
| Feb 12 | 10 a.m. | Pastor Carel<br>Lord's Supper |
|        | 6 p.m.  | Pastor Amanda                 |

### OFFERING SCHEDULE

#### **Budget Contributions For January 22, 2017 including Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)**

|                                   | Actual<br>Contributions<br>Received | Targeted<br>Contributions | Contributions<br>(Shortfall)/<br>Surplus |          |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|----------|
| Jan 22                            | 23,359                              | 28,212                    | (\$4,853)                                |          |
| YTD                               | 48,460                              | \$66,442                  | (\$17,982)                               |          |
| Race Relations                    |                                     |                           | \$                                       | 1,328.70 |
| Benevolence                       |                                     |                           | \$                                       | 1,115.00 |
| CRWM                              |                                     |                           | \$                                       | 170.00   |
| Laurentian Hills Christian School |                                     |                           | \$                                       | 100.00   |
| Woodland Christian High School    |                                     |                           | \$                                       | 100.00   |
| Redeemer University College       |                                     |                           | \$                                       | 50.00    |
| Ontario Christian Gleaners        |                                     |                           | \$                                       | 20.00    |

**This week our offering is for Redeemer University College.** The mission of Redeemer is *"to offer a university-level liberal arts and science education which is scripturally directed and explores the relation of faith, learning, and living from a Reformed Christian perspective and to support research and creative endeavor in this context."*

**Next week our offering is for World Renew - David and Jessica O.** David and Jessica are volunteering as health educators, working with World Renew and its partners to help strengthen an adolescent health education program being taught in the suburbs of Dakar, Senegal.

## MISSIONARY CORNER

Last week we received a mission update from **Kevin and Kim H** who work for Christian Reformed World Missions in Guatemala. Please help yourself to a copy of the latest news at the information centre. Here is an introduction to the letter from Kim:

*"The purpose for this mission update is twofold. On a personal note, we write to share with you the exciting news that our family is growing! Baby #2 is expected at the end of July, 2017. We are all very excited and would covet your prayers during the months ahead as we plan and anticipate our new little addition. We would also like to share with you some of our service goals for the coming year.*

## COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

**News from the Church Library:** The CCRC Library Catalogue is now online! To access the catalogue go to the church website at [www.ccrc.on.ca](http://www.ccrc.on.ca) and click on the "Ministries tab". Select "library" and follow the instructions on the Library page. The program currently lists the full catalogue with all the books, novels, study materials, CD, and DVD's that the library has along with a functioning search menu. It's a convenient way to view resources that are available at church from the comfort of your home or office. The library is open every Sunday before and after the morning service and is located in the gym.

**Do you want to connect with other young adults?** A new bible study has started up called VINE and it is for all young adults aged 18-30. The meeting is today (Sunday) at 12:15 in the Fairview Mall food court. This is an 8 week bible study discussing the sermon series entitled "Christ on Mission" and how this applies to our lives. Carpooling from the church will be available. Contact Matthias M with any questions.

**Cadets** (boys 7-13) will meet tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. at the church.



**Knifty Knitters:** If you love to knit and/or crochet, please join us at the church on Tuesday, January 31 at 9:30 a.m. for another morning of caring through crafting. Visitors are always welcome.

**Friendship:** meets this Tuesday at the church at 7:00 p.m.



**Volleyball:** All are welcome to join in this Tuesday, at 8:30 p.m. (for fun and non-competitive volleyball). If you have questions or would like to know more, please contact Adom P or check out our Facebook Page "Volleyball at CCRC".

**Ladies: all ages are welcome to join us for Coffee Break Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. here in the multipurpose room.** Nursery and preschool classes (up to age SK) are provided. Join one of our current studies: Jennie Allen's "Restless" DVD study or "Women of the Word" by Jen Wilkin, which will run until February 8th.



Winter workshops will be offered on February 15th. For more information, contact [coffeebreak@ccrc.on.ca](mailto:coffeebreak@ccrc.on.ca).

**GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Saviour – girls ages 7–13)** will meet this coming Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the church.



**Friday Night Bible Study** will meet this Friday, Feb. 3, 2017 at the home of Anne D at 7:30 PM. We will be studying the last chapter of the study book (Joseph). Material will be distributed at the meeting. Please let Anne know whether or not you are planning to attend.

### Youth News

#### Student Impact Grades 9-12

**Student Impact** will be having a Bible Study on Wednesday February 1 from 7-9 PM. We will be doing another lesson from "Can I Ask That?"

**Camp Shalom Summer Staff** - Are you looking for a meaningful summer job? Camp Shalom is now accepting summer staff applications. All positions are paid and you must be 17 before Dec. 31st, 2017 to apply. Visit [www.countrysidecamp.com](http://www.countrysidecamp.com) to apply or for a list of available positions. Interviews will start February 11th.

### DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

**For all of the announcements, employment and volunteer opportunities available through the Denomination and others, please see the listing and posters on the bulletin board across from the washrooms for information.**

**Christ Throughout History** - Why is Jesus Christ's life the most important life ever lived? Why do people believe different things about him and where is the evidence in scripture? Join the conversation on passages like Colossians 1:15-20 and more, as Han-luen Kantzer Komline joins us again to continue our study of Jesus Christ. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**Laurentian Hills Christian School (LHCS) Kindergarten Information Evening for New JK and SK Students for 2017-2018:** Laurentian Hills Christian School, located at 11 Laurentian Drive in Kitchener, will be holding an Information Evening for parents of new Junior and Senior Kindergarten students for the 2017/2018 school year tomorrow, Monday, January 30th, at 7:00 pm. We offer both full-time and part-time kindergarten programs. You are invited to come and learn about the difference Christian education could make in the life of your child. If you have any questions regarding this information evening, please contact the school office at [519-576-6700](tel:519-576-6700). Check out our web site at [www.lhcs.net](http://www.lhcs.net)

**Couples Weekend Workshop**, March 31 - April 2, 2017 in Hamilton, ON. Are you looking to reconnect with your spouse? Join us for this weekend workshop for couples: **Hold Me Tight: Proven Strategies to Strengthen Your Relationship**. This workshop is appropriate for couples who want to connect more deeply, want to get “unstuck” from their patterns, are in established or new relationships. For more information and to register, contact Shalem Mental Health at 905.528.0353 or [office@shalemnetwork.org](mailto:office@shalemnetwork.org) or visit [www.shalemnetwork.org/workshop/holdmetight](http://www.shalemnetwork.org/workshop/holdmetight) . If your church is a CAP church, it may be possible to use some CAP coverage to help with the fee, contact us for more information.

**Annual Inter-Classis Safe Church Conference** will be held on Saturday, March 4 from 9-3:15 at the Waterloo CRC. For many years churches have been sponsoring refugees from many different parts of the world. The theme of this conference has to do with refugees and trauma and how the church can respond. Asmaa C will be telling "A Refugee Story" for the plenary session and there will be workshops on trauma (both that experience by refugees and by those in the pew), forgiveness, insurance questions (for churches who sponsor refugees), and an introduction to the Plan to Protect program. To register online go to: [www.abc.wmott.ca/scc/regn/php](http://www.abc.wmott.ca/scc/regn/php).