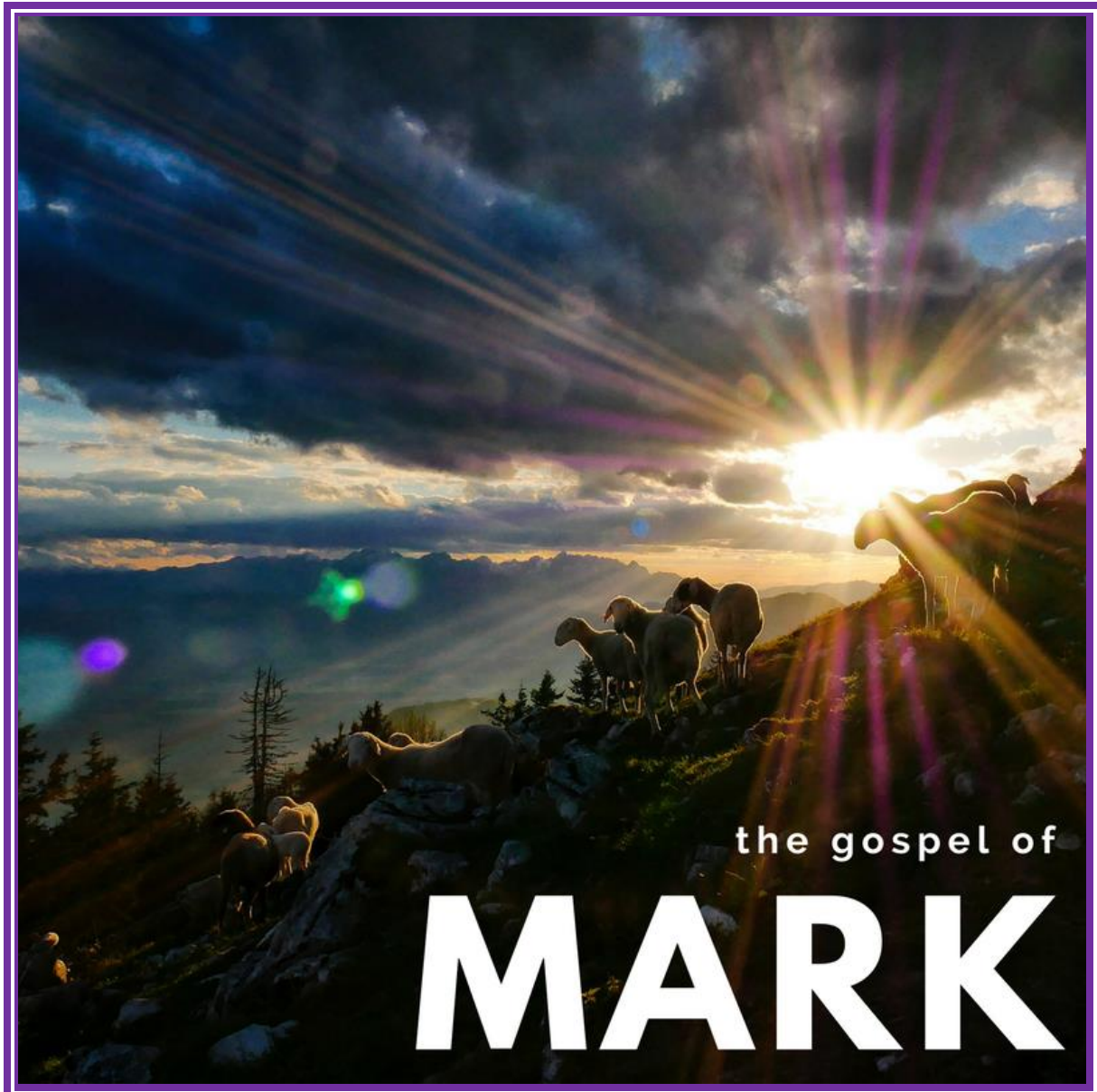


Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario
February 4, 2018



God Seeking Us

February 4, 2018
10:00 a.m.
Pastor Amanda Bakale
Elder-in-Charge: Hart F

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: *"Build Your Kingdom Here"*

Welcome and Announcements

Cadets Enter

*Call to Worship: Psalm 100

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Praise: *"Because of Your Love"*
"Your Grace is Enough"

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Dedication: PsH #292 *"Living for Jesus"*

Children's Message *"Found"* by Sally Lloyd Jones and Jago

Children's Blessing

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.

Proclamation of the Word

*Song of Preparation: *"Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak"*

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11-16 (NIrV)

New Testament Scripture Reading: Mark 6: 30 – 34 (NIrV)

Sermon: **"Being a Shepherd"**

Prayer of Application

Response to the Word

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

*Song of Response: *"Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

Prayers of the People

Ministry Sharing: Cadets

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church
2) Calvinist Cadet Corps

Offertory: *"The Stand"*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: *"New Doxology"*

After the service you are invited to join Pastor Amanda in the sanctuary (organ side) for a brief conversation that will cover CCRC's position on children at the Table, the CCRC process for welcoming children to the Table, and how you as a parent can walk alongside your baptized child as you discern their readiness to participate in this sacrament.

**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 John Medendorp

Pianist: Aimee B

Praise and Prayer

Welcome

Call to Worship

Song: PsH #428 vs 1-5 *"O Worship the King"*

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 14: 1-20

Song: PsH #621 vs 1-4 *"The God of Abraham Praise"*

Prayer and Share

Offering: Calvinist Cadet Corps

Hearing the Word

Song: PsH 110 *"The LORD Unto My Lord Has Said"*

Belgic Confession, Article 21

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 7

Sermon: **"A Greater Order of Priest"**

Song of Response: PsH #501 vs 1-7 *"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

Prayer of Application

God's Blessing

Doxology: PsH #621 vs. 5 *"The God of Abraham Praise"*

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Congratulations to **Adrian and Kirstin B (8)** with the birth of a daughter. **Julia Rose** was born on January 29 and all is well. Praise God for this gift of new life!

Please continue to pray for:

- those who are shut-in and/or unable to worship with us on a regular basis because of various health issues;
- those dealing with depression and other forms of mental illness;

- those dealing with cancer, its treatment and effects: **Shannon B** (7);
- **Olga S** (11) who remains as a patient at St. Mary's and **Jane D** (14) who continues her stay at Victoria General in London;
- those dealing with broken relationships;
- 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; **Kim H** with Resonate Global Mission in Guatemala; **Hank and Rosario S** volunteering with Resonate Global Mission in Guatemala
- the persecuted Church;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

Congratulations to the following members in our congregation celebrating a birthday in the coming week:



Feb 4 – LaVonne M (4)
Feb 6 – Richard D (14)

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

STAFF INFORMATION

Please note that the church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, February 5.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Feb 11	10 a.m.	Pastor John Lord's Supper
	6 p.m.	Communities Meet
Feb 18	10 a.m.	Pastor Carel
	6 p.m.	Pastor Amanda

Next Sunday during the morning service we will be celebrating the sacrament of Lord's Supper. The Council of Community CRC invites believers of all ages to the table, following an age and ability appropriate public profession of faith. If you desire to come to the table but have not made profession of faith, please let a pastor or elder know so we can begin the conversation.

OFFERING SCHEDULE

Budget Contributions For January 28, 2018

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus
Jan 28	\$7,932	\$12,758	(\$4,826)
YTD	\$61,762	\$68,859	(\$7,097)
Ontario Christian Gleaners			\$ 1,559
Daystar Ministries			\$ 100
Resonate Global Mission			\$ 50

This week our offering is for the Calvinist Cadet Corps. *"The Calvinist Cadet Corps is an independent (non-denominational) youth ministry organization whose purpose is to provide the local church with ministry programs that will enable them to effectively share Christ's love with boys from their church and community."*

Next week our offering is for Laurentian Hills Christian School (LHCS). *“LHCS is an independent school, providing Christian education to students in grades JK-8 since 1967. It is interdenominational, drawing students from over fifty different churches in the Kitchener- Waterloo area. This year there are 73 new students and 40 new families. The total student population is 354.”*

The 2017 Charitable Tax Receipts were put in the church mailboxes this past week. If you have any questions about your receipt please contact Karen V, our Contributions Secretary.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Mark your Calendars: The following dates are set aside for Communities/Community Care Groups meetings for the remainder of the ministry year:

- February 11
- February 25
- March 11
- March 25
- April 8
- April 22
- May 6 (final scheduled meeting)

CCRC go! Project: As of January 30th, the total amount pledged to the CCRC go! project is \$1,090,724.00 Thank you everyone for your pledges! We are now getting very close to our 1.2 million dollar target, however more pledges are still needed. If you haven't yet completed your form we ask that you complete and submit your form as soon as possible. Thank you!

Refugee Wait Times (A note from Christian Reformed Churches in North America / Canada) Churches across Canada, along with World Renew's Refugee Office, know about the challenges of refugee sponsorship in Canada, especially the long wait times that discourage sponsors and further traumatize refugees. Privately sponsored refugees can often wait, without updates on the progress of their application, for more than 16 months. Our system has become slow and inefficient. Other refugee sponsorship organizations in Canada, like the Mennonite Central Committee, or organizations advocating with refugees, like Citizens for Public Justice, have also seen the effects of wait times and the way this systemic issue undermines the good work being done by churches. Please contact your local Member of Parliament to address this issue of voice your concerns.

The following ministries are looking for volunteers:

- The Worship Committee
 - Musicians
- The Worship Committee
 - Congregational Representative
- The Kitchen Auxiliary
- The Safe Church Team
- The Missions Strategy Team

Please check out the “Connect, Participate, Serve” bulletin board for more details. Prayerfully consider if you are able to give of your time and talents to become involved in one of these ministries.

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



Life After Fifty Five (L.A.F.F.) meets this Tuesday at the church. Coffee and fellowship is at 10:15 a.m. with the meeting to start at 10:45 a.m. This week the group will be joined by Rick D who returns to speak further on Far East Broadcasting in Cambodia and the Ukraine, and the difficulties they experience. Lunch will be provided.

Friendship meets this Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Derrick will be the storyteller using session two, We Sing.



The Deacons will be meeting this Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Volleyball: Volleyball will meet again on **February 20**. All are welcome to join in 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".

Coffee Break meets this Wednesday, at 9:30 am at the church. Women of all ages and stages of life are encouraged to join us for a morning of prayer, fellowship and renewal. Childcare is provided.



Any questions, please contact coffebreak@ccrc.on.ca.

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



Teen Club Grades 7 & 8

Hey TEEN CLUBBERS! Next Friday, February 9th, we are planning on going to the Chicopee Tube Park (1600 River Road East, Kitchener) from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Meet us there! The cost is \$10 per person, and we'll have snacks and drinks to meet you when you take a break from the hill :). If you are 12 years of age or younger, Chicopee requires that you wear a helmet. Hockey helmets will suffice, but if you do not have a helmet, Chicopee has some available for rent. Let us know if you are coming so we can plan accordingly for the night. Dress warmly! (There will not be a permission form, but we will be taking attendance when you check in and pay).

Student Impact High School Youth (Gr. 9 – 12)

Thanks to everyone who came out to Chicopee Tube Park this past Wednesday. What a fun night! This week, we are back at the church to discuss another chapter from our "Can I Ask That?" discussion book. Come out for a night of interesting conversation, friends and fun!



AOYC 2018 - The All Ontario Youth Convention is an opportunity for high school-age youth to connect, worship and serve with other youth from across Ontario. This annual event is a highlight for many, and will be held at Wilfrid Laurier University May 18-21. More info is available at allontario.com.

In order to get the Early-Bird rate, you must register on-line on the AOYC site **before March 1**. CCRC is also contributing \$50 for our youth who register before April 15. To receive the \$50 bursary, **do not pay online at the AOYC site**. Instead, print out the confirmation form, and submit it with your cheque payable to CCRC for the total amount minus \$50 to Steve or Michelle F. If you have any questions, please talk to a Student Impact leader or contact Steve or Michelle F (aoyc.crc@gmail.com).

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 Deacons bulletin board across from the washrooms for information.

The Annual Inter-Classis Safe Church Conference will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 9:00 - 3:30 at the Waterloo CRC. All are welcome! In light of the denominational Safe Church theme, this year's workshops will include workshops on human trafficking and how to create a safe and just community in light of the spate of recent allegations of sexual harassment. Other workshops will address the popular Netflix's series "13 Reasons Why" as well as how to have healthy boundaries in ministry relationships. All ministry leaders (pastors, elders, deacons, youth ministry leaders) and those involved with abuse awareness are urged to attend. For further information and registration visit www.wmott.ca/scc.

MISCELLANEOUS

Libertas Male Choir Concert - Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. Join Libertas Male Choir for "Hands Across the Ocean" at Drayton Reformed Church, 74 Wellington St. S., Drayton, ON. The choir is directed by Martin Mans and will be accompanied by Andre Knevel on the organ and Liselotte Rokyta on the panflute, with soloist Amber Ruthart. For tickets, please visit www.libertasvoices.com.

