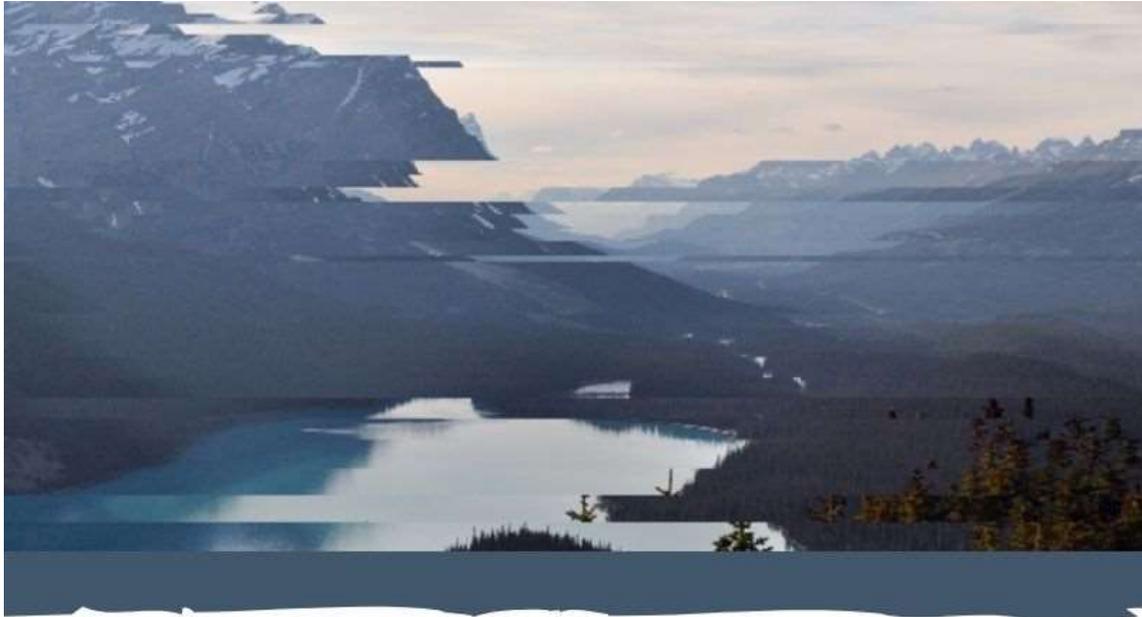


Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario



epiphany 2020

LIVING THE KINGDOM LIFE

February 16 | seeking truth



February 16, 2020 10:00 a.m.

Pastor John Medendorp

Elder-in-Charge: Henry V

[* *Please rise, in body or spirit*]

Please note: There is no **Sunday school for SK to grade 3 or Sermon discussions** today due to the Family Day weekend. There is Sunday School for 3 & 4 yr. olds today. Sunday School will resume for all ages on Feb. 23rd.

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: *"The King Has Come"*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Praise: *"This is Amazing Grace"*, *"The Stand"*

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song: *"I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew"* PH 498

Children's Blessing

Children ages 3 & 4 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: *"In Christ Alone"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:1-12

Sermon: **"The Golden Rule"**

Prayer of Application

Response to the Word

*Song of Response: *"I Am Not My Own"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church

2) Pastor Church Resources

Offertory Song: *"Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: *"To God be the Glory"* PH 632

6:00 pm
Pastor John Medendorp
Pianist Karen N

Praise and Prayer

Welcome

*Call to Worship: Psalm 50: 1-6

*God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: "*The Heavens Declare Your Glory*" PH #429

Scripture Reading: Psalm 112

Song of Response: "*O Lord, You Are My Light*" PH #164

Prayer and Share

Offering: Pastor Church Resources

Hearing the Word

*Song of Preparation: "*What the Lord Has Done Me*"

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Sermon: "**The Mind of Christ**"

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: "*May the Mind of Christ, My Saviour*" PH 291

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: "*Now Blessed Be The Lord Our God*"

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Jakob S, 2-year-old son of **Seth and Jen S** (1) continues as a patient at Victoria Hospital in London. He has moved from the ICU to a ward, but there are continued concerns about his health. Please continue to remember Jakob and his family in your prayers.

Congratulations to **Gord F** (4) as he celebrates his 95th birthday on Monday, February 17! Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Joanne O (2) is in the final week of serving with World Renew, Disaster Response Services in Victoria County, Texas. We pray for a productive week and a safe return home.

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;
- those dealing with broken relationships;

- those who are unemployed or underemployed;
- **Anthony and Barbara P** with Daystar Ministries on Manitoulin Island; **Hank and Rosario S** volunteering in Guatemala; **Shannon C** serving as Chaplain at Forest Heights Long Term Care; **Pastor Brian B** serving with Waterloo Campus Ministry
- the staff and leadership at the Journey
- the persecuted Church;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

OFFERING SCHEDULE

Offerings received for February 9, 2020

Date	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions
Feb 9	\$8,691	\$13,225
YTD	\$71,035	\$95,851
Budgeted 2020 Total Contributions		\$885,705
Calvinist Cadet Corps	\$	2,040
Woodland Christian High School	\$	330
Benevolence	\$	100
Race Relations	\$	50
Missionary Support	\$	30
World Renew	\$	25

Our offering today is for Pastor Church Resources. Pastor church resources supports congregations and their leaders in times of transition and discernment by providing consultations and resources that foster personal and communal health

Next week our offering is for Missionary Support. A newly published Mission Newsletter has been placed in your mailboxes giving you the latest mission related news from CCRC. We are aiming to raise \$15,000 for missionary support in 2020 in quarterly offerings. Read all about it in the newsletter.

The 2019 Tax Receipts are in your church mailbox this morning. If you have any questions or concerns about your receipt, please call or email Karen V, our Contributions Secretary.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Feb 23	10 am	Pastor John Medendorp Baptism: Madison V (6)
	6 pm	Communities meet
March 1	10 am	Pastor Amanda Bakale
	6 pm	Pastor John Medendorp

STAFF INFORMATION

The Church Office will be closed on Monday for the Family Day holiday.

Personal Note from Pastor John: I have informed the congregation at the Saint Thomas Reformed Church (US Virgin Islands) that I have declined the call to serve as their pastor. Please keep Ashley and me in your prayers as we continue to discern between our calls to Rosewood CRC, Bellflower, California and Community CRC.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Youth Room/Senior coffee room: In an effort to find suitable space for everyone on Sunday morning, we are going to try to share the multipurpose room. Seniors coffee will be served in the south end of the multipurpose room and the youth will meet in the north end of the room (the end closest to the kitchen with the TV). The partition has been put up, splitting the room in 2 and this should allow for both groups to meet without any noise issues. We plan to try this arrangement for a few weeks to see how it meet the needs of both groups.

Consistory Report: The pastoral and youth elders met this past week Tuesday and, among other things, approved the transfer of membership of **Terri-Lynn M** to Bethel CRC of Acton. We wish her well in her new community! Because of illness and absenteeism, a conversation about children at the Lord's Supper was moved to the March 10 meeting. Also moved to the March 10 meeting was a decision about the second service, as per a request from the deacons to discuss the matter with the pastoral and youth elders. Please note that until further notice **the Sunday evening services will continue as normal.**

Calling Committee – In recognition of Pastor Carel's upcoming retirement, Administrative Council has been working diligently at evaluating the needs of the church in relation to staffing. In an effort to keep this work moving forward efficiently we would like to reach out to the members of CCRC and gather names of volunteers that are interested in joining a calling committee. We are hoping to create a diverse group of people for this. If you are interested in being a part of this committee that is expected to begin early spring, please email Kim T.

Drop-In Room Volunteers: Drop-in Room provides a space for children who have difficulty staying through the whole worship service when Sunday School is not available. We're looking for 2-3 volunteers (can be one adult and one youth, but both cannot be immediate family unless there is a third volunteer) for the following Sundays: Mar 15, Apr 12, May 17. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the Sunday school bulletin board in the Classroom hallway or email the office at office@ccrc.on.ca

Nursery Coordinator needed: We are looking for a new Nursery Coordinator (1 or 2 people) beginning in May to schedule and manage childcare for ages 0-2 during worship services.

This includes recruiting volunteers, creating schedules, ensuring Safe Church policies are followed, maintaining nursery supplies, managing the sign-in/tag system, and overseeing volunteer sign-up for Drop-In Rooms when needed. This role can take 1-2 hours a week, depending on time needed every few months to create new schedules. Please contact Stephanie S if you're interested.

Police Checks: Thank you to the many volunteers in our church and community who have taken the time to complete a Vulnerable Sector Check! For volunteers who have been notified over the past few months that a check is needed, please note that the cost of the check has been raised to \$15.00 (in Waterloo Region). If you hand in the receipt with your check, the church will be reimbursing you. Your cooperation is appreciated in getting your check done as soon as possible. If you have any questions about getting a Police check, please contact the office.

Elder/Deacon Nominations: It is time to consider nominations for retiring office bearers. Many Communities have been busy with this already. But besides the Community elder or deacon retiring we are also looking for three administrative elders and a youth elder.

The following **Pastoral elders** and **deacons** are retiring this June:

Community 1: Elder: Gwen H, Deacon: Scott K

Community 3: Elder: Arno W

Community 4: Elder: Janet H

Community 5: Elder: Pete H

Community 6: Elder: Darlene B, Deacon: Rob H

Community 7: Elder: Nick B

Community 11: Elder: Eugene B

The following **Administrative Elders** are also retiring: Gerald R, Janette W, Rob W

The following **Youth Elder** is retiring: Hart F

If you discern that someone has the gifts for any of the positions listed, please pass along their name to the Nomination Committee – Henry V, Adrian B, Randy Z, or Pastor John.

Cadets (a club for boys ages 7-13) will not meet tomorrow because of the Family Day holiday. We meet again on February 24.

Life After Fifty-Five (L.A.F.F.): Our next L.A.F.F. meeting is February 18. We will continue our studies on the minor prophets with lesson #8 on Zephaniah. Pastor Carel will be leading the discussion. Coffee and fellowship is at 10:15 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 10:45 a.m. A potluck lunch will be provided. Please check the list on the bulletin board for what you volunteered to bring. As usual, visitors are welcome.

Friendship news - This past week we learned how the Holy Spirit helped Paul in his missionary work. This week we will meet at the church at 7pm where Sylvia will be leading us in a winter craft. **Advance notice - Monday February 24** we will meet at 7pm at the Waterloo CRC for a combined evening with the Waterloo Friendship group.

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

Dive into Doctrine continues this Wednesday, Feb 19 (7-9pm). This week we will explore "What is Grace and why do we need it?" Dive Into Doctrine is our annual doctrine class where we get to wrestle with faith, the confessional statements of the Reformed tradition, and how we are to live as followers of Jesus. Join us!

Impact (Grade 9-12) will meet this Wednesday from 7pm – 9pm with our teaching portion focused on Dive into Doctrine.

Teen Club will be gathering on Friday, February 21 between 7 and 9pm at the church. We will have guests sharing testimonies with you. See you there.

Youth Event: Sledding + Service!

Date: Saturday Feb 22nd 1 PM-4 PM

Location: McLennan Park 901 Ottawa Street (Mt. Trashmore)

Come out for some sledding but also spend some time serving some free hot chocolate to anyone else who is on the hill! Questions? Contact a youth elder.

AOYC 2020 - 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 often cited as one of the biggest formative experiences for the faith lives of those who profess their faith later. AOYC will be held at Wilfrid Laurier University on May 15-18. The theme this year is "thrive". 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 February 28**. CCRC is also contributing \$50 for our youth who register before April 15. To receive the \$50 bursary, **do not pay by credit card**. Instead, select the option to pay by cheque when registering, and submit your cheque payable to CCRC for the total amount minus \$50 to Steve or Michelle F. Please write the name(s) of the youth on the cheque. When registering online, say that the Contact Person is "Steve F", and Youth Leader's Email is "aoyc.crc@gmail.com". Also, consider the options to buy a T-shirt and/or donate \$5. If you have any questions, please talk to a Student Impact leader or contact Steve F.

GEMS (a club for girls ages 7-13) meets Thursday, Feb 20 at 7:00pm.

Faith and Hops - Thursday, February 20 @ 6-8pm: If you're a 20ish to 30-something looking for a place to connect and deepen your faith, come on out to Faith + Hops at the Malt + Barley Public House - around the corner from the church. The third Thursday of every month we get together for engaging discussion, fried food, and a beverage of your choice. Check out CCRC's Facebook page or Instagram closer to the date for the discussion topic!

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.

Annual Inter-Classis Safe Church Conference – March 7, 2020 at the Waterloo CRC. This conference will be of interest to all pastors, elders, deacons, Safe Church Team members, youth leaders, and anyone else in leadership positions. For that matter, anyone who desires to learn more about abuse-related matters is welcome. Topics: youth violence, abuse and forgiveness, walking with victims, criminal history and involvement in the church, harassment and the church, LGBTQ+ people and the church. Brochures are available at the Information Center. Cost is \$35. To register go to www.wmott.ca/scc/regn.php

University of Toronto Campus Ministry celebrates 50 years. So it is time to party. Alumni, friends, supporters, and current members are invited to the anniversary celebration on Saturday, March 28, 7:00pm at Wycliffe College, 5 Hoskin Ave, University of

Toronto. The Wine Before Breakfast All-star Band will be playing, Dr. Brian Walsh is preaching, and we will celebrate with testimonies and a reception.

"Helping Without Harming" Workshop - Join World Renew and Diaconal Ministries Canada for a "Helping Without Harming" Workshop on Saturday, March 28, 2020 from 8:30 am - 12 noon at New Life CRC (400 Victoria Rd N, Guelph). Seating is limited; your FREE registration includes a continental breakfast! Please sign up today at worldrenew.net/hwhworkshop. Come, learn and be equipped to partner with local and global communities to help overcome poverty and injustice. Together we'll discover how to engage with those around us in impactful, sustainable, and loving ways!

World Renew Response to Locust Disaster in East Africa - A plague of locusts is threatening food security for many in east Africa. Pouring into Uganda from Kenya, these insects are capable of covering 150 kilometers a day, destroying over 200,000 kg of vegetation. World Renew is accepting donations for "International Rapid Response Fund" to inform the local population on how to respond, how to store harvested food, and manage their food supply. Go to worldrenew.ca or call 1-888-WRLD-RNW (1-888-975-3769).

Miscellaneous

Menno Singers invites you to a Hymn Festival Weekend February 22-23, featuring Matthew Boutda our 2018 Abner Martin Music Scholarship recipient. Each afternoon will feature a traditional hymn sing, led by Matthew, with new compositions, and ample room for hymn requests - Saturday 3pm at First Mennonite in Kitchener and Sunday 3pm at Steinmann Mennonite in Baden. On Saturday

evening join us for a Choral Festive Evensong, a service of love on the book Song of Songs, developed by Matthew - Saturday 7pm at First Mennonite in Kitchener. Admission is by donation with the evening proceeds going to support the Coldest night of the year initiative, through the Ray of Hope. For more information go to www.mennosingers.com