



Welcome | We're glad you could join us! May the Lord bless your time of worship with us today. If you want know more about our church and its programs, visit the Information Centre in the foyer. We would like to get to know you, so please fill out the Visitor Form on the back of the bulletin and put it in the offering plates or bring it to the Information Centre.

Childcare | During the service, nursery care is provided for those under the age of 3.

Sunday School | Following the Children's Blessing, children ages 3 to Grade 3 are invited to participate in Sunday school. Children ages 3-5 need to be signed in and out by a parent or guardian. Children in Grades 4 -6 are invited to participate in a weekly sermon discussion.

Fellowship | Following the service, please remain seated briefly to allow people with special duties or disabilities to exit first. You are invited for fellowship and refreshments in the gymnasium after the service. Coffee for seniors is served in the Multi-Purpose room.

Accessibility | A hearing loop system is installed in the sanctuary. To use, switch your hearing aid or cochlear implant to the "T" (Telecoil or Telephone) position. Portable listening devices are available at the sound booth. The Information Centre has LARGE PRINT Bibles available. Sermon manuscripts are available upon request from the preaching Pastor.

10:00am Worship Service | Pastor Amanda Bakale

Elder-in-Charge: Megan W

GATHERING AND GREETING

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song

"Praise To The Lord, The Almighty" PsH 253 vs. 1, 4

* **Call to Worship**

"Come Now Is The Time To Worship"

* **God's Greeting**

* **Song of Praise**

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty" PsH 249

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Call to Confession

Song of Confession

"Lord Have Mercy"

Assurance of Pardon

* **Song of Assurance**

"When I Survey The Wondrous Cross" PsH 384

Children's Blessing

Children ages 3 to Grade 3 are invited to participate in Sunday School.

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Song of Preparation

"How Deep The Father's Love for Us"

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 3:13-4:11

Sermon

"Led Into the Wilderness"

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

* **Song of Response**

"Salvation Belongs To Our God"

Prayers of the People

Offering

1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church

2) CCRC Mission Fund

* **God's Parting Blessing**

* **Doxology**

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" PsH 638

* please rise, in body or in spirit

PsH numbers refer to the grey Psalter Hymnal in the pew benches.

PRAISE AND PRAYER

Welcome

* **Call to Worship**

* **God's Greeting**

* **Song of Praise**

"God Himself is With Us" PsH 244

Reading

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 1 Q&A 1

Song of Response

"Not What My Hands Have Done" PsH 260

Prayer and Share

Offering

CCRC Mission Fund

HEARING THE WORD

Song of Preparation

"He Leadeth Me" PsH 452

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Romans 5:12-19

Sermon

"Life and Death"

Prayer of Application

* **Song of Response**

"Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer" PsH 543

* **God's Parting Blessing**

* **Doxology**

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings flow" PsH 637

COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY

(The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong)

Aioub G (6) is in Sudan this week. Please keep Aioub's safety and well being in your prayers.

Please continue to pray for:

- those who are shut-in and/or unable to worship with us because of health issues: **Mandy B (7); Grace H (14), Gine K (1); Sandra K (9); Dennis S (9), Jenny W (6); Frederika V (11); Ralph and Willy W (14);**
- those dealing with depression and other forms of mental illness
- those dealing with cancer, its treatment and effects

- those dealing with broken relationships
- those 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, and **Pastor Brian B** serving with Waterloo Campus Ministry
- the staff and leadership at the Journey
- the persecuted Church
- the Ministries and Leadership of CCRC

STAFF INFORMATION

Personal Note from Pastor John: I have accepted the call to serve as pastor to Rosewood CRC in Bellflower, California. Thank you all for your prayers, notes, emails, and words of encouragement over this past month of discernment. Council has asked me to stay on until June to help facilitate a smooth transition. Please continue to keep Ashley and me in your prayers over these coming months as we seek to serve faithfully here even as we prepare for this major change in our life and ministry.

Pastor Carel is on vacation and will be back in the office on March 5.

OFFERING SCHEDULE

Offerings Received for February 23, 2020

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions
Feb 23	\$9,823	\$13,255
YTD	\$112,967	\$138,801
Budgeted 2020 Total Contributions		\$885,705
Missionary Support	\$	2,394
Pastor Church Relations	\$	50

Our offering today is for CCRC Mission Fund. The Mission Fund is available to those at CCRC who feel called by God to serve others. An application form is available by contacting your deacon.

Next week our offering is for World Renew - Canada Food Grains Bank. World Renew is one of the five founding members of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Today, it joins 15 other church-based agencies to make up the Foodgrains Bank. On behalf of its members, the Foodgrains Bank collects grain and cash donations, provides funds and expert advice for

projects, and manages the purchase and shipment of food aid. All donations will be eligible for a 4:1 match from the Government of Canada.

UPCOMING SERVICES

March 8	10am	Pastor Brian Bork 2nd Sunday of Lent Lord's Supper
	6pm	Communities meet
March 15	10am	Pastor John Medendorp 3 rd Sunday of Lent
	6pm	Pastor Amanda Bakale

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

COMMUNITY CRC EVENTS THIS WEEK

Cadets | Mon, March 2 | 7pm at church |
Cadets is a club for boys ages 7-13

Friendship | Tues, March 3 | 7pm at church |
This past week we had a fun night meeting with the Waterloo Friendship group. This week Derrick will be the storyteller for lesson 4 - Paul is Shipwrecked.

L.A.F.F. | Tues, March 3 | 10am at church |
Will meet this Tuesday March 3. Please note that our meeting will start 15 minutes earlier with the coffee social starting at 10:00am. The meeting will open at 10:30 followed by a Blanket Exercise. Our guests, a CRC staff member and an indigenous leader, will facilitate the session. The exercise was put together as an experiential, participatory workshop which is

essentially a history lesson of indigenous people in Canada. The blankets represent land in Canada and the participants are the Indigenous people and European settlers. Synod 2015 called the Blanket Exercise "a practical, powerful, experiential way to understand Indigenous peoples' history in the North American contexts. Lunch will be provided. Everyone is invited.

Coffee Break | Wed, March 4 | 9:30am at 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. For questions, please contact Jen F.

Impact | Wed, March 4 | 7pm-9pm at church | Big Group Night.

GEMS | Thurs, March 5 | 7pm at church | GEMS is a club for girls ages 7-13

Friday Night Dinner | Friday, March 6 | 6-8pm | Are you a young adult looking for a place to connect over a good meal? Join other young adults from Community CRC, Waterloo CRC, and Waterloo Campus Ministry at Pastor Amanda and Brian's home for dinner and conversation. Message Pastor Amanda to RSVP!

Friday Night Bible Study | Fri, March 6 | 7:30pm at the home of Ben and Marjo Merkus | Please let Ben & Marjo know whether or not you will be attending by either calling them or sending them an email.

COMMUNITY CRC NEWS

Summary of the Council Meeting held Tuesday February 25th, 2020

- Council welcomed Tim L and Andrew d as Classical Church Visitors to discuss current issues.
- Received and reviewed various staff and ministry reports and meeting minutes.

- Discussed staffing changes
- Council approved with regret to release John from CCRC as he announced his accepted Call to Bellflower CA.
- Decision regarding cessation of evening services is still pending, awaiting Consistory/Diaconal meeting.

Save the Date: The Spring Congregational meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2020 following the morning service. More details will follow.

Next Week! Church Coffee Conversation. Carling L, our very own Church Library Coordinator, will lead us in a conversation exploring the question: "*How does what we read shape who we are?*" Bring your thoughts and your curiosity to the Community Room right off the sanctuary immediately following the morning service. There'll be coffee and tea provided!

Drop-In Room Volunteers: The 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.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

For all announcements, employment, and volunteer opportunities available through the denomination and others, see the bulletin board by the washrooms at the side entrance.

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

"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!

Walking Alongside Caregivers - Disability Concerns' Annual Canada Conference is quickly approaching! It will take place on April 25, 2020 at Community CRC in Kitchener, Ontario. The focus will be Walking Alongside Caregivers: Navigating the emotional landscape of caregivers and identifying practical ways to support them. Visit crcna.org/disability to register.

Words from The Cross - Words from The Cross is a seven-part Bible study podcast from Groundwork. In the season of Lent, dig deep into the significance and resonance of Christ's words from the Cross and let them focus your heart on our salvation through his death and resurrection. Get it when you subscribe to Groundwork at groundworkonline.com/words.

OTHER EVENTS

The Dordt University Concert Choir from Sioux Center, Iowa, invites you to a concert at **7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, at Water Street Church in Guelph** (formerly First Christian Reformed Church). This free concert is part of a spring tour with performances scheduled in Michigan, Ontario, Vermont, New Jersey, and Iowa. The concert is free, with a freewill offering received to help defray tour expenses.