

Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario
March 3, 2019

"Whoever wants to become great among
you must be your servant,
and whoever wants to be first must be
your slave -
just as the Son of Man did not come to
be served, but to serve"

-Matthew 20:26-28



March 3, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Carel Geleyse

Elder-in-Charge: Gerald R

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

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: *"Hosanna"*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Opening Song: *"All Who Are Thirsty"*

Confession and Assurance

Prayer of Confession

Lament: Psalm 10/ *"Lord Have Mercy"*

Song: *"You Are My Hiding Place"*

Assurance of Pardon

Song: PsH #629 vs. 1 *"Worthy is Christ"*

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: *"Thy Word"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 20: 20-28; Philippians 2: 1-11

Sermon: **"The Power of Love"**

Prayer of Application

Response to the Word

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

*Song of Response: *"The Servant Song"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church
2) The Refugee Fund

Offertory Song: *"When Peace Like a River (It is Well)"*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: *"Jesus, All for Jesus"*

**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: Katherine D

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Praise and Prayer

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 106: 1-5

*God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: PsH #481 *"Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies"*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 99

Song of Response: PsH #625 *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*

Prayer and Share

Offering: The Refugee Fund

Hearing the Word

Song of Preparation: PsH #282 *"Break Now the Bread of Life"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Judges 10: 6 - 12:7

Sermon: **"The Mountain Man"**

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: PsH #635 *"Glory Be to the Father"*

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Hetty F (7) is having hip surgery in Owen Sound tomorrow, March 4, 2019. The Fs covet your prayers for a successful surgery and a full and speedy recovery.

Joe C (2) will be going to the Special Olympics World's in Dubai and Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Joe, a long-distance runner, has been training hard and is now an even faster and fit athlete! **Heidi V (2)** is thrilled to be going along as Joe's one-to-one support person. There were 109 Team Canada Athletes who qualified at Nationals last summer in 9 different sports! Team Canada will fly together from Toronto this Thursday, March 7 and return on March 23. The team will be in the UAE one week before the opening ceremonies to allow for the athletes to acclimatize to the warm weather and also get four days of UAE culture learning time. We wish Joe well as he competes and safe travels to Team Canada.

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; **Lynda J (14)**; **Mandy B (7)**; **Helen H (6)**; **Gine K (1)**; **Sandra K (9)**; **Olga S (9)**; **Jenny W (6)**; **Ralph 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 who are unemployed or underemployed;
- **Anthony and Barbara P** with Daystar Ministries on Manitoulin Island;
- the staff and leadership at the Journey
- the persecuted Church;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

Pastor Amanda is preaching in Maitland River (Wingham) CRC this morning and **Pastor John** is fulfilling a classical appointment at Owen Sound CRC this morning.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Mar 10	10 a.m.	Pastor John 1 st Sunday of Lent Lord's Supper
	6 p.m.	Communities Meet
Mar 17	10 a.m.	Pastor Carel
	6 p.m.	Pastor John

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 February 24, 2019 including Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus	
Feb 24	\$28,234	\$30,153	(\$1,920)	
YTD	\$109,185	\$145,226	(\$36,041)	
Calvinist Cadet Corps			\$	1,623
Benevolence Fund			\$	190
Missionary Support			\$	15
Refugee Fund			\$	10

Our offering today is for the CCRC Refugee Fund in support of the K Family. The money collected in this offering will be used to support the Ks for their initial settlement expenses and during their first year in Canada. Although the K family has not been provided with a timeline for their arrival we are still anticipating that it could happen with short notice. There is regular communication with the family and so we hope to be prepared as possible when they are finally able to come to Canada. Thank-you to everyone for their generosity to donate household goods and furniture as we now have most items we expect they will need.

Next week our offering is for the Centre for Public Dialogue. *The Centre for Public Dialogue "believes that every person is created in the image of Creator God. From this foundation, they work to promote the flourishing of all people through constructive dialogue and advocacy in Canada. As Christian citizens they stand with vulnerable and marginalized people in our communities as allies and work toward a just world in which structures and institutions give every person the opportunity to thrive."*

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Highlights from the Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 26, 2019

- Council had an open discussion about Pastor Carel's retirement and transition. Pastor Carel is eligible to retire in 2020. Council will be assessing the team ministry model and providing guidance to the pastors to consider in their 2019 Pastors' Retreat.

- Council received various reports from staff, ministries, and committees, and responded to communications.
- Council approved a mileage reimbursement policy for staff without vehicle allowance.
- Council celebrated a number of new volunteers: Jane V will be coordinating the summer 2019 SERVE trip, Stephanie S and Jonathan S have joined the Mission Strategy Team, Dorothy V will be leading the Kitchen Auxiliary team, and a number of people have expressed interest in the Treasurer position. Praise God for our gifted and dedicated volunteers!
- Due to the late date of Easter this year, Council has scheduled the Spring Congregational Meeting for Sunday, April 14 after the service.

The Kitchen Auxiliary team now has one full member. In the past couple of weeks, I have taken on the role of coordinating the Kitchen Auxiliary and its team members, however, we seem to be lacking the Team. :(Thankfully, I have a couple of names of potential candidates but we are still looking for a few more helping hands. No age or gender requirements! If you have a heart to serve in this way, please connect with me by phone, text or email. Thank you!
Dorothy V.

TODAY Booklets: The March/April 2019 editions of the Today Devotional Booklets (English and Korean) are available at the Information Centre or on the shelves by the front doors. Please, help yourself to a copy.

Borrowed Books: After cleaning out his office, Pastor John found a number of books that have been lent to him by members of the congregation, but he cannot remember who they are from. Titles include *A Grace Disguised* by Jerry Sittser, *The Hidden Life of Trees* by Peter Wohlleben, *The Economics of Neighbourly Love* by Tom Nelson, and *Love Does* by Bob Goff. If you lent these books to Pastor John and want them back, you can find them in the front office meeting room by the printer. Thank you for letting me borrow your books!

Cadets (a club for boys ages 7 – 13) will meet tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. at the church.



L.A.F.F. (Life After Fifty-Five) meets this Tuesday, March 5, at the church. Pastor Bernie will be leading the group in lesson 7 of David. Coffee and Fellowship is at 10:15 a.m. with the meeting to start at 10:45 a.m. Lunch will be provided.

Friendship News: Friendship will meet this Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. at the church.



The Consistory and Diaconate meet this Tuesday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Coffee Break meets this Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Women of all ages and stages of life are encouraged to join us for a morning of prayer, inter-generational fellowship and spiritual accountability and renewal. Childcare is provided. Any questions, please contact Jen F.



GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Saviour a club for girls ages 7-13) will meet this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the church



DENOMINATIONAL & MISCELLANEOUS

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.

Lent Family Faith Formation Tip: Giving up something for Lent? Visit tinyurl.com/40ThingsLent for a thought-provoking list of 40 things (like worry and envy) that parents and older kids might consider giving up for Lent. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

Inspirational Women's Conference: Saturday, April 27th, 2019 at the Meeting House in Oakville, ON. All women are invited for a day of inspiration, worship and fellowship with the theme of **In You. I Am. Enough. My grace is sufficient. 2 Cor. 12:9** Speaker: Megan Fate Marshman, Worship Leader: Brooke Nicholls, Storyteller: Sara Weber. Come and be refreshed and renewed; bring your friends! For more information and to register online, go to: www.inspirationalwomen.ca.

Walking Alongside - Youth and Mental Health conference - Registration is now open! Join us Saturday, April 27 (8:15 am – 3:30 pm) at Westdale Reformed Church in Hamilton, ON. Keynote speaker Stephen Doucet Campbell will address mental health challenges faced by youth and give practical

ideas to walk alongside them so they can not only endure but thrive. Workshops will address youth and addiction, social media, suicide, and depression. Regular registration fee is \$50. Sign up by March 22 and pay only \$35. Student rate is \$25. Get details and register at bit.ly/walkingalongside. For information, please contact Miriam at mSPIES@crcna.org.

Win a free legal Will and Power of Attorney preparation package! Laurentian Hills Christian School is hosting a complimentary Estate Planning Seminar for all ages on Wednesday April 10th, 7pm at the school. This event is co-sponsored by the Christian School Foundation and Christian Stewardship Services and will feature a walk-through of the basic questions people have about Will preparation and introduce some things you may not have thought about. Whether you're considering a first-time Will or updating your existing Will, this event is for you. Two free Will and Power of Attorney preparation packages will be available to be won. Dessert will be provided. E-mail (mjgrift@lhcs.net) or phone (519-576-6700) Mrs. Grift to RSVP.

LHCS Easter Cheese and Peppermint Sale: Just in time for Easter, LHCS will be offering European Gouda cheese and King peppermints for sale! Completed order forms, along with payment, can be placed in the mail slots of Elaine A or Sharon M by **Sunday, March 17th**. Orders will be ready for pick up at the school kitchen on April 12th from 2:30pm - 4:00pm. Please make cheques payable to LHCS. Contact Elaine at or Sharon at if you have any questions.

Mission Strategy Updates

Through the Winter 2019 issue *Mission Strategy Newsletter* the congregation was presented a number of specific challenges. Here is a summary of where you as congregation of CCRC have stepped up to meet those challenges.

Challenge #1: To raise \$14,000 for Missionary Support. We are right on track to achieving this goal. The total raised so far is; \$3588.40 which means we have met the quarterly goal. Donations for this challenge have been coming in every week, **Thank you!** so much for leaning into this challenge. At the next quarterly offering, scheduled for April, we hope to do another “live via video” meeting with one of our missionaries.

Challenge #2: With a small group of volunteers we hope to go and explore how CCRC can be more deeply engaged with DayStar ministries and the work of the Ps on Manitoulin Island. A group of volunteers from Community 2 is interested in meeting this challenge. We are working on the details and timing of this challenge, stay tuned for more on this opportunity.

Challenge #3: The SERVE 2019 trip to Muskegon has a logistics coordinator. A big thank you to Jane V for stepping into this short term volunteer role. All of the places for youth have been filled. Still needed are 2 female adult leaders. Please contact Jane or Pastor Amada for details of this opportunity. Plans are being made for a SERVE trip fundraiser. We are looking forward to that event!

Challenge #4: Learning about the impact of being in a “missional community” is our fourth challenge. Resonate Global Mission is a partner in the Mission Montreal project. Mission Montreal has over 60 missional communities and three projects serving refugees, serving students and serving youth. All of these projects are transforming the city. Going to Montreal to see first hand how these projects have had an impact may help us in our Communities to find ways in which to bring shalom to the KW area. This challenge has not been met as yet. If you are interested in a road trip to visit Montreal, please speak to Pastor Carel. We will also need a person to be a translator for the group. If you have French language skills, please speak to Larry L.