



This Sunday, we welcome Pastor Brian Bork to our pulpit! Pastor Brian is an ordained minister in the Christian Reformed Church and is currently serving as a chaplain at the University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University. He is also married to Pastor Amanda.

We have invited in-person worshipers from Communities # 1,2,3, and 4. We will follow the same procedures that were in place prior to the shutdown and stay-at home order. Our services will continue with the registration process in order to make sure we do not exceed our capacity of 100 people. If your Community is scheduled for worship on a particular Sunday, look for an email with the Eventbrite link to sign up on Monday or Tuesday. If there are extra spaces by Friday, a link will be sent to the entire congregation with the bulletin to fill the extra spaces available for the Sunday service.

Our schedule for sign-up continues as follows:

**Mar 14:** 9,11,13,14

**Mar 21:** 5,6,7,8

**Mar 28:** 1,2,3,4

All attendees are required to wear a mask and maintain a 2-meter physical distancing both in the building and while outside.

### **Lent Series | I AM: Jesus in the Present Tense**

At the very center of our faith is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That makes Good Friday and Easter two of the most significant days in the Christian calendar. Lent is the 40-day period before Easter. It is a season of preparation and repentance as we look toward the events of Good Friday and Easter. Historically, Lent has been an occasion for Christians to deepen their faith and devotion by exploring and deepening a kind of spirituality that centers on our union with Christ.

Our worship series on the "I AM" statements of Jesus help us to see more clearly the one we are united to. These statements about Jesus' identity do not allow us to keep him safely in the past, as if they have turned into "I was" statements. Rather, they help us to see who Jesus is to us in the present tense. Lent is a journey to the cross, and this Lent we will journey with Jesus as our teacher and companion as we explore who Jesus was in his own words and who he still is to us and to the world.

**Calling Artists of All Ages and Abilities** | Get out the paintbrushes or pencils, we want to see your artwork! Our upcoming Lent series will bring us through the "I am" saying of Jesus. In these sayings, Jesus teaches his disciples about himself using everyday objects like bread, light, gates, and vines. Help us to illustrate these sayings by creating artwork - drawings, paintings, even sculptures - and send a picture of your art to Rachel VanHuizen so we can share it with the congregation in worship. You can choose to illustrate one "I am" saying or all of them. There is no limit! This activity is for people of all ages and abilities. you can submit your art any time between now and March 31. Send a photo or scan of your art to [worship@ccrc.on.ca](mailto:worship@ccrc.on.ca).

Here are the sayings of Jesus that we would love to see illustrated:

- I am the bread of life (John 6:25-40)
- I am the light of the world (John 9:1-7)
- I am the gate for the sheep (John 10:1-10)
- I am the good shepherd (John 10:11-18)
- I am the resurrection and the life (John 11:1-27)
- I am the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:1-7)
- I am the vine (John 15:1-17)

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**Sunday, March 7, 2021 - 10:00am Worship Service**

**Worship Participants this week:**

**Preacher:** Pastor Brian Bork

**GATHERING AND GREETING**

**Gathering Song**

“At the Cross (Love Ran Red)”

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

*(Based on “Our World Belongs to God” st. 42-43, John 4:24)*

**Leader:** In a world estranged from God, where happiness and peace are offered in many names, we witness to the only one in whose name salvation is found: Jesus Christ

**All:** **In Jesus, God reconciles the world to himself.**

**Leader:** Jesus Christ rules over all.

**All:** **Let us worship Jesus Christ in the Spirit and in truth.**

**God’s Greeting**

**Song of Praise**

“Revelation Song”

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Song**

“The Wonderful Cross”

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Children’s Worship Story**

**Song**

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

<b>Scripture Reading</b>	John 10: 1-10
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>“I Am the Gate for The Sheep”</b>
<b>Prayer of Application</b>	

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

<b>Song of Response</b>	“Build My Life”
<b>Offering Announcement</b>	1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church 2) World Renew – Canadian Foodgrains Bank
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	
<b>God’s Parting Blessing</b>	
<b>Doxology</b>	“The Blessing”

**COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY**

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

Please join **Catharine and Vince J** (11) in prayer that the next stage of Catharine's bloodwork testing shows her cells are responding well to her current cancer medication to treat her chronic myeloid leukemia.

**Cristina K** (6) started cancer treatments this past week. Continue to keep her and Ben in your prayers during this difficult time.

The situation at Chartwell Westmount LTC is slowly improving which has allowed for more social interaction for **Frederika V** (11). Continued prayers for her and **Sandra K** (9) at Forest Heights Long Term Care during this challenging time.

Congratulations to **Sorn N** and **Hen K** (5) as they celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!

**Matters for Prayer |**

- Pray for discernment as the voting process for the Pastor - Communities

Missions continues and that the online voting process goes smoothly.

- Pray for Pastor **Tom and Jodie B** during this voting process as they wait and discern their next steps.
- Pray for our sister-church, The Journey, as they continue to discern a way forward in their own search process.
- Pray for endurance and patience for stay at home parents of young children as the winter months have been long and challenging.
- Pray for those experiencing financial strain, unemployment or underemployment, and the stress this creates.
- Pray for Dive into Doctrine and all the participants as small groups continue to meet. Pray for wisdom, kindness and for technology to work.
- Pray for the ongoing nominations process as people are sought to serve in leadership positions at Community CRC
- Pray for **Anthony and Barbara P** with Daystar Ministries on Manitoulin Island, **Hank and Rosario S** volunteering in Guatemala, **Pastor Brian Bork** serving with Waterloo Campus Ministry and **Shannon C** serving as Chaplain at Forest Heights Long term care home.

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## STAFF NEWS

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**Pastor Betsy** will be on vacation this coming week and will return to work on Monday, March 15. If there is a need or pastoral concern during this time, please contact Pastor Amanda or your Pastoral elder.

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## UPCOMING SERVICES

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Mar 14	10 am	Pastor Amanda Bakale Lord's Supper
Mar 21	10 am	Pastor Betsy DeVries

**Upcoming Baptism Sundays** | Are you looking to be baptized or to have your child baptized? The next Baptism Sundays are scheduled for March 28 and April 25. If you are interested in one of these dates, please contact Pastor Amanda or Pastor Betsy.

**Lord's Supper Note | Next Sunday, March 14** 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.

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## OFFERING SCHEDULE

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**There are two offerings taken on a weekly basis at Community CRC. The first offering is for the Ministries of Community CRC and the second offering is for various causes that our church supports. For more details on how to donate to the church, please see the Resources section on the last page of the bulletin.**

**This week our offering is for World Renew – Canadian Foodgrains Bank** | Today we are holding an offering to support the joint work of World Renew and Canadian Foodgrains Bank as

they are 'Ending Hunger' for those affected by conflict, natural disasters, and extreme weather. Your gift will be matched up to 4X through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Canadian government. Thank you for giving as you are able to help families living in crisis. Go to [worldrenew.ca/cfgb](http://worldrenew.ca/cfgb) to donate online or call 1-888-WRLD-RNW.

### Upcoming Offerings:

Mar 21 | Laurentian Hills Christian School  
Mar 28 | Shalem Mental Health Network

### Offerings Received as at February 28, 2021:

February 28, 2021	\$	6,060
Year to Date	\$	95,212
Budgeted 2021 Total Contributions	\$	923,460
<b>Second Offerings</b>		
Missionary Support	\$	355
World Renew	\$	200
Benevolence	\$	190
Race Relations	\$	155
Pastor Church Resources	\$	144
Redeemer University	\$	125
Monica Place	\$	125
Woodland Christian High School	\$	105
Calvinist Cadet Corps	\$	100
Faith's Orphan's Fund	\$	100
Laurentian Hills Christian School	\$	100
World Renew – Canadian Foodgrains Bank	\$	95

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## COMMUNITY CRC NEWS

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**Ushers Needed** | We are in need of a few Ushers for Sunday morning worship. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office at [office@ccrc.on.ca](mailto:office@ccrc.on.ca) or 519-743-9482.

**Have you been heard?** Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2021 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please answer the questionnaire reflecting this past year with all the difficulties that includes by March 31. A link can be found in the emailed copy of the bulletin. The survey and promotional tools are also available in Korean and Spanish.

Thank you,  
Administrative Council

**Safe Church Training** | If you have been a volunteer at Community CRC over the past number of years you are likely familiar with the Ministry Training Sessions that took place in the early fall and early spring. Due to COVID, these sessions were not held in 2020. Over this past year the Safe Church Team has adapted these sessions so that volunteer training and information is now available online at the following link: <https://training.ccrcc.on.ca/>. As per our insurance company's provisions, all church employees, leaders and volunteers who work with youth and vulnerable people shall complete annual training. The training does not take long and satisfies that provision. As COVID-19 restrictions ease and we get back into the church, it is important that all leaders/volunteers make sure they have their police checks up to date (need to be done every 5 years - email church office if you're not sure) and complete the annual training. If you're not sure if you need to do the training, please do it because it's good to know and then you have it if you do need it.

Ministry leaders: please ensure that the volunteers within your ministry are up to date. If your ministry offers online aspects (i.e. zoom meetings, Facebook/social media

communications, etc), then the training needs to be completed as soon as possible as your ministry is already underway. **If anyone has questions or concerns, please contact Paula L.**

**Kids Video for Palm Sunday** – Help us make a video for the Palm Sunday service on March 28! Parents, record a quick video in landscape mode (turn your phone sideways) of your child/children saying “Hosanna!” If you'd like a palm branch, you can print and colour the attached Palm Branch picture. Send your videos to Rachel V **by March 20**. Note that by sending a video, you are giving CCRC permission to publicly distribute this recording as part of our Palm Sunday service video available online. No names will be listed.

**Looking to return church library material?** Books can be returned on Sundays to the blue bin on the information desk, or throughout the week to the church office. The church library will remain closed on Sundays.

**The Consistory and Diaconate** will meet this Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 7:30 pm via Zoom.

**Impact** | Join us this Wednesday evening for a fireside chat at the church from **7:00 – 8:15 pm** Prior to attending, please follow the link for the COVID screening form that can be found in the Instagram bio as well as the weekly email sent to the parents.

**Book Club news!** The winter book club book is "The Mindful Christian" by Irene Kraegel. Kraegel is the director of the Centre for Counseling and Wellness at Calvin University. Her book is a practical guide for a faithful integration of Christian faith and mindfulness practice. **We'll be discussing the book on Tuesday March 16 from 7:30 - 9 pm on Zoom.** E-mail or call Carling L by March 9 to register. Copies of the book are available from Words Worth Books @ 96 King St. S. in Waterloo.

Contact the store by phone (519-884-2665) to pay for the book in advance of curbside pick-up or delivery. Let them know the book you want is being held under the name "Luymes."

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## DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

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**CRCNA Day of Prayer** | In the spring of 2020, a small group of pastors and worship leaders gathered via Zoom for a time of prayer, sensing a need for a space for shared prayer in the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic. There was a movement that came out of that first meeting to commit to praying together every other month for a year. The next gathering will be held on March 10 at 11:00 am EST and 2:00 pm EST on Zoom. If you are interested in participating, please fill out this [short CRC Prayer Sign Up](#) for access to the Zoom link. This particular meeting falls on the day the CRCNA has designated to be our denominational day of prayer. More information available on this Network post: [Join Us for the CRCNA Day of Prayer March 10, 2021](#)

**Joining God's Team** | Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Like the people of the early church, we can follow God by helping our neighbors in need and coming together to praise him. In Matthew 18:20, Jesus told his disciples, "Whenever two or three of you come together in my name, I am there with you." Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

**Groundwork: With Me in Paradise** | Jesus speaks his third word from the cross to the man we usually call the penitent thief, who died on a cross next to Jesus. Join our Groundwork conversation on Luke 23:32-43 to discover how Jesus defines salvation in its simplest terms and the promise Jesus is ready to give us, if we make our request. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to

Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Synod 2021** | The Council of Delegates (COD) of the CRCNA has decided to **cancel Synod 2021** that was scheduled to meet on the campus of Dordt University in Sioux Center, Iowa. They also decided to defer any discussion or decision about the report from the Committee to Articulate a Foundation-laying Biblical Theology of Human Sexuality until Synod 2022. The synodical Program Committee (the officers who served at Synod in 2019) will carefully review matters submitted for the Agenda for Synod 2021 and will decide which matters are essential to be dealt with this year. Similar to 2020, those essential items will be referred to a special, virtual meeting of the COD to be held in June.

**Laurentian Hills Christian School Online Spring Auction-April 10-17, 2021** | The Fundraising Committee is looking for monetary donations (cheques payable to Laurentian Hills Christian School), merchandise and services. We are asking for all donations to be submitted by Friday March 12th. Please contact Megan F & Julia H if you would like to donate.

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## RESOURCES

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**Instructions for giving to Community CRC** | The following donation methods are in place:

1. PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) – monthly pre-authorized payment. Fill out form, along with a blank void cheque by email to [treasurer@ccrc.on.ca](mailto:treasurer@ccrc.on.ca)
2. You can mail your donations to the Church. Please do NOT mail cash. The mailbox is checked regularly.
3. You can drop off your donation in our drop-off mailslot located on the outside of the kitchen door at the church. This is a secured locked box that safely receives your envelope within the building. No cash, please

4. you can now donate using the Bridge App (or this link):

<https://crc.etadvance.com/churches/community-crc-kitchener/donate>

You can self-direct your donations using your credit card (note there is a 3% admin fee taken by the processing company) or direct to your bank account (no admin fee). At this time, we offer opportunity to donate to the Church Budget, our Capital Fund, or the work of the Deacons locally (benevolence).

Note: if you use the link, the only payment option is credit card. The Bank account option is only available through the Bridge App.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy W, Treasurer.



**CAP, or Congregational Assistance Plan, is a way for our CCRC to make counselling services available for everyone in the church.** From time to time all of us are faced with difficulties. Usually, we are able to resolve them. But there come times when our usual ways of coping no longer seem to work. This is especially true in this stressful time of lockdown and pandemic that we find ourselves in. If this is happening to you, CAP offers professional Christian counselling support to you as an individual, as couples, and as families.

Through the Shalem Mental Health Network, CCRC is able to offer a solution-focused counselling model of up to 6 free sessions in a year. A professional Christian counsellor will help you to develop a strategy to cope with and resolve a variety of issues, including marriage difficulties, adolescent and children's issues, bereavement, stress, trauma, depression, anxiety, addiction, abuse and others.

#### **What's the First Step?**

To use CAP, you do not need to be referred by your doctor, pastor or elder. Simply call Shalem's CAP number **(1-866-347-0041)** and mention that you are a member of CCRC. An intake staff will ask you a few questions to determine the issue about which you are seeking counselling and to note any specific requests, such as wanting a male or female counsellor, evening appointment times, etc. You will then be contacted by the appropriate CAP counsellor, who will set up your first appointment with you.

**More Questions?** Go to [ccrc.on.ca](http://ccrc.on.ca) and follow the links to CAP or talk to Pastor Amanda.