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COVID-19 Pandemic Response

After consulting with medical health professionals in our congregation and reviewing the government's recommendations for our region, the executive team of Administrative Council, together with the pastors, have come to the conclusion that it would be irresponsible for us to conduct church as usual. Our Sunday morning worship service undoubtedly counts as a "large public gathering," as we typically have over 500 people in attendance, many of whom are considered "vulnerable sector" individuals who are uniquely at risk for exposure to this disease. Therefore, **we are suspending our regular worship services for this Sunday, March 15.**

We will be reviewing this decision on a weekly basis, but **it is very likely that we will not be able to have our regular Sunday morning worship service for at least the next three weeks.** Please check your email regularly for communication regarding the service each week.

Please keep those affected by the virus in your prayers. Pray for protection, medical personnel on the front lines and for those in government who are leading us through this time of uncertainty.

COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY

Please continue to pray for:

- those who are shut-in and/or unable to worship with us because of 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 unemployed or underemployed
- **Anthony and Barbara Pennings** with Daystar Ministries on Manitoulin Island, **Hank and Rosario Stronks** volunteering in Guatemala, **Shannon Cook** serving as Chaplain at Forest Heights Long Term Care, and **Pastor Brian Bork** serving with Waterloo Campus Ministry
- the staff and leadership at the Journey
- the persecuted Church
- the Ministries and Leadership of CCRC

Consistory met this past week and welcomed to our fellowship **Jared and Darlene D and their children, Noah and Esther**. The D's transferred in from Emmanuel CRC in Calgary. They live in **Community #9**. We pray that they may feel at home at Community CRC soon! The Consistory acquiesced to the resignation of **Stephanie M (2)** who is worshipping at Creekside and **Anthony W** who is worshipping elsewhere. We wish them God's blessings in their worshipping communities.

OFFERING

Offerings Received for March 8, 2020

Week of	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions
Mar 8	\$7,677	\$13,255
YTD	\$139,615	\$165,251
Budgeted 2020 Total Contributions		\$885,705
World Renew – Canadian Foodgrains Bank		\$ 2,291
Missionary Support		\$ 500
Laurentian Hills Christian School		\$ 50

COMMUNITY CRC EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Out of an abundance of caution,
ALL ministries and events are suspended for
this week.**

COMMUNITY CRC NEWS

Note: Due to COVID-19 these events are subject to change.

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

Hello Teen Club!!! Save the Date! Friday, March 27 is the 2020 Teen Club All Nighter at the church. We have the entire church to ourselves for this event. The leaders have a ton of games and activities organized for all of you!

The question is, are you ready for this one? Ready to stay up All Night Long. See if you can make the leaders keep up with you! Here are a few items to remember:

WHO: Anyone in Grades 7 and 8. Bring a friend if you want!

WHAT: THE event of the year!

WHERE: The church

WHEN: 11:00 p.m. Drop off Friday March 27
7:00 a.m. Pick up Saturday, March 28.

WHY: Because All Nighter. Because Pizza.

WHAT TEEN CLUBBERS NEED TO BRING:

1. Permission form to be signed at drop off.
2. A nut-free snack to share.
3. A flashlight (not a phone).
4. LEAVE DEVICES AT HOME PLEASE
5. Indoor shoes
6. Clothing suitable for nighttime outdoor temperatures. Coat, snow pants and mittens/hat

**please let us know of any allergies you have that we may not already know about

Special Volunteer Opportunity: We are looking for a few volunteers to help serve and clean up lunch for the Disability Concerns conference on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at Community CRC. Please contact the church office if you would like to volunteer. Great way to get your volunteer hours for school!

VBS News! The railway to VBS is open the week of July 20th-24th. Open to children going into JK – children going into grade 6 in September. Registration will open around May.

We will require lots of volunteers to make this a great year, please consider if this is something you are called to. **Please contact the church office at office@ccrc.on.ca** if you are willing to

volunteer. We are also looking for assistance and support in the planning stages of VBS. If you can help in this way, please let the office know as soon as possible.

SERVE 2020 - We are still looking for some leaders to take our youth on SERVE this summer. The dates are from July 18-25 and promises to be an enlightening experience. We need one male and 2 females. Does God call you to be a leader this summer? Please contact Jane V if you are willing to take on this job.

Manitoulin Island- We are still looking for some volunteers to go to Manitoulin Island to help with some construction. We need people for the demolition job during the week of April 26 as well as people to put up drywall during the week of May 10. Please prayerfully consider whether or not God is calling you to this mission trip. Contact Jane V or the church office. If you are willing to work in this part of God's kingdom this Spring. It is just around the corner.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Coffee Break and Small Group Workshop – Friday, April 3rd, 2020 from 9:00am – 3:00pm at Blenheim Christian Reformed Church, 286 Chatham St S, Blenheim ON N0P 1A0. Marian Lensink of Global Coffee Break (CRCNA) will lead a workshop focused on engaging scripture together, leading a small group well, praying in and for our groups and having an evangelistic perspective. Cost is \$35/person. Online registrations is preferred at <https://blenheimworkshop.eventbrite.com> Anyone involved in a small group of any kind is invited to attend. Lunch, refreshments and materials are provided. Please register by Monday, March 30th. 2020.

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.

Set Free Retreat: We all have hurts, hang-ups and habits that hinder our relationship with God and others. God calls us to live fruitful lives and to be a light for him in this world. We can't live that out when we're bogged down with pain or sinful struggles in our lives. The Set Free retreat is an opportunity to invite God to bring healing into your life and where you can experience his love, grace and forgiveness. Jesus says, "if you hold to my teaching, then you really are my disciples and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32). A Set Free Retreat is planned at Maitland River Community Church for the weekend of May 1-2, on Friday evening starting at 6:45 and on Saturday from 8:30 until late afternoon. Cost is \$25 including lunch on Saturday and all retreat materials. **Registration is limited.** Register at admin@mrcc.ca **by April 22nd.** All participants need to plan on attending the entire retreat. Don't miss this opportunity to be Set Free!

