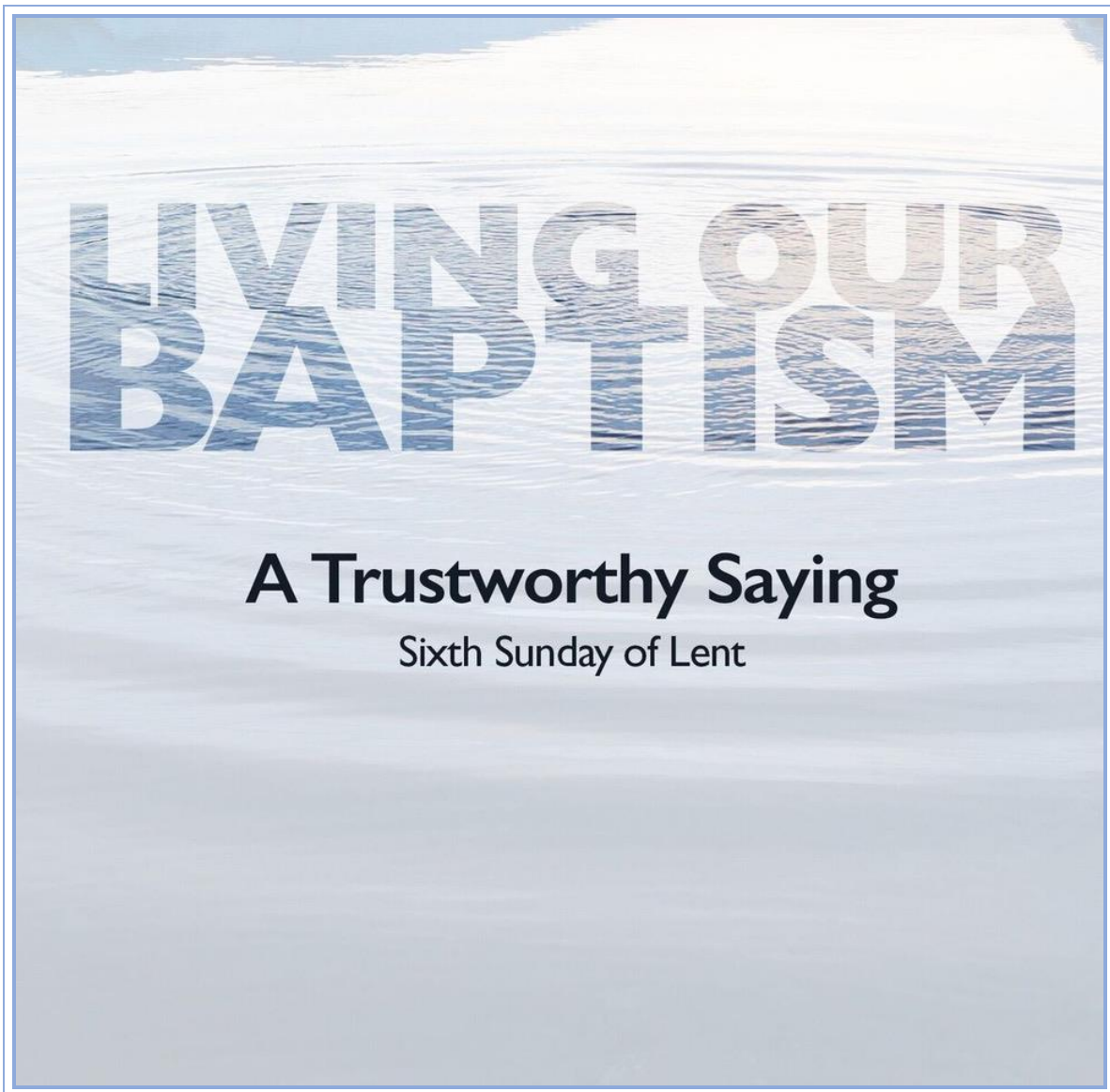


**Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario
April 9, 2017**



April 9, 2017
Palm Sunday
10:00 a.m.
Pastor Carel Geleyense

Elder-in-Charge: Ed H

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

The Lenten sermon series, “**Living Our Baptism**”, has dealt with our baptismal identity as Christians. In the early church, Easter was *the day* for new converts to Christianity to be baptized. But these new converts had to be taught about their faith and what baptism means, so the churches started a pre-baptism catechism class preparing people for their baptism on Easter Sunday. Following this ancient tradition, this Lenten season we have been walking through the baptismal form, used at CCRC, and the stories that are taught through it. The included stories have taught us in very specific ways what it means to be God’s people—chosen, adopted, marked, and washed clean—members of the covenant. Remember *who* you are. Remember *whose* you are.

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: “*Beneath the Waters (I Will Rise)*”

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God’s Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Song of Praise: “*Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*”

“*Sing to the King*”

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Assurance: PsH #272 “*You Are Our God; We Are Your People*”

Guide for Grateful Living

Song of Response: “*This is My Commandment*”

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: *"Yesterday, Today and Forever"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: II Timothy 2: 1-13

Sermon: **"A Trustworthy Saying..."**

Prayer of Application

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

Response to the Word

*Song of Response: PsH #556 *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community CRC

2) Habitat for Humanity

Offertory Song: *"Hosanna"*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: PsH #632 *"To God Be the Glory"*

**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

No Service at Church

Communities/Community Care Groups Meet

Study materials for tonight can be found on the church website (www.ccrcc.on.ca)

Under the “Communities” tab.

Hard copies are available at the Information Centre

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Mrs. Iva F (8) passed away this past Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at Freeport Hospital at the age of 89. Our condolences are extended to her son, **Don F (8)**, and the rest of the Iva's family. The funeral was held yesterday at Erb and Good Family Funeral Home. May God comfort all who mourn.

John & Tina B (8) left this past week for San Marcos, TX where they are volunteering with World Renew Disaster Response Services. They are assisting in restoration efforts following the flooding of May and October of 2015. Pray for safety, good health, a meaningful experience with opportunities to touch and give hope to hurting people in this relief ministry.

Aioub G's (6) father is presently in Cairo, Egypt. Some months ago Aioub's father broke his hip, but with what little medical facilities they have in North Sudan the family opted to bring him to Cairo. At the moment the necessary funds are being collected to allow for the needed surgery to take place. Pray that things may turn out so that the proper care can be given.

Update on Sarah B (8): We have not provided an update in a while, but hear from many of you and appreciate the love and concern. We are very thankful to be part of such a wonderful caring community. We are particularly thankful for the support of meals and cards during the very difficult journey of chemo. Sarah finished her chemo treatments at the end of January and started radiation in mid-February. Radiation will come to an end next week! So far all is going very well. Sarah continues with the drug Herceptin every 3 weeks until the fall. This drug is very hard on the heart and it has been an issue causing some delay in treatment, so we ask for continued prayers for heart strength and endurance as this drug is so very important in the prevention of a recurrence. There are a few more hurdles to face in the coming months, but the healing journey now begins. Our entire family wishes to thank all of you for the ongoing support, love, and prayers.

The B Family

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 various illness among members of their extended family;
- those dealing with depression and other forms of mental illness (if you are dealing with depression a couple of people, who have been there, have stepped forward to help in whatever way they can. Pastor Carel can give you more details);
- those dealing with cancer, its treatment and effects: **Sarah B** (8), **Jane D** (14), **Denise H** (11), **John N** (3), **Claire N**, a 6th grade student at Laurentian Hills Christian School. Claire's father **Terry N is a nephew to John and Ruth N**;
- those who are unemployed or underemployed;
- **John and Jane H** with Samaritan Foundation in the Dominican Republic; **Anthony and Barbara P** with Daystar Ministries on Manitoulin Island; **David and Jessica O** with World Renew in Senegal; **Kim H** with CRWM in Guatemala, **Hank and Rosario S** volunteering with CRWM in Guatemala; **David and Bethany N** (7) volunteering in Mali.
- persecuted Church in Sudan
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Congratulations to the following members of our congregation celebrating birthdays this coming week:



Apr 11 – Anne D (4)

Apr 16 – Wilma S (6)

May they experience God's richest blessings in the coming year and as they celebrate their birthdays!

Congratulations to **Rick and Alisa G** (4) who celebrate their 20th anniversary on April 12. May God continue to bless and strengthen their marriage for many years to come!

MISSIONARY CORNER

This past week we received a newsletter from **Hank and Rosario S** with an update on the activities and work they are involved with in Guatemala. Hank is hoping to come to Kitchener in early May and is looking for a car he might be able to borrow. Pick up a copy of the newsletter at the Information Centre to find ways to connect with the Stronks, pray for the ministry work they are involved with, and/or how to financially support them.

We recently received a Ministry Update from the **M-H family** who work for Christian Reformed World Missions in Guatemala. Please help yourself to a copy of the update at the Information Centre and join them in prayer for the requests they have mentioned.

OFFERING SCHEDULE

Budget Contributions For April 2, 2017

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus
Apr 2	\$13,661	\$12,743	\$918
YTD	\$190,268	\$224,812	(\$34,543)
FACE (Financial Assistance for Christian Education) Fund			\$ 1,824.45
Habitat for Humanity			\$ 150.00
Samaritan Foundation			\$ 120.00
Benevolence			\$ 100.00
River City Church			\$ 30.00
CRWM			\$ 30.00
Woodland Christian High School			\$ 20.00

This week our offering is for Habitat for Humanity. The mission of Habitat is *“To mobilize volunteers and community partners in building affordable housing and promoting homeownership as a means to breaking the cycle of poverty.”*

The offering on Good Friday is for Ray of Hope. *“Ray of Hope has been providing care and hope for those struggling with crime, addiction or homelessness in the Waterloo Region since 1967. Their partnerships with community organizations and generous donors enables them to provide life-transforming social services to young people, adults and families, helping them redirect their life journey and realize their God given potential.”*

Next week, Easter Sunday, our offering is for Christian Reformed Home Missions. In this coming week, consider how ministry taking place in your own community makes

a difference in your life. Prayerfully consider supporting Home Missions as they spread the Gospel through starting churches, engaging communities, and developing disciples.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Apr 14	10 a.m.	Good Friday Service Pastor John Lord’s Supper
Apr 16	10 a.m.	Easter Sunday Pastor Carel
	6 p.m.	No evening service
Apr 23	10 a.m.	Pastor Amanda GEMS Participate
	6 p.m.	Communities Meet

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Dear Congregation: You are invited to attend the Spring Congregational meeting on Friday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. The agenda for the meeting is available in your church mailbox this morning. Additional copies of the agenda are available at the Information Centre.

This year, for **Dive into Doctrine**, we will be looking at the oldest of the Reformed statements of faith—the Belgic Confession. Forged in the fires of persecution, the Belgic Confession is a powerful, poetic, and courageous expression of what Christians believe. Its author, Guido de Bres, was executed for writing it. Today we live in peace and freedom, but this historic Christian confession has much to teach us. **Dive into Doctrine** will take place on Wednesdays (April 19–May 31) from 7:00 to

9:00 p.m. Please sign up at the Information Centre.

The Youth Ministries Team needs some help! For many years CCRC's youth program has volunteered to organize and provide the bagged take-away lunches for the All Ontario Youth Convention held on the May long weekend at Wilfrid Laurier University. This has been a wonderful fundraiser for our youth program over the years by allowing our youth to fund and participate in mission trips and also has allowed our youth to bless other churches and organizations with donations. The AOYC will be held from May 19 – 22, 2017 this year and our responsibility would be to provide a bagged lunch for the conventioners to travel home with on Monday May 22. The YMT is looking for some help in coordinating and organizing this initiative. If you feel you would be able to spearhead and / or assist in this event, please contact Harry O. Thanks for your consideration.



Registration is now open for VBS 2017: You can go online to ccrc.on.ca to find the registration page. Please also consider being a volunteer this year. The work is easy and the atmosphere is fun. For any questions or to sign up to volunteer please speak to Melodie S or Kristin G.

Worship News

1) You are invited to attend an audio workshop on Saturday, May 6, led by producer and professional drummer Mark S, of Bowmanville, ON. There are 2 sessions, the first is a beginner level workshop (9 - 11 a.m.) geared to the basics and is open to anyone. The second is an intermediate level workshop (11 a.m. - 1 p.m.) requiring some more experience. Sign up at the Information Centre. If you are interested in joining the sound team or are just curious, this is the event for you!

2) Easter Ensemble: If you play a woodwind, brass or stringed instrument please come out to the Easter service rehearsal on **Wed., April 12 @ 7:15-9 pm.** All are welcome! If you are interested or would like more info please contact Kyle R.

3) Bass guitar players and drummers needed: If you play bass guitar or drums and are hiding your skills - we need you! Entry level training can be provided. Please contact Kyle R if you are interested.

The bus trip for L.A.F.F./Seniors to Guelph is on Wednesday, May 17. The cost of the trip is \$60.00 per person which is payable now by cash or cheque to Rinze Vanderwerff. If there are any questions, call Rinze V.

Cadets (boys 7-13) will meet tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. at the church.



The Knifty Knitters will meet this week



Tuesday, April 11 at 9:30 a.m. Last week the knitters packed up the following items: 97 blankets; 31 sweaters; 30 dresses; 33 baby items; 174 knitted dolls/bears and some miscellaneous items. Items were donated to Birthright and Faith's Orphans in Zambia. A big THANK YOU to all the willing workers who made this possible.

Friendship will meet this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the church. This week, Minnie will tell the story of the Holy Spirit and Philip, session four. Next week will be a special games night!



Consistory will meet this week Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room at the church.

Volleyball: All are welcome to join in this Tuesday, at 8:30 p.m. for fun and non-competitive volleyball. If you have questions or would like to know more, please contact Adom P or check out our Facebook Page "Volleyball at CCRC".

Ladies: all ages are welcome to join us for



Coffee Break Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. here in the multipurpose room. Nursery and preschool classes (up to age SK) are provided. This week we continue with our three studies. The three studies being offered are: 1) Shauna Niequist's book "Present Over Perfect", 2) "Galatians: Heaven's Freedom" by Brian Simmons, and

3) an in-depth study of the book of Proverbs. Come join us for fellowship, coffee, and growing deeper in relationship with God and each other. Any questions? Contact Carling L or Jen F.

GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Saviour – girls ages 7–13) will meet this coming Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the church.



Youth News

Student Impact Grades 9-12

There will be NO Student Impact on Wednesday, April 12. However, there will be a youth council and leaders meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.

All Ontario Youth Convention - Registration for AOYC 2017 is underway! Join 900+ teens and leaders for a high-energy weekend centred on being known and knowing God more fully. Register online at allontario.com/register. **Community CRC will pay for \$70 for each of our youth registered BEFORE Monday, May 1.** After you register online (www.allontario.com) put the printed form and the registration fee minus \$70 (cheques made out to CCRC) in Pastor Amanda's mailbox.

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 bulletin board across from the washrooms for information.

Encouragement and Support for Families -

Mom, author, and blogger Sara Pot will keynote “Resilient Families: Walking Together through Every Generation” on April 29 in Whitby ON. Though Sara and her husband Ralph celebrate the gifts of their four daughters, they are often consumed with the needs of Rachel and Janneke who have an undiagnosed syndrome. Workshops will feature sibling relationships, mutual support, estate planning, supporting one another, and ways churches can come alongside families. See www.crcna.org/disability for registration link. Call Heather at 1-800-730-3490 for information on scholarships for people with disabilities.

Volunteer for Fort McMurray Home Reconstruction - World Renew is happy to announce that volunteers are welcome from May13-September 2, 2017, to help rebuild homes for families who suffered through last year's wildfire in Fort McMurray, Alberta. For details and to sign up to volunteer, visit worldrenew.net/albertafires or call 800-848-5818.

MISCELLANEOUS

Volunteers Needed at The Perfect Find Thrift Store! The Perfect Find Thrift Store is a not for profit thrift store supporting Christian education locally and abroad. The store has been up and running for about 3 weeks now and is a wonderful place to both volunteer at and shop! The feedback thus far has been very positive and exciting. We are so very thankful for the many people from this community who are giving their time to support this store, but we are in need of some more volunteers to help fill some of our gaps and share the load. Would you consider volunteering? There are many jobs to be done, including sorting in the back, keeping the main store tidy and stocked, working at the cash, cleaning and organizing etc! Pick what you like. We are open Monday through Saturday. Volunteer applications can be found at the front Kiosk and should be either dropped off at the store (700 Strasburg Road), or can be put in the mailbox of Jodi V or Sarah B. You can also email your info to: info@theprecfectfind.ca.

