



In response to the current provincial state of emergency and stay at home order, **the Council of CCRC has voted to reduce our worship services to livestream only for the duration of the stay at home order.** This decision is effective this Sunday, April 11th.

Even though we are within the 15% capacity allowed for in-person religious services by the province, Council desired to protect our staff, volunteers, and the community around us by reducing our worship services to livestream only. This decision was not made lightly or easily, but with a sense of caution and concern for the welfare of our staff and our region.

All of us long for the day when we can all worship together in-person and so we pray for that day to come, while acknowledging it is not here yet.

Please note that during the stay at home order, the staff and pastors will be working for home as much as possible and are available by phone or email. (see contact information at the end of the bulletin).

Eastertide 2021 | The time between Easter and Pentecost is called “Eastertide” in the Christian calendar. This is a season where we have an extended celebration of Christ’s resurrection and where we explore the importance and effect of Easter for the redemption of all creation, and for joyful Christian living. Some of our sermon texts in this season will be drawn from the Lectionary readings. This week you are invited to read: Acts 3: 12-19, Psalm 4, 1 John 3: 1-7, Luke 24: 36b-48.

10:00am Worship Service

Worship Participants this week:

Preacher: Rebecca Bokma (Calvin Seminary Student) **Litanist:** Pastor Betsy DeVries

GATHERING AND GREETING

Gathering Song	“My Redeemer Lives”
Welcome and Announcements	
Call to Worship	
God’s Greeting	
Song of Praise	“I Serve a Risen Saviour (He Lives)”

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Call to Confession	
Prayer of Confession	
Assurance of Pardon	
Song of Trust	“I Am Not My Own”
Children’s Worship Story	
Children’s Worship Song	“God is So Good”

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination	
Scripture Reading	John 20: 24-31
Sermon	“Whosoever Believes”
Prayer of Application	

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song of Response	“Living Hope”
Offering Announcement	Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church World Renew – Refugee Sunday
Prayers of the People	
God’s Parting Blessing	
Doxology	“Glory Be to the Father”

Following the service this morning (11:30 am) there is a Grade 4-6 Discussion Group on Zoom. The discussion will include surprising parts of the Easter Story.

COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY

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

Prayers of thanks and joy that **Pastor Tom Bomhof** has accepted the call to Community CRC as Pastor - Communities and Missions! Please keep **Pastor Tom and his wife Jodie** in your prayers as they enter a time of transition from BC to Kitchener-Waterloo. They hope to move here sometime this summer with the date as yet to be determined. Thanks be to God!

Congratulations to **Paul and Sarah D (3)** with the birth of a daughter. **Charlie Diana** was born on April 2, 2021 and mom and baby are well. Praise God for this gift of new life!

We praise God that **Denise H's (11)** surgery is scheduled for April 27th. With rising hospital admissions due to the pandemic, please pray that Denise may be able to continue her hospital stay as she waits for the surgery. May God provide strength and endurance to Denise and Mike and their family in the next weeks.

Carita S (14) and **Stephen M** will be united in marriage in our church on April 17, 2021 at 2:00 pm. We pray that the Lord may grant them a beautiful and memorable day as they begin married life together!

Matters for Prayer |

- As we enter a third **provincial state of emergency**, we ask God for renewed patience and continuing endurance for all of us over the next four weeks. And may God grant wisdom to our provincial and regional leaders as they discern and decide the path ahead.
- Pray for our small business owners and our **neighbourhood businesses** as they seek to follow restrictions and keep their businesses going.
- Pray for the smooth and efficient **roll-out of vaccines**. Every shot in the arm brings more hope for a way through this pandemic. May the vaccines get to those who need it most to protect the most vulnerable and most at risk.
- As schools enter **Spring Break** this coming week, may teachers and staff experience much-needed rest and renewal. May students and families find ways to rest and enjoy the week off in the midst of the current restrictions.
- Pray for the ongoing **nominations process** as people are sought to serve in leadership positions at Community CRC during a season of exhaustion and uncertainty for so many.
- Pray for our sister-church, **The Journey**, as they continue to discern a way forward in their own search process.
- Pray for **Dive into Doctrine** and all the participants as small groups wrap up their discussions. We praise God for deep conversation and honest wrestling with difficult issues!
- Pray for **Anthony and Barbara P** with Daystar Ministries on Manitoulin Island, **Hank and Rosario S** volunteering in Guatemala, **Pastor Brian B** serving with Waterloo Campus Ministry and **Shannon C** serving as Chaplain at Forest Heights Long term care home.

STAFF NEWS

Pastor Amanda will be on vacation from April 18 – April 25. If a need or concern arises during this time, please contact Pastor Betsy or your Pastoral elder or deacon.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Apr 18	10 am	Pastor Amanda Bakale
Apr 25	10 am	Pastor Betsy DeVries Baptism
May 2	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 April 25 and May 23. If you are interested in one of these dates, please contact Pastor Amanda or Pastor Betsy.

OFFERING SCHEDULE

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.

Deliver Hope to Refugee Families with Today's Offering - Today is Refugee Sunday. Please consider a gift to World Renew's Refugee Sponsorship and Resettlement Program. Through your gift you will share the love and hope of Christ and support refugee families as they rebuild their lives here in Canada. Thank you for joining us in welcoming refugees, our brothers and sisters in Christ, as they journey to renewed hope.

Next week our offering is for the FACE (Financial Assistance for Christian Education) Fund. As a congregation we have a FACE Fund to assist with tuition costs for those wishing to send their children to a Christ-based school. The fund is available for any approved elementary or secondary school. Please contact either the deacons or the church office in order to receive an application.

Match Your Gift - You can help join God's mission and spread the gospel in North America by supporting Resonate Global Mission. It's not too late to double your gift by visiting www.resonateglobalmission.org/EasterGift! Any amount you give to this special campaign will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous donor! Don't wait—give today while your gift will go twice as far.

Thank you, congregation, for your recent gifts and your prayers in support of Reframe Ministries. As of this past January, we are reaching out to new Christians around the world with a new name: Reframe Ministries. A different name, but our same commitment to share the Gospel, disciple believers, and grow God's church. Like you, we have found ourselves in a new space because of the pandemic. The digital and social media ministries that Reframe Ministries works in around the world on behalf of your local church have been in the right place at the right time. Now in the spring of 2021, we find ourselves in a position to share the Gospel around the world via technology when personal contact is still limited or forbidden. Please pray for the work of Reframe, especially in this critical time when many are tired and anxious and looking for answers only God can provide through His Son, Jesus. Visit www.reframeministries.org to see how your church is making a difference in thousands of lives around the world!

Upcoming Offerings:

Apr 25 | GEMS (Girls Everywhere meeting their Saviour)
May 2 | Friendship Ministries

Offerings Received as at April 4, 2021:

April 4, 2021	\$	10,942
Year to Date	\$	169,405
Budgeted 2021 Total Contributions	\$	923,460
Second Offerings		
Resonate Global Mission		1,075
Ray of Hope	\$	745
World Renew – Refugee Sunday	\$	280
Shalem Mental Health Network	\$	135
Laurentian Hills Christian School	\$	90
Benevolence Fund	\$	50
FACE Fund – Financial Assistance for Christian Education	\$	30
GEMS – Girls Everywhere Meeting their Saviour	\$	20

COMMUNITY CRC NEWS

The Nominations Committee will meet on Monday, April 12 via Zoom.

Consistory will meet on Tuesday, April 13 at 7:30 via Zoom.

Book club news! The spring book club book is the award-winning bestseller and modern classic “The Inconvenient Indian: A Curious Account of Native People in North America” by Thomas King. “The Inconvenient Indian” has been recommended by the CRC’s Office of Social Justice, and the Toronto Star called it a book “every Canadian should read.” We’ll be discussing the book on Tuesday May 18 from 7.30 - 9 pm on Zoom. E-mail Carling L for the Zoom link. Copies of this book abound at local

bookstores and libraries, and it’s also available as an audiobook.

Faith and Hops- Thursday, April 15 @ 7-8:15pm

| If you're a 20ish to 30-something looking for a space to connect and deepen your faith, join us for Faith + Hops via Zoom this coming Thursday. Check out CCRC's Facebook page or Instagram closer to the date for the discussion topic! Interested in joining? Follow the link in the emailed bulletin.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

The Price of Lies | Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Have you ever told a fib? Believe it or not, lies that seem small can hurt others, and we eventually have to pay the cost for them. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC’s weekly emails for all the new content.

Groundwork: Know That God Is Working | When life has fallen apart, it can be difficult to know where or how to begin rebuilding. Join Groundwork as we study the rebuilding of Jerusalem in Ezra 1-2, Ezra 7:1-8, and Nehemiah 1:1-4 for biblical wisdom and guidance for rebuilding with confidence after life knocks us down. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Seeking Justice Together is a virtual conference hosted by Citizens for Public Justice from May 17 to 20 exploring how we are called to seek justice together through intersectional, interpersonal, and interconnected approaches. Through a variety of keynotes and workshops, participants will explore living examples of what it looks like to seek justice as people connected to one another and to the lands in which we live. We will consider how our identities, histories, systems, and geography shape our experiences of power and privilege, and how this informs the

ways in which each of us are called to seek justice together. Speakers and facilitators will address issues of racism, Indigenous/settler reconciliation, 2SLGBTQQA+ rights, disability rights, poverty in Canada, climate justice, and refugee rights.

Register at cpj.ca/seeking-justice-together.

Livestreamed Organ Concert – Friday Night-April 9 | Calvin University Organ Instructor Rhonda Sider Edgington will be playing an organ concert livestreamed from the University Chapel on **Friday, April 9 at 7:30pm**. This concert will be a celebration of the music of American composer and organist Margaret Sandresky, born 100 years ago, on April 27, 1921. From hymn settings to variations sets to her Five Sacred Dances, Sandresky's works will show off the many colors of the Dobson pipe organ in Calvin's chapel, and introduce listeners to an original American voice (who is still active and composing at 100 years of age!). Join the livestream at vimeo.com/event/684136

Canada-Wide Online Women's Retreat - April 16 & 17, 2021. | Ladies, you're invited to a weekend retreat from the comfort of your home. Many of us have struggled in this year of living through a pandemic. Our theme is Blessed is the one whose Hope is in the Lord. - Jer. 17:7-8 Join us for a weekend of three keynote sessions, and a great variety of breakouts! Register this week to be sure to get your Retreat Gift Box in the mail in time. Or feel free to register without the gift box option. To register and find all the details, go to www.inspirationalwomen.ca. Sponsored by Global Coffee Break and Resonate Global Mission.

MISCELLANEOUS

Laurentian Hills Christian School's Online Spring Auction Catalogue is finally ready to preview! Please register at: www.lhcs.net/auction and browse the catalogue and get ready to start bidding on April 10th at 12:00pm. Please share the news with your friends, families and co-workers.

RESOURCES

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
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.



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 and follow the links to CAP or talk to Pastor Amanda.