

**Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario
April 28, 2019**



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10:00 a.m.

Pastor Amanda Bakale

Elder-in-Charge: Eugene B

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: *"My Lighthouse"*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Songs of Praise: *"Build Your Kingdom Here"*

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God is the Fount of every blessing. He gives life, breath, and everything else. And of all the good gifts God gives, Jesus is our greatest blessing!

GEMS: Look up! Bless God by thanking Him for your blessings.

Congregation: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits (Psalm 103:1-2, ESV).

Leader: God blesses us so that we will be a blessing. We are blessed in Christ so that all peoples will come to Him!

GEMS: Reach out! Bless others by speaking blessings.

Congregation: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace (Numbers 6:24-26).

GEMS: Reach out! Bless others by sharing your blessings.

Congregation: And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work (2 Corinthians 9:8).

ALL: We will abound in all that is good by blessing God with thankfulness and blessing others with genuine love and care so that all peoples can know Him, too

Song *"Blessed Assurance: Jesus is Mine"*

Children's Blessing

Children ages 3 – Grade 1 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: *"Be Thou My Vision"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

Sermon: **"A Blessing"**

Prayer of Application

Response to the Word

*Song of Response: *"All the People Said Amen"*

GEMS Update

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church
2) GEMS Girls Club

Offertory Song: *"Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: *"We Receive Your Blessing"*

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 large room off the gym.

There is no evening service today

Members have the opportunity to meet in their Communities or Small Groups today. Study material is available in hard copy at the Information Centre or on the church website at www.ccrcc.on.ca (click on the “Communities/Small Groups” tab). If you do not know what “Community” you belong to, please contact the church office or Pastor Carel.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Congratulations to **Jeff and Gayle S** (2) with the birth of son! **Pierce Edward** was born on Wednesday, April 17th and mom and baby are doing well. Praise God for this gift of new life!

On Monday, April 22, 2019, the Lord called home **Mrs. Olga S** (9) at Lanark Long Term Care in her 74th year. Our condolences are extended to her son, **Alan and Sandy, Kelstin and Kylee** (1) as well as the rest of the extended family. Olga was a sister to **Christine and Jerry F** (14) and a sister-in-law to **Nellie P** (11). She was also an aunt to **Herman and Holly F (Joel, Summer, Sarah)** (13) and **Albert and Maria F (Jessica, Samantha, Alexa, and Mikayla)** (11). Visitation will be held at Community CRC tomorrow from April 29 from 2-4 pm and 7-9 pm. A Memorial service will be held on Tuesday, April 30 at 2:00 pm also at the church.

After spending some time at Grand River Hospital, **Willemina G** (13), has been transferred to Freeport Hospital to allow for some additional recovery time and to regain physical strength. Pray for encouragement and that the Lord may surround both Ed and Willemina with His grace and peace.

It's been a little over 3 months since **Hank S** had heart surgery and his recovery has gone very well, so well in fact that **Hank and Rosario** are leaving today to return to their home in Guatemala and to continue their volunteer involvement with Resonate Global Mission and with the ministries they left months ago. Today we say “farewell”. May God go with Hank and Rosario and grant them health and strength and vision for the tasks awaiting them.

Jake R, son of **Frank and Jane R** (13), is currently at Hamilton General Hospital recovering from surgery for an aneurysm. He is in serious condition. Please this family in your prayers.

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 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 church in Sri Lanka so hard hit by targeted bombings;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

Congratulations to **Adrian and Kirstin B (8)** as they celebrated their 5th wedding anniversary this past Friday, April 26, 2019. May God continue to bless and strengthen their marriage for many years to come!

organizations throughout the U.S. and Canada and 15 other countries."

Next week our offering is for Friendship Ministries Canada. *"The mission of Friendship Ministries is to provide resources that support faith formation and congregational inclusion with individuals with intellectual disability. Their vision is people with and without intellectual disability growing deeper in their relationship with God and with each other in community together."*

STAFF INFORMATION

Pastor John is on vacation this week. He will return in time to lead us in worship next Sunday.

UPCOMING SERVICES

May 5	10 a.m.	Pastor John Friendship Club Participates
	6 p.m.	Pastor Carel
May 12	10 a.m.	Pastor John Lord's Supper Sunday School Graduation
	6 p.m.	Communities Meet

OFFERING SCHEDULE

**Budget Contributions
For April 21, 2019 including
Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)**

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus
Apr 21	\$30,726	\$30,153	\$572
YTD	\$242,940	\$290,452	(\$47,512)
Good Friday – Ray of Hope			\$ 1,879
Resonate Global Missions			\$ 2,137
Waterloo Campus Ministry			\$ 80
GEMS			\$ 20

Our offering today is for GEMS Girls Club. *"GEMS stands for Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior. GEMS welcomes girls of all backgrounds into a safe and nurturing environment to learn and grow as they discover who God created them to be. Clubs are offered in local churches and Christian*

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

**Administrative Council Meeting
April 23, 2019 Highlights**

- Approved minutes of Congregational Meeting of April 14, 2019 and Council Meeting of March 26, 2019
- Discussed and approved the current office bearer nomination list and next steps.
- Reviewed, discussed, and approved a proposed mandate for an Ad-hoc Committee to review the changing needs of the congregation in light of how we are supported by staff and in the light of the

present Community model. Pastor Carel's anticipated retirement in 2020 provided the impetus for such a review. Some Council members recently attended a staff best practices conversation hosted by Classis Hamilton.

- Approved pastoral staff summer vacation requests and reviewed proposed preaching schedule.
- Received for information various staff and ministry reports and meeting minutes.
- Discussed the Impact program in 2019.
- **Rachel V** has begun her work with CCRC as Part Time Worship Coordinator. Welcome Rachel!
- Led by questions from the Worship Committee there was a discussion concerning the current practice of Children at the Lord's Supper in CCRC. The pastoral elders will continue the discussion.
- **Kor H** has indicated his desire to retire from the custodial role at the end of May 2019.
- Next Classis Huron meeting is May 15, 2019 in Clinton, ON with Pastor Amanda as Pastoral Delegate and Jane V as Diaconate Delegate. Elder delegate yet to be decided.
- CCRC will host Classis Huron meeting in September 2020.
- A Go! Build celebration is planned for September 2019.

TODAY Booklets: The May/June 2019 edition of the Today Devotional Booklets (English, Korean and Spanish) are available at the Information Centre. Please, help yourself to a copy. Large print copies are in

the mailboxes of members that have requested them.

Library News! We are excited to announce the Grand Opening of the church library **Today, April 28, 2019.** The library will be open before the service from 9:30 to 10:00 and again after the morning service. Please come and check out our new space and all the new books we have available for your reading pleasure. Also, come and fill out a ballot guessing the number of books we have in the library and win a lovely gift!

Dive into Doctrine: Starts This Wednesday! What do autonomous vehicles, government protests, singleness, and hydrology maps all have in common? They're just a few of the things we'll be exploring together at Dive Into Doctrine this coming month! Intrigued? Join us on Wednesdays in May as we dive into *Our World Belongs to God*. We begin the evening with snack and fellowship time at 7:00 pm, then at 7:15 we come together for opening devotions and after that we begin the learning portion at 7:30 and go until 9:00 pm. There's still room for you! **Sign up at the Information Centre or visit ccrc.on.ca to sign-up online.**

go! Project Pledge statements:



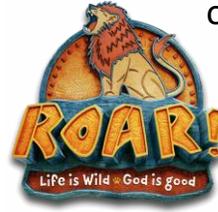
Dear congregation, in your mailbox today you will find a pledge statement for your contributions to the go! Project. Your envelope includes 2 pages: the first page shows your progress against your commitment up to the end of May 2019; the second page is a statement of your progress against your total commitment to the end of 2022. We want to thank you for your

contributions to date and encourage you to meet your annual commitment for the year ending May 2019. Our thanks if you have already completed your commitment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Gerald R.

Montreal Mission Challenge: The Mission Strategy Team is looking for 2 or 3 members of the congregation to take up the challenge to go to Montreal from July 10-14. The purpose of the trip is to visit Mission Montreal and discover how they are making an impact on the Montreal metropolitan area in the name of Jesus. What we learn in Montreal may help us to think about and perhaps strategize as to how our Communities or we as a congregation may make an impact on our region. Melodie B is going as our French interpreter. If you are interested, please speak to Pastor Carel or Larry L.

Chili Dinner and Dessert. May 10 is the day that everyone is invited to a dinner and dessert. The youth are raising money for the CCRC Mission Fund which will provide the necessary resources for their upcoming SERVE trip to Muskegon, Michigan in July. Today you will have an opportunity to sign up for the dinner. Look for a youth with a clipboard! The cost of the dinner is \$10/adult and \$5/child (2-10 years old). There will be many choices of chili including a vegetarian choice. We will have an auction for the delicious desserts that the youth have made. You will have an opportunity to bid on the dessert of your liking. We hope to see many of you there.

Vacation Bible School: Registration is now open for "ROAR" VBS 2019 to be held from **July 15-19!** You can go online to ccrc.on.ca to find the registration page. VBS is for children entering JK-Grade 6.



Please also consider being a volunteer this year. The work is easy and the atmosphere is fun. We do have childcare for volunteers who are bringing young children. For any questions or to sign up to volunteer please speak to Melodie S or Kristin G.

L.A.F.F. (Life After Fifty Five) will meet for the last time this ministry year on Tuesday, April 30. Coffee and fellowship is at 10:15 a.m. with the meeting to start at **10:30 a.m.** **Please note the time change.** This will allow the meeting to be completed in a timely matter to accommodate the memorial service in the afternoon. Pastor Bernie will be leading the group in Lesson #11 on David. Lunch will be Chinese takeout. The cost is \$7.50/person.

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.



Impact: For the month of May - we will be joining in the Dive into Doctrine series. This year, we'll be exploring the Contemporary Testimony of the Christian Reformed Church: *Our World Belongs to God*. DID will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. each Wednesday

evening of the month of May. Sign up at the Information Centre or visit ccrc.on.ca to sign-up online.

AOYC 2019 is coming soon! - World Renew is excited to be part of this year's AOYC! High school students will have an opportunity to "reach out" and help address both local and global issues surrounding hunger. **World Renew is asking for each student to bring \$10 to help feed Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, and bring 10 non-perishable food items to donate to the Food Bank of Waterloo Region.** Join us and help make a difference in lives of the hungry! For more info and to register, please go to: www.allontario.com/aoyc-2019

Friday Night Dinner: May 3 @ 6-8pm: Are you a young adult looking for a place to connect over a good meal? Join other young adults from Community CRC, Waterloo CRC, and Waterloo Campus Ministry at Pastor Amanda and Brian's home every first Friday of the month for dinner and conversation. Message Pastor Amanda or email to RSVP!

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 Deacons bulletin board across from the washrooms for information.

I Am Not My Own Tour - Singer-Songwriter Jeremy Benjamins is bringing his I Am Not My Own Tour to Cambridge! Join us and invite your friends as Jeremy shares his music and tells his incredible story in concert on **Saturday, May 4, 6:30pm at Maranatha**

CRC. Proceeds will go to World Renew, Nightlight Canada and Jeremy's Worship Ministry, so please come prepared to give generously! Find out more by calling 519-281-1727, emailing lara@iamnotmyown.org or at www.iamnotmyown.org.

Support for Training in Ministry: Classis Huron invites students from this Classis who are considering full time ministry within the CRC to apply for a forgivable loan. These students must be planning to attend seminary in the school year 2019-2020. For applications and further information, please contact Rev. Brian Bork by email: bbork41@gmail.com. Current recipients must also make clear their intentions. Applications and further information is available at www.classishuron.ca under Forms and Mandates for the Classical Ministerial Leadership Team. The deadline for applications is **May 31, 2019**. As churches in Classis Huron let us pray for God to raise up workers in His kingdom from our congregations. "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." *Luke 10:2*

Prayer Vigil: In response to last Sunday's bombing in Sri Lanka of churches and hotels, the Steering Committee of Christians Together Waterloo Region has organized a **Prayer Vigil** in support of our local Sri Lankan community. K-W, Cambridge, and Guelph have a great number of Christians, Hindu, and Buddhists with deep roots in Sri Lanka. It is appropriate that we set aside time to have the whole community come together, mourn, and pray. The vigil will take place today **Sunday, April 28, at 6:30 p.m.**, at the **Kitchener City Hall Rotunda.**

