

**Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario
April 30, 2017**



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10:00 a.m.

Pastor John Medendorp

Elder-in-Charge: Harry O

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

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: *"Your Love, Oh Lord"*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Songs of Praise: *"Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)"*

"Awesome God"

"Oh The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

Celebration of Holy Baptism

Institution

Prayer of Confession

The Promises of God

Vows to Children

Baptism of Children: Nathan Thomas G, Charlotte Eliana Grace L,
Alec William L, Jordan Edwin S

Congregational Welcome

Prayer

Profession of Faith of Christina G and Greg H

Baptism of Greg H

Congregational Welcome

*Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Prayer

Song of Thanksgiving: PsH #269 *"Baptized in Water"*

Children's Blessing

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: *“Praise the Father, Praise the Son”*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4: 7-12

Sermon: **“God’s Love and Our Love”**

Prayer of Application

Response to the Word

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

*Song of Response: *“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community CRC
 2) World Renew – Refugee Sunday

*God’s Parting Blessing

*Doxology: *“Go Now In Peace”*

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
Shannon Cook/Pastor Carel Geleynse
Pianist: Ashley B

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Praise and Prayer

Welcome

Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: *"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"*

Prayer and Share

Song of Response: PsH #601 *"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"*

Offering: World Renew – Refugee Sunday

Offertory: *"Whatsoever You Do to the Least"*

Hearing of the Word

*Song of Preparation: *"The Servant Song"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 10: 25-37

Sermon: **"Love is Risky Business"**

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: PsH #267 *"And Can it Be"*

Celebration of Lord's Supper

The Institution

The Teaching

Song: PsH #312 *"Eat This Bread"*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Invitation

The Distribution of the Elements

Words of Praise

*Song of Response: *"Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"*

*God's Blessing

*Doxology: PsH 638 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Congratulations to **Rob and Ashley H (13)** with the birth of a son. Logan Willem was born on April 23, 2017 and mom and baby are doing well. Praise God for this gift of new life!

Our condolences are extended to **Irene and George F (11)** and their children **Jeff and Jen F (Zoe, Elsie) (9)** and **Josh and Amy F (Ezra) (11)** with the passing way of Irene's mom, Mrs. Bertha V. Mrs. V passed away at St. Mary's Hospital on April 24, 2017 at the age of 76. The funeral was held this past Thursday at Drayton CRC. May God comfort all who mourn.

Mike H (11) remained in Grand River Hospital this past week. He is recovering well from his surgery. At the time of writing it was not known when he would return home. Pray for continued recovery.

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)**, **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.

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



- May 1 – Bob P (14)**
- May 6 – Minnie H (11)**
- May 7 – Rinze V (6)**

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

Congratulations to **Pieter and Yolanda V**



(4) who celebrate their **40th wedding anniversary** today, April 30. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Pastor Amanda and **Pastor John**, along with many other pastors from Classis Huron will be participating in a two-week study-leave trip to Egypt, Jordan and Israel beginning this Tuesday, May 2. They will be returning on May 17. This study trip is sponsored by the DeVries Family Foundation and is intended to help pastors in their preaching as they experience the Scriptures in its geographical, historical and cultural context. This experience will help pastors learn how to equip their own people in their mission and witness to their community context, resulting in congregations who will understand more deeply God’s call to Abraham -- “blessed to be a blessing.” Pray for safety in travels and renewed insight into the teachings of the Bible.

Pastor Carel will be attending the last meeting of the New Mission Agency (NMA) Board this coming week. He will be in Grand Rapids from Tuesday (May 2) afternoon through Friday (May 5). Two of our denominational agencies, Christian Reformed Home Missions (CRHM) and Christian Reformed World Missions (CRWM), have joined to become one agency (yet to be named) effective July 1, 2017. This past year the board has functioned as one board, but with the new denominational governance structure set to begin on July 1, the NMA Board will cease to exist as the Council of Delegates (COD) begins its work. Before the COD takes over Pastor Carel will have a couple more duties connected to the NMA. The first is a final celebration with the CRHM and CRWM staff in Burlington and the second is a trip to Synod to report on behalf of the agencies. Please remember the meetings of the board in your prayers as well as the staff of the denomination who have experienced great upheaval over the past year.

UPCOMING SERVICES

May 7	10 a.m.	Pastor Bernie D Friendship Participates
	6 p.m.	Community Care Groups/Communities meet (final meeting)
May 14	10 a.m.	Pastor Carel Lord’s Supper Baptism: Logan H
	6 p.m.	Pastor Carel

OFFERING SCHEDULE**Budget Contributions including Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)
For April 23, 2017**

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus
Apr 23	\$26,422	\$28,212	(\$1,791)
YTD	\$248,838	\$278,510	(\$29,673)
GEMS Girls' Club			\$ 1,767.30
Benevolence Fund			\$ 895.00
Laurentian Hills Christian School			\$ 100.00
River City Church			\$ 30.00
CRWM			\$ 30.00

Today is Refugee Sunday - Thank you for demonstrating the grace and goodness of God by joining World Renew's ministry to those displaced by persecution and war. Your gifts and prayers today will enable World Renew's Refugee Office to protect and care for more refugees in need. To find out more about sponsoring a refugee and other opportunities for your church to stay involved in World Renew's ministry of supporting refugees, please go to worldrenew.net/sponsor-refugees-canada.

Next week our offering is for Friendship Ministries Canada. Friendship Ministries is a not-for-profit organization that exists to help churches and organizations around the world share God's love with people who have intellectual disability.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

In your mailboxes today you will find copies of the Friday, April 21st **Congregational Meeting Minutes**. Since the minutes reflect the broad scope of what is presently happening in the life of CCRC and include many items for which you are asked to be in prayer, Council thought it was a good idea to hand out the minutes now rather than in the fall. Praise the Lord for a living and active community of believers!

**Highlights from the Council Meeting
Of April 25, 2017**

- The building committee joined Council to provide an update on their work to date. The committee suggested that we give this project a name so that it will be identifiable by the congregation. The committee will be communicating further on this in the upcoming weeks. A preliminary site plan and floor plan was presented for Council's review. Council affirmed the work done and encouraged them to continue with their work.
- Council reviewed the slate of names presented by the Nominations Committee. They voted to affirm the names of potential officebearers after reviewing the recommendations made by Consistory.

Volunteers needed: Our church's Human Resource Coordinator is preparing to complete the annual appraisals for our three pastors on behalf of council. The process we have developed calls for a 360 degree review in which a variety of people have input into the evaluation. The process details who are asked to participate for each review, however for each pastor we

require a number of congregational members to also participate.

As such we are seeking members of the congregation that are not in leadership positions to volunteer to complete an evaluation for one of the pastors. All those who volunteer will be placed on a list and then we will make a random choice as to who participates for which pastor.

Our appraisal system is one that seeks to encourage and motivate staff and as such we do not want volunteers to restrict themselves to just one pastor.

The questionnaire will take no more than 30 minutes. Responses will be shared with the pastor however the names of those completing the review will be kept confidential by the Human Resource Coordinator. Please send an e-mail to Keith Oosthoek if you are willing to help out.

Church Clean-Up: It's time again for the annual church ground's clean-up. **We'll go at it tomorrow, May 1 and if needed continue May 8.** We'll need garden rakes, leave rakes, etc. The flower beds and shrubs need mulching and edging. If you can help, great! Any able-bodied person can show up at **9:00 am**. We'll work for 3 hrs. Coffee and doughnuts provided. Contact Bernie De Jonge if you have questions.

Dive into Doctrine continues this week with the study of "The Story of God". This course is open to all members - Grade 6 and up. The evening begins at 7 p.m. with a social time including some food. At 7:15 we gather in the sanctuary for a time of devotions and song. The class starts at 7:30 p.m. and is led this week by Pastor Bernie,

Paul G, Scott K, and Randy Z. If you didn't attend this past week you are welcome to join whenever you are able.

You are invited to attend an **audio workshop this coming 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!

The Youth Ministries Team needs some short term help on Monday May 22, 2017.

The YMT is looking for people that can help with assembling packaging, and transporting bagged take-away lunches for the All Ontario Youth Convention held on the May long weekend (May 19-22) at Wilfrid Laurier University. If you feel you would be able to assist in this event, please contact Harry O.

VINE will be meeting in the church (Classroom #1) after the service today. This week's topic is Bible: Authority. Young Adults welcome. Talk to Matthias M if you're interested.

L.A.F.F. (Life After Fifty Five) will meet this Tuesday at the church. Coffee and fellowship is at 10:15 a.m. with the meeting to start at 10:45. Pastor Bernie will be leading the group in lesson #11 on Joseph. Lunch is at 12:30 p.m. at the Mandarin Restaurant (4220 King Street East,

Kitchener). This is our final meeting of the season.

Friendship will meet this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the church. This week we will practice the songs for Friendship Sunday service and then have a social evening with Pastor Bernie in charge. This will be our last Tuesday night meeting until September. Mentors, please fill in your form and return it as soon as possible.

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.



Youth News

Teen Club Grade 7 & 8

Ok, Teen Clubbers, we have two more events left for this year! **Our next event is Friday, May 5th at Ron and Anita H's.** We are hoping for good weather so we can have outdoor games like manhunt, Frisbee or soccer and then a bonfire and snacks! It will run from 7:00-10:00 at their place. Could you please let us know at youth@ccrc.on.ca if you are planning on attending so we can supply enough snacks? If the weather does not cooperate, we'll be in touch about either having to cancel or come up with another plan.

Student Impact Grades 9-12

Student Impact will meet this week and continue studying The Belgic Confession. The evening starts at 7 p.m. with a social time including some food. At 7:15 p.m. we gather in the sanctuary for a time of devotions and song.

AOYC 2017 - Calling all young people 14-18! Come to the 2017 All Ontario Youth Convention in Waterloo over the May long weekend. This year's theme is "*Know Fully: Fully Known*". We are fully known by a God who loves us, and we can know him. So how does knowing this change our minds, hearts, and lives? Join us at AOYC 2017 to discover the truth about God's love and our place in his plan! Find out more and register at <http://www.allontario.com/>. Community CRC is no longer looking after registration or the bursary. You are welcome to register

but follow the instructions online as to signup and payment.

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.

Waiting For The Second Coming - "What happens to my body when I die? What about my soul? What is heaven like?" Join Groundwork as we study Romans 8:35-39 and 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 to discuss what happens to believers who die before Christ comes again, which theologians call the intermediate state. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Available Free in the Digital Library - "Four-Dimensional Jesus" is available free to all in the CRC through the Digital Library (crcna.org/Library). In this book, John Timmer explores how the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John each offer their own unique descriptions of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

MISCELLANEOUS

Plans are underway for Woodland Christian High School's 21st Annual Golf Tournament. This year's tournament is being held at Beaverdale Golf Club on Saturday, June 17, 2017. Registration opens at 11:30am, with a shotgun start at 12:00pm. After golf, there will be a fantastic steak dinner and awards presentation. Learn more, and register online at www.woodland.on.ca/golf. Consider putting together an alumni foursome in celebration of the school's 40th Anniversary!

