

# THE MISSION OF GOD'S PEOPLE



## The Mission of God's People | Pentecost 2021

On Pentecost, we celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit, given to God's people. The Holy Spirit is the real presence of God at work in and among us. This presence of God is a comfort and a gift. But in addition to comforting us and drawing us to God, the Holy Spirit also impels men and women to "go next door and far away into science and art, media and marketplace—every area of life, pointing to the reign of God with what they do and say" (*Our World Belongs to God*, Article 30). The gift of the Spirit comes with an invitation to join God's mission. This short worship series will address a few select themes that come up under "The Mission of God's People" section of *Our World Belongs to God*, a contemporary testimony of the CRCNA. In our worship services, we will include a "Sending" litany before our usual Blessing and Doxology to reinforce that we are sent out each week with the power of God's Spirit to take part in God's mission in the world.

### 10:00am Worship Service

**Worship Participants this week:**

**Preacher:** Pastor Betsy DeVries

#### GATHERING AND GREETING

**Gathering Song** "Way Maker"

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

**God's Greeting**

**Song of Praise** "Build Your Kingdom Here"

#### CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Song of Assurance** "He Knows My Name"

## Children's Worship Story

Children's Worship Song "Awesome God"

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 139

Our World Belongs to God Article 44

Sermon "People of Life"

Prayer of Application

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song of Response "We Are Called"

Offering Announcement  
Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church  
Worship Ministries

## Prayers of the People

**Sending Litany:** Our World Belongs to God – Article 30

Leader: The Spirit gathers us from every tongue, tribe, and nation into the unity of the body of Christ.

**All:** Anointed and sent by the Spirit, we are thrust into the world, as ambassadors of God's peace, announcing forgiveness and reconciliation, proclaiming the good news of grace.

Leader: Going before us and with us, the Spirit convinces the world of sin and pleads the cause of Christ.

**All:** All of us, impelled by the Spirit, go next door and far away into science and art, media and marketplace—every area of life, pointing to the reign of God with what we do and say.

Sending Song

"Hear the Call of the Kingdom"

God's Parting Blessing

Doxology

"Agnus Dei"



If you would like to read or follow along with

**"Our World Belongs to God: A Contemporary Testimony"** it is online at:

<https://www.crcna.org/welcome/beliefs/contemporary-testimony/our-world-belongs-god> or in the "Our Faith" books that were made available to the congregation in previous Dive into Doctrine programs.

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## COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY

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

Please keep the **H** family (11) in your prayers as **Denise** continues to recover. Pray especially for Denise's body to strengthen and mend, and for the whole family to have a renewed sense of hope in the midst of a difficult season of ongoing separation due to the lengthy hospital stay.

**Congratulations** to the following couples celebrating milestones anniversaries:

**John and Barb V** (9) celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this past Thursday, May 27, 2021.

**Larry and Marjorie B** (1) will celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary next Sunday, June 6, 2021.

May God continue to bless and strengthen these marriages for many years to come!

### Matters for Prayer |

- As the third **provincial state of emergency is extended again**, we ask God for renewed patience and continuing endurance for all of us 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.

- May teachers and staff, parents and students, find the energy and persistence that they need in another round of at home learning.
- 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 **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.

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## UPCOMING SERVICES

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June 6	10 am	Pastor Betsy DeVries
June 13	10 am	Pastor Amanda Bakale Lord's Supper
June 20	10 am	Pastor Betsy DeVries
June 27	10 am	Pastor Betsy DeVries Final preaching service at CCRC

**Upcoming Baptism Sundays** | Are you looking to be baptized or to have your child baptized? The next Baptism Sundays are scheduled for June 20 and July 18 (note the change of date). 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.

This week our offering is for **Worship Ministries**. Worship Ministries is a denomination ministry of the CRCNA that seeks to support the local church in the area of worship by listening, coaching, and resourcing. They desire that every worshipping community in the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) experience vibrant gospel proclamation and worship that is directed to God, is biblically based and theologically Reformed, and is characterized by creativity, discernment, spiritual vitality, the faith formation of all worshipers, and a call to serve others.

Next week our offering is for **Woodland Christian High School**. Woodland Christian High School is a vibrant Christian community of learning where the love of God is evident and where students will be equipped to serve in our society as followers of Christ.

### Upcoming Offerings:

Jun 13 | Missionary Support  
 Jun 20 | Indigenous Ministry

### Offerings Received as at May 23, 2021:

May 23, 2021	\$	1,390
Year to Date	\$	260,321
Budgeted 2021 Total Contributions	\$	923,460
<b>Second Offerings</b>		
CCRC Mission Fund	\$	150

World Renew – Maternal and Child Care	\$	441
World Renew	\$	100
Reframe Ministries	\$	100

## COMMUNITY CRC NEWS

The next **Congregational meeting** is scheduled for June 13 following the service. An agenda will be sent out in the next few days. A couple items on the Financial Statements from 2020, a motion for the surplus, and an update from the Worship Committee. Look for an email with the agenda and more details this week.

### Highlights from the Administrative Council Meeting of Tuesday May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- Received and reviewed various staff and ministry reports and meeting minutes.
- Council discussed items for the upcoming congregational meeting scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- **Pastor Tom's installation date is scheduled for August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**
- Council discussed the ongoing nomination process and are thankful for the names presented.
- The minutes from the Classis Huron meeting are on their website for anyone interested. <https://classishuron.ca>
- Council approved motion to hire an interim for a 1-year term while we continue to search for the vacant position; Pastor – Preaching and Pastoral care. Henry V and Pastor Amanda will make up a part of this search team. A third person will be approached for their involvement as well.
- Council recognizes the need to have pulpit supply over the summer with plans to fill dates being made.
- It was noted Pastor Betsy's final Sunday is June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Calling Committee** | In recognition of Pastor Betsy's upcoming end of term and our vacant staff position, council has been working diligently at evaluating the needs of the church. In an effort to keep this work moving forward efficiently we would like to reach out to the members of CCRC and gather names of volunteers that are interested in joining a calling committee for the Pastor – Preaching and Pastoral Care position. We are hoping to create a diverse group of people for this. If you are a member of CCRC and are interested in being a part of this committee, or would like to nominate another member, please email Kim T.

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### MISCELLANEOUS

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**Apartment Needed** | 26-year-old male looking for an affordable apartment to rent for June 1st. Willing to share an apartment with another male. Looking within the Kitchener/Waterloo area. Please contact the church office for the contact information.

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### DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

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**Panel Discussion: What Awaits Churches After the Pandemic?** Will our congregations come back? What will members be like if/when they do come back? How will society change, and what challenges and opportunities will this present for us? The Classis Alberta North Home Missions Committee is hosting a panel of experts who will help answer these questions so we can lead our churches out of and beyond COVID-19. The name of the conference is Reboot: Leading out of COVID and Beyond. This online event will take place June 10th, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. MTS. (The event will be recorded for those in time zones that make in-person participation difficult.) Pastors and church leaders are especially encouraged to take in the event, but everyone is welcome. The event will feature an hour of panel discussion, followed by

a half hour of Q&A. Panelists will include: Keith Doornbos (Executive Director of the Center for Church Renewal), Beth Fellingner (Resonate Global Mission's Missional Leader for Eastern Canada), Darren Roorda (Canadian Ministries Director of the CRCNA), and Dr. Joel Thiessen (Professor of Sociology and Director of the Flourishing Congregations Institute at Ambrose University in Calgary, Alberta). For more information and to register visit [www.classisalbertanorth.ca/home-missions](http://www.classisalbertanorth.ca/home-missions)

**Groundwork: When Discipleship Growth Stalls:** Sometimes the things we do and say are out of sync with the faith we profess to believe. Study Acts 10:34-48, Galatians 2:11-16, James 1:22-27, 1 John 1:8-10, and Philippians 3:12-14 with Groundwork to understand what God does for us in these situations and what we need to continue growing again as Christ's disciples today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Children's Devotion: God's Idea of Justice** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Imagine that you see someone being bullied. Do you just watch, or turn away, or do you try to help the person being bullied? How does God want you to respond? What is God's idea of justice? Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.  
Other

**Summer Course: Got Big Questions on Big Issues?** - Join the Institute for Christian Study's next remote summer course to think them through: "Faith in Art: Spirituality and Lived Experience" with Adrienne Dengerink Chaplin is a six-week course exploring the various ways art and faith can intersect by comparing two important strands within theological aesthetics: art as a bridge to the spiritual and

transcendence, and the way art articulates human lived experience. First-time auditors can join for only \$425 (registration incl.). Learn more about this and our other online summer courses at [www.icscanada.edu/summer-courses](http://www.icscanada.edu/summer-courses) or email Eizabet Aras at [academic-registrar@icscanada.edu](mailto:academic-registrar@icscanada.edu) with questions or to register by June 1st.

**Upcoming Safe Church Ministry Webinar and Workshop** - Join Safe Church Ministry as they continue their 2021 webinar series: On Being a Safe Church. On June 9th, 12-1p Eastern (9-10a Pacific), join Anne Martin (Director of Restorative Practices) and Mark Vander Vennen (Executive Director of Shalem Mental Health) as they discuss being restorative congregations in the aftermath of COVID. In addition, as a follow up to this webinar, on June 23rd at 7:30-9p Eastern (4:30-6p Pacific), a free Restorative Practices Workshop will take place. To learn more or to register, go to [bit.ly/sc2021webinars](http://bit.ly/sc2021webinars)

**Employment: Camp Shalom Summer Staff** - With hundreds of day campers, overnight campers, and mobile site day campers already registered for Camp Shalom this summer, we need more amazing staff! You will never regret a summer spent working at Camp Shalom where you will learn leadership skills, grow closer to God, and meet amazing friends and... have tons of fun! Positions include cabin counselors, day camp counselors, kitchen staff, and lifeguards. Visit [www.countrysidecamp.com](http://www.countrysidecamp.com) to apply.

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## RESOURCES

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The following donation methods are in place to give to Community CRC and its ministries:

1. Use the Bridge App (or this link): <https://crc.etadvance.com/churches/community-crc-kitchener/donate>. You can make 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:
  1. Church Budget
  2. Capital Fund
  3. The work of the Deacons locally (Benevolence) or
  4. **\*NEW\* An approved second collection. The Bridge APP now includes a listing of upcoming second collections for the next few weeks.**

Note: if you use the link (rather than the APP), 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.

2. PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) – monthly pre-authorized payment. Fill out form, along with a blank void cheque by email to [treasurer@ccrc.on.ca](mailto:treasurer@ccrc.on.ca)
3. You can mail your donations to the Church. The mailbox is checked regularly.
4. 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.



**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](http://ccrc.on.ca) and follow the links to CAP or talk to Pastor Amanda.