



## Pentecost Sunday

**Welcome** to another edition of CCRC's bulletin! It has now been an unprecedented 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in a row that we have not had the privilege to gather at the church for communal worship. Today also marks the end of Pastor Carel's ministry at CCRC.

With the extension of the emergency created by COVID – 19 the church building remains closed and all scheduled events, including public worship services, have been suspended until further notice. All staff is working from home. Discussions are ongoing about what returning to the church might look like including a possible live stream, so stay tuned. It is important and respectful that we follow government guidelines and that we do not hasten any sort of quick return.

The elders and deacons along with the pastors have been seeking to keep in touch with the entire congregation. If there are any concerns please don't hesitate to call one of the pastors, your Community elder or deacon or Shalem Mental Health Network using the Congregational Assistance Plan.

These continue to be challenging times for our region, province, country and the entire globe. May the living Lord grant us his peace as we move forward.



During COVID19 restrictions the CAP counselling ministry through Shalem Mental Health Network continues to make anonymous professional counselling support available to congregants of our church at no charge. All services are provided through a secured video or telephone connection.

To book a CAP appt, call Shalem directly at **1-866-347-0041**. And for more resource information check their website at <https://shalemnetwork.org/>

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## COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY

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

**Congratulations to Aaron and Melissa B (6)** as they were united in marriage yesterday, May 30. May God bless you and may you find joy and fulfillment in your life together!

**Wedding Banns: Lauren Patricia Vandervelde (1) and Zachary Richard Eckert** have indicated their desire to be united in marriage. If there are no valid objections, they will exchange their vows on Saturday, June 13, 2020. Pastor Amanda Bakale will be officiating. May the Lord grant you a beautiful and memorable day as you exchange vows and rings and begin your married life together!

As the news reports, almost daily, the Long-Term Care facilities of this province continue to face some severe challenges with COVID-19. Forest Heights Revera, where **Sandra K (9)** lives, has been especially challenged. At the time of writing there have been 50 deaths attributed to the virus in that home alone. To date we have reported that Sandra has somehow managed to be free of the virus, now with great disappointment we must report that such but that is no longer the case. **Sandra** has tested positive for the coronavirus. Although she is currently asymptomatic, nonetheless she is very disappointed and sad about this result. We can show our support by sending her a card or a note at Forest Heights Long Term Care.

### Matters for Prayer:

- Pray for CCRC and the season of transition it is in with the departure of Pastor Carel today and the departure of Pastor John preaching his farewell on June 21.

- Pray for guidance and wisdom for the Search Team as they begin their work searching for a Pastor – Preaching and Pastoral Care. Members of the team are Agnes B, Laura D, Jim R, Scott K, Mia F, Greg S and Kim T.
- Continue to lament the effects of the pandemic on our region, country and world.
- Be bold before the Lord and pray for an end to the virus creating such havoc in our world.
- Pray for those seeking to find a vaccine.
- Pray for continued resiliency, energy and creativity for those remaining at home with few places to go.
- Pray for families caring for young children and at the same time with parents having to work from home. It makes for some stressful times.
- Pray for those “on the front lines” who are called upon to serve during this pandemic. Pray for courage, health, strength and safety.
- Pray for those in leadership positions in government as they seek to guide us throughout the pandemic, and as they seek to work on easing restrictions. Pray for courage, health, strength and wisdom.
- Pray for those dealing with mental illness and addiction which is exacerbated by the pandemic.
- Pray for those dealing with other illnesses that seem to have taken a back seat to COVID-19.
- Pray for those who find themselves stuck in abusive relationships or homes.
- **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.

- Pray for the church locally and internationally as it addresses COVID-19. Pray for an ability to share the good news of Jesus even now.

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### THANK YOU NOTES

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A heartfelt **thank you** for your prayers and expressions of condolence and sympathy in the recent loss of my father **Dirk L**. We will miss him dearly, but we know he is in the presence of his Lord and Saviour, where he longed to be. We thank God for this comfort and for your support!  
**Irene & Pastor Carel G (9)**

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### MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

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Congratulations to **Harry and Dai R (13)** as they celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary tomorrow, June 1, 2020.

Congratulations to **Ed and Janet H (4)** as they celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 3, 2020.

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

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### MISSIONARY CORNER

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This will be our final Russian Realm of FY19-20 which concludes on June 30. Thank you for being the hands and hearts and treasure behind all that has made this a truly excellent year of ministry, one greatly blessed by the Lord! We've seen 92% of our support reach the finance office of Resonate, for which we are very thankful, and we trust the Lord will see to it that we meet our goal. Thanks for checking with your deacons, to see that all your goals for Resonate partnership have been reached! Awaiting our next Home

Service visits in spring/summer of 2021! Always glad to hear from you!

**Gary and Galya**

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### UPCOMING SERVICES

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June 7 | Pastor John Medendorp

June 14 | Pastor Amanda Bakale | Lord's Supper

June 21 | Pastor John Medendorp | Farewell Service

Check "Church at Home" on the website for details on this service as it is made available. Items available on the website include a link to the sermon, a link to the prayers of the people, a song list from YouTube to tie into the liturgy, and a link to the offering for which we are having a second offering. Please note that the services are pre-recorded and therefore can be watched at any time during the week.

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### OFFERING SCHEDULE

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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. If you would like more information on how to give to CCRC at this time, please see the last page of the bulletin.**

**This week (May 31) we celebrate Pentecost and our offering is for Resonate Global Mission.** "What is the promise of Pentecost? That you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. That same promise is for us today - but not just for us, for everyone. The disciples' sermon being heard in every tongue is a lesson of the Holy Spirit's power and plan for mission. Resonate Global Mission is privileged to go with you on this mission. Whether your path leads you through your own neighborhood or to "those who are far off," may the Spirit go with you into every area of life and equip you for God's redeeming work." For more information on

Global Resonate Mission go to  
<https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/>.

**Next Week (June 7) our offering is for Worship Ministries.** Worship Ministries is a denominational ministry of the Christian Reformed Church that seeks to support the local church in the area of worship by listening, coaching, and resourcing. The vision of Worship Ministries desires that every worshipping community in the 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. For more information or to donate, please go to <https://www.crcna.org/worship/donate>

**Upcoming Offerings:**

June 14 – Woodland Christian High School  
June 21 – Indigenous Ministry

**Offerings Received as at May 24, 2020**

May 24	\$	4,935
Year to Date	\$	249,510
Budgeted 2020 Total Contributions	\$	885,705
<b>Second Offerings</b>		
Missionary Support	\$	705
Benevolence Fund	\$	50
Back to God Ministries Int'l	\$	5
Friendship Canada	\$	5
World Renew – Maternal/Child Health	\$	5

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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**Highlights from the Administrative Council Meeting of Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

- Received and reviewed various staff and ministry reports and meeting minutes.
- Update on the Nominations committee process reviewed.
- Discussed impacts of the Coronavirus restrictions and plan for reintroducing services. Admin Council agreed to appoint a team to ensure we are following proper procedures when allowing people into the building is permitted.
  - Admin Council has received and reviewed name recommended by interview team for the interim pastoral position.
  - With mixed emotions, Council said goodbye to Pastor John and Pastor Carel as this was their last Admin Council meetings. John and Carel both reflected on their years of ministry and thanked the congregation for their time together. Admin Council thanked John and Carel for their years here and they will be missed. Well wishes given as they both move on to the next phase in their lives.

**Lord's Supper Class** | A two-week preparatory class for families with children interested in coming to the Lord's Table will begin this Sunday, May 31. It will be held via Zoom at 4:00 p.m. Please contact Pastor John to register if you haven't already.

**The Deacons will meet this Tuesday, June 2, 2020 | 7:30 pm | via Zoom.**

**Spring Fund Drive | Woodland** Christian High School invites you to participate in our annual Spring Fund Drive! Now more than ever, families in your community need your financial assistance during this year's *Nurture the Vision* campaign. With so much uncertainty, the need for tuition assistance, in any amount, is comforting and helpful to families considering Christian high school education. Students need the perspective and the continuity of learning that our students receive in a *Christ-centred* and *Biblically-based* educational environment that we provide at Woodland. The best way to support families in your community and affirm them in their choice to commit to Christian education is to support Woodland's Tuition Assistance Fund. Due to COVID-19 this year's campaign faces some serious challenges. Personal visits, front door pick up, convenient donation drop off at church are not possible. Therefore, we are asking you to **donate ONLINE** through our school website, the Christian School Foundation, or Canada Helps. We also have fewer volunteers making phone calls, so please donate whether you receive a call or not. Watch for your Fund Drive reminder package in the mail, by email, or if we missed you, please request one from the school at [advancement@woodland.on.ca](mailto:advancement@woodland.on.ca).

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## DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

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**At-Home Faith Formation Tip** - Today, Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. Check out [thebibleproject.com/explore/holy-spirit/](http://thebibleproject.com/explore/holy-spirit/) for a wonderful five-minute video that traces the movement of God's Spirit from Genesis to today. How might you or your family become more aware of the Spirit's work in your everyday life? (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))

**2020 ICF Walk of Faith, Hope, and Love** - Everyone is invited to support **Indigenous Christian Fellowship (ICF)** by going for a walk on Pentecost Sunday, May 31. People are invited to pray and walk in a spirit of faith, hope and love to bless the ministry. Walkers are encouraged to raise funds for the ministry by gathering pledges for their steps of support for ICF. Traditionally this 5 km walk has been based at the ministry's location in North Central Regina. Due to the current restrictions on public gatherings, people are encouraged to walk a distance in a location of their own choosing across the country. For more information on ICF and the CRCNA please follow this link: <https://www.crcna.org/indigenous/about-us>

**Internship Opportunity at World Renew** - World Renew is looking to hire a Communications & Social Media Intern to work with our Digital Communications staff based in our Burlington office! If you're a 3rd or 4th year university student with experience in the following areas: business, international development, film, media studies, communications - check out our website for more details and information: [worldrenew.net/careers](http://worldrenew.net/careers). The application deadline for this opportunity is June 3, 2020.

**A Christian's Guide to a COVID-Shaped World** - The world's been radically shaped by COVID-19, and it's difficult to know how to think—and what to do. Calvin University, the Calvin Institute for Christian Worship (CICW), and Calvin Theological Seminary, have put together a series of online courses that welcome learners from different cultures, generations, and career experiences. These 3-week courses are offered from June 1 to July 31 and will give you a vision for how to think and act. Sign up for a course today! [calvin.edu/go/covidshapedworld](http://calvin.edu/go/covidshapedworld)