

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 **Litanist:** Pastor Amanda Bakale

GATHERING AND GREETING

Gathering Song	"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"
Welcome and Announcements	
Call to Worship	
God's Greeting	
Song of Praise	"Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King"

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Call to Confession	
Song of Confession	"Lord, I Need You" vs. 1
Prayer of Confession	
Song of Confession	"Lord, I Need You"
Assurance of Pardon	

Children’s Worship Story (Video)

Children’s Worship Song “Hallelu, Hallelu”

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading James 5: 1-6

Our World Belongs to God Article 48

Sermon

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song of Response “They’ll Know We are Christians By Our Love”

Offering Announcement Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church
Woodland Christian High School

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

“We are Called”

God’s Parting Blessing

Doxology

“Glory Be to the Father”

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.



COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY

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

Alice V (11) spent the past week at St. Mary's Hospital and is now recuperating at home. Please keep her and Ralph in your prayers.

Matthias M (11) has been given permission to extend his stay overseas until December 2021. The goal is to continue discipling the young adults he and his team have met and who have openness to the gospel. Despite high COVID numbers in his nation, he is healthy and safe.

Rebecca B (6) is serving as Pastoral intern at Meadowland CRC this summer as part of her seminary training. Please keep Rebecca in your prayers over these next weeks as she grows in her gifts and calling as a pastor.

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.

Update from Pastor Betsy | It's already June, which means many of you have been asking about my plans once my time at CCRC is over at the end of the month. Over the past year, my husband, Daniel, and I have been living out our two pastoral calls in different congregations. Our family has been split between two wonderful churches, and despite our love for these congregations, we have found this to be draining on our family. We have been praying for an opportunity to continue serving in the CRC alongside each other. That is why we are glad to share that we have received a joint call to co-pastor Bethany CRC in Gallup, New Mexico. Please pray for us as we continue to

discern God's call in our lives and possible service at Bethany.

Congratulations to Larry and Marjorie B (1) celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary today, June 6, 2021. May God continue to bless and strengthen their marriage for many years to come!

Matters for Prayer |

- Let us offer prayers of lament and confession as we mourn in response to the **unmarked grave** of Indigenous children in Kamloops, BC. To help us find words in the face of this unspeakable horror done in the name of Jesus, join your prayer with others in our denomination: <https://network.crcna.org/biblical-justice/prayer-uncovering-graves-kamloops>
- new to our community – **new members and attenders** – who have joined us during the pandemic. May they feel the ties that bind us even as we are apart. **If there's someone new in your community, reach out with a note or phone call or front porch visit!*
- Pray for the ongoing **nominations process** as we discern and affirm those who have been nominated for elder and deacon.
- 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.

UPCOMING SERVICES

June 13	10 am	Pastor Amanda Bakale Lord's Supper Affirmation Vote
June 20	10 am	Pastor Betsy DeVries Drawing of Names
June 27	10 am	Pastor Betsy DeVries Final service at CCRC Ordination of Elders and Deacons

Lord's Supper Note: Next Sunday, June 13, we will be celebrating the sacrament of Lord's Supper online and in our homes. The Council of Community CRC invites believers of all ages to the table, following an age and ability appropriate public profession of faith. If you desire to come to the table but have not made profession of faith, please let a pastor or elder know so we can begin the conversation.

Upcoming Baptism Sundays | Are you looking to be baptized or to have your child baptized? The next Baptism Sundays are scheduled for July 18 and August 22. If you are interested in one of these dates, please contact Pastor Amanda.

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 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.

Next Week our offering is for Missionary Support. This fund is used by CCRC to provide financial support to the **Ts** with Resonate Global Mission and **Ps** with Daystar Native Outreach on Manitoulin Island.

Upcoming Offerings:

Jun 20 | Indigenous Ministry
Jun 27 | Laurentian Hills Christian School

Offerings Received as at May 30, 2021:

May 30, 2021	\$	6,730
Year to Date	\$	267,051
Budgeted 2021 Total Contributions	\$	923,460
Second Offerings		
World Renew – India	\$	225
Benevolence Fund		150
Reframe Ministries	\$	110
Missionary Support	\$	65
Worship Ministries	\$	50
Laurentian Hills Christian School	\$	25
Woodland Christian High School	\$	5
Indigenous Ministry		5

**Note: Offerings received through the Bridge app are counted once a month and are not reflected in each week's offering amount.*

COMMUNITY CRC NEWS

Consistory will meet this Tuesday, June 8 at 7:30 pm via Zoom.

The Congregation Meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, June 13 at 1pm via Zoom. The agenda for the meeting was distributed via email this past Monday, May 31. If you would like a hard copy please drop by the church this week to pick one up. (Mon – Fri, 10m – 3pm).

Interim Pastor Search Process | With the ongoing pastoral transition here at CCRC, we are currently in the process of hiring another interim pastor to work alongside Pastor Amanda and Pastor Tom in the coming ministry year. The interim position description is posted on our church website. If you would like to suggest any names to the Search Team, please contact a member of the team: Henry V, Admin Council Chair, Derrick G, Consistory Chair, or Pastor Amanda.

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.

The Banner | The Banner magazine for the May and June 2021 editions can be picked up outside the church front doors from 10am – 3:00 pm, Monday – Friday this week.

Nomination of Officebearers | This week a copy of the Nominees of Officebearers at Community CRC will be distributed via email. There is a short introduction to each nominee in the attachment. Please take some time to read this material and be informed. In Community #6 a unique situation was presented to the Nomination committee after both Jim and Barb R were approved separately for the position of deacon in their community. They felt they could serve best by doing this jointly. This idea was explored by the Nominations Committee and

then presented to Full Council. After some research and reports of other congregations who have had this approach and after checking Church Order and our own Bylaws, Full Council approved a pilot term with the Rs serving jointly. Policies to address the logistics of sharing the position are being formed.

Coffee Break | As another ministry year finishes, we want to say thank you to Irene F for her two years of service on the Coffee Break Leadership team! She has greatly blessed the Coffee Break Ministry and the women who attend these past years. As Irene steps down, the Leadership Team is in need of some women to join who are passionate about this ministry. If you are interested in joining the Coffee Break Leadership Team please contact Kirstin B.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

CRCNA Response to the 215 | On the grounds of a former residential school set up more than a century ago near Kamloops, British Columbia, to force western customs and cultural practices upon Indigenous peoples, the remains of 215 children have been uncovered. Denominational leaders have come together and issued a call to prayer and action. You can find the full text here: https://www.crcna.org/news-and-events/news/response-discovery-remains-215-children?fbclid=IwAR0oe20Q_gDJasIscF1DrLV2VOJVzqY4OshpS_ewu4-y9iMyF6CWqLiCh8Y.

Note: On June 20, in connection with National Indigenous People Day (June 21), our offering will be for the Indigenous Ministry of the CRC, a key partner and leader in how our congregations learn about and engage with the calls to action in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report.

Groundwork | Discipleship During Life's Tragedies - What happens to our discipleship while we experience grief, pain, frustration, anger, and the many other emotions we experience during these times? Join Groundwork as we study Job 1:13-22, Psalm 56:8, 1 Peter 5:7, and Job 42:10-11 to stay the course of discipleship during life's tragedies. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Children's Devotion | God's Call for Justice - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. God saw injustice in Israel. Through the prophet Isaiah, God spoke out against their wrong. He protested to help the Israelites make a change! Will you join God in his call for justice? Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

Book Club | How Do We Think About Failure Theologically? - Join CRC campus ministers Mike Wagenman (Western University, Ontario) and Rick Mast (University of Alberta) for our final book discussion of the academic year! We conclude with a challenging book: "A Theology of Failure" by Marika Rose. This book/discussion will be perfect for philosophy students and others interested in thinking critically about our assumptions about "success" and "failure" in the work of Slavoj Žižek (affectionately referred to as today's "rock star philosopher"). We will meet on Zoom on Sunday, June 27 at 8pm ET (5pm PT). Register on www.WesternCampusMinistry.ca

Indigenous Ministry | Remains of 215 Children Found at Indigenous Residential School in Canada - On the grounds of a former residential school set up more than a century ago near Kamloops, British Columbia, to force western customs and cultural practices upon Indigenous

peoples, the remains of 215 children have been uncovered. Before a more detailed report about the uncovering of the bodies is released later this month, the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc First Nation is working with the coroner and museums to try to shed further light on the graves and find any records of these deaths. Please pray with us: <https://network.crcna.org/biblical-justice/prayer-uncovering-graves-kamloops>

Career Opportunity | World Renew has an exciting opportunity for you to join us in our work of Living Justice, Loving Mercy and Serving Christ. We are currently seeking a Senior Marketing Strategist in Burlington, ON. This person will lead the strategy for direct marketing, including all direct mail and associated emails, and will shape our donor acquisition. See our website for more details about this career opportunity: <https://worldrenew.ca/careers>

Position Opening | Resonate Global Mission is seeking a Local Mission Leader - Classis Hamilton & Niagara. This is a part-time position (8-9 hours/week). The successful applicant will develop contextual strategies that catalyze the development of mission-shaped congregations, missional leaders, and holistic mission networks and connect global and local partners for mission in their local context and/or ministry focus area. Apply by June 11, 2021, at <https://crcna.pinpointhq.com/en/jobs/14677>

RESOURCES

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.**

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.

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

3. You can mail your donations to the Church. The mailbox is checked regularly.



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.

