



Sunday, June 27, 2021 at Community CRC

This week there are 2 services at Community CRC. The first service is at 10am and will include the Ordination of Officebearers. We will be thanking our retiring office-bearers and blessing and encouraging our current and new office-bearers. This will also be the final sermon that Pastor Betsy gives as our Interim Pastor.

The next service is at 1pm and is a special service to bless Pastor Betsy as we say farewell to her. As you know, Pastor Betsy has been our interim pastor since July 1, 2020 but her family is moving in July to serve at Bethany CRC in Gallup New Mexico as co-pastor with her husband Daniel. We give thanks for this wonderful opportunity but we will miss her very much!

This will be a socially distanced outdoors service in the parking lot. Please bring your face mask, a chair or blanket to sit on, and an umbrella if rain looks imminent. *If the service must be cancelled due to severe weather, an email will be sent by Saturday evening.*

Next Sunday, we are back to our regular sign up process for the following Communities:

July 4: 1, 2, 3, 4 **July 11:** 9, 11, 13, 14 **July 18:** 5, 6, 7, 8

If your Community is scheduled for worship on a particular Sunday, look for an email with the Eventbrite link to sign up on Monday or Tuesday. If there are extra spaces by Friday, a link will be sent to the entire congregation with the bulletin to fill the extra spaces available for the Sunday service. All attendees are required to wear a mask and maintain a 2-meter physical distancing both in the building and while outside.

10:00am Worship Service

Worship Participants this week:

Preacher: Pastor Betsy DeVries **Litanist:** Pastor Amanda Bakale

GATHERING AND GREETING

Gathering Song "Across the Lands"

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

God's Greeting

Song of Praise "Cornerstone"

Children's Blessing

Children's Worship Song "Jesus Strong and Kind"

ORDINATION OF OFFICEBEARERS

The Teaching

The Vows

The Ordination

The Charges

Song of Response "We are Called"

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Genesis 18: 1-15

Sermon "Take the Laughter Seriously"

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song of Response "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Offering Announcement Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church
Laurentian Hills Christian School

Prayers of the People

God's Parting Blessing

Doxology "Christ Be All Around Me"

COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY

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

Maral A and **Raffi N** were married yesterday afternoon, June 26, at the International Gospel Centre on Charles Street. We rejoice with them on this occasion and wish them God's blessings on their marriage! Maral was sponsored by Community CRC and arrived in Canada on July 6, 2015. She was born in Iraq but living in Syria at that time. In 2019, Maral became a Canadian Citizen!

Today we celebrate God's gift of faithful leadership for his people with the ordination of new elders and deacons. Congratulations to those who were ordained today. As elders: **Elena W** (Pastoral Elder – C#8); **Jerry P** (Pastoral Elder – C#13); **Janet B** (Pastoral Elder – C#14); **Elaine A, Chris S, Dave W** (Administrative Elders) and as Deacons, **Pete D** (C#2); **Jim and Barb R** (C #6); **Sandra G** (C #9); **Bernie D** (C #13). It should also be noted that **Greg S** will be serving a 4th year as Youth Elder.

We thank the Lord for those who have led us faithfully over the past three (or four) years and have now completed their term of service: As deacons: **Jane V** (C#2); **Rob H** (C#6); **Jeff F** (C#9); **Tina O** (C#13) and as Pastoral Elders: **Gary B** (C#8); **John D** (C#13); **Randy Z** (C#14) and as Administrative Elders, **Steve F** and **Kim T**.

We thank the Lord for all our officebearers and thank them all for their leadership and work among us!

Congratulations to those who have completed their studies either at grade school, middle school, high school, college or university! We praise the Lord for your persistence in a difficult year of schooling and we wish you well as you move either into another level of education or into the work force.

Matters for Prayer |

- As we continue to become painfully aware of the lives lost in residential schools across our nation, may our Creator God be close to those who mourn and are impacted by the graves found in Saskatchewan. May we all work toward tangible acts of reconciliation and redemption as we wrestle with the history and ongoing harm of the residential school system.
- Pray for **Pastor Betsy** and her family as they look forward to serving at Bethany CRC in Gallup New Mexico and as they say good-bye to Community CRC and the Drayton Reformed Church.
- Pray for those 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 **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.

STAFF INFORMATION

Our bookkeeper, **Diana W**, will be on vacation from July 9-July 26.

UPCOMING SERVICES

July 4	10 am	Pastor Amanda Bakale
July 11	10 am	Pastor Amanda Bakale Lord's Supper
July 18	10 am	Pastor Amanda Bakale Baptism: Charlie D (3) Joseph R (13)

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.

Next week the offering is for Laurentian Hills Christian School | Laurentian Hills Christian School is an independent day school, providing Christian education to students in grades JK-8 since 1967. It is interdenominational, drawing students from over sixty different churches in the Kitchener- Waterloo area.

Next week our offering is for the Centre for Public Dialogue. *"We are Reformed Christians who believe that every person is created in the image of Creator God. From this foundation, we work to promote the flourishing of all people through constructive dialogue and advocacy in Canada. We believe that God calls all Canadians to be engaged citizens and to stand with vulnerable and marginalized people in our communities as allies. As Christian citizens, we*

work toward a just world in which structures and institutions give every person the opportunity to thrive. It's our goal to present a positive voice of faith in Canadian public life, and to live out justice, hope, and reconciliation in advocacy and citizenship." For more information, please go to <https://www.crcna.ca/publicdialogue>.

Upcoming Offerings:

July 11 | Raise Up Global Ministries
July 18 | Habitat for Humanity

Offerings received as at June 20, 2021:

June 20, 2021	\$	15,480
Year to Date	\$	329,956
Budgeted 2021 Total Contributions	\$	923,460
Second Offerings		
Indigenous Ministry	\$	546
World Renew – Maternal/Child Health	\$	100
Benevolence Fund	\$	50
Resonate Global Mission		50
Missionary Support	\$	45
World Renew	\$	30
Woodland Christian High School	\$	20
Laurentian Hills Christian School	\$	20

**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

Administrative Council Meeting Highlights Tuesday June 22nd, 2021

- Received and reviewed various staff and ministry reports and meeting minutes.
- Council welcomed new members **Rev. John and Kay H** to the meeting. Rev H is a retired CRC Pastor, having served most recently at Bethel CRC in Dunnville. They have recently moved to Kitchener and have been worshipping online. Council had the opportunity to meet them and agreed to hold Rev. H's credentials, creating a formal supervisory role in Pastor H's retirement.
- Council welcomed two Deacons who gave an update on the Refugee Sponsorship Committee and are encouraged with this process. The Deacons will have more of an update in the Fall to follow.
- Council recognized it was Pastor Betsy's last meeting. Council expressed thanks and appreciation for Pastor Betsy and her gift of preaching over the past difficult year. Pastor Betsy expressed her gratitude as well and is especially grateful that CCRC not only hired her for the position but called her to the Minister of the Word.
- Pastor Amanda reports the Dive into Doctrine summaries from the listening circles will be circulated in the coming weeks. The follow up conversations will be held in the Fall with hopeful anticipation these conversations can happen in person.
- Council approved the guidelines as recommended by the Nominations Committee for the pilot a 3-year term trial for a shared officebearer position between two people.
- Council began forming the new Calling Committee and will approve the final committee in the coming weeks.

- Council approved transferring Rev. Dr. Betsy DeVries' credentials to Bethany CRC.

Today Devotionals | The July/August edition of the Today Devotional can be picked up while attending the worship service on Sunday or by curbside pickup at the church from Monday-Friday this week from 9:00 – 3:00 pm. The Banner for May and June is also available.

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 VanderHoef, Admin Council Chair, Derrick Grift, Consistory Chair, or Pastor Amanda.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Groundwork: You Belong to Jesus! Act Like It. - In 1 Corinthians, the Apostle Paul writes to believers about sexuality and sexual immorality, accountability in the life of the church, and lawsuits or disagreements among believers. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Corinthians 5-6 to discover why Paul admonished believers to remember their identity as those baptized in Christ and to act accordingly. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Family Resources | **Family Fire** | an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

Children's Devotion | Created to Create | God created you to be creative like him, so no matter how uncreative you might sometimes feel, you can still go out and make things yourself. God loves to see you doing that! Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

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 Human Resources Generalist in Burlington, ON. See our website for more details about this career opportunity: <https://worldrenew.ca/careers>

Faith Practices | The Practice of Wonder | Take a strong magnifying glass with you on a walk, and look at how the tiniest details of nature point to the Creator of the universe. You'll be amazed by what you see! (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

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.**

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, Treasurer.

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.

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 and follow the links to CAP or talk to Pastor Amanda.