

**Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario
July 1, 2018**



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10:00 a.m.

Pastor John Medendorp

Elder-in-Charge: Laura D

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

Trees are an important symbol and presence throughout the Bible, but they are also important in our own lives. As we explore “Trees of the Bible” this summer, we welcome you all to share important trees in your own lives. It might be a tree you planted for some reason, a tree where something important happened in your life, or a tree that you encounter in your summer travels. Share on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter using the hashtag #CCRCtrees.

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God’s Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Songs of Praise: PsH #249 *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”*

PsH #432 *“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving: *“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”*

Ordination of John D (Pastoral Elder – Community 13)

Prayer

*Song of Response: *“Standing of the Promises”*

Children’s Blessing

There is a drop-in room available for children who are unable to sit through the entire service and for children born in 2013 & 2014 in Classroom 1. Children (ages 3-5 only) need to be signed in and out by a parent or guardian.

Proclamation of the Word

Song of Preparation: PsH #502 *"The Church's One Foundation"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 44: 12-23

Sermon: **"Worshipping Trees"**

Prayer of Application

Response to the Word

*Song of Response: PsH #431 *"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

Ministry Update

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church

2) World Renew

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: PsH #637 *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

*Postlude: *"O Canada"*

Congregation Presentation

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.

**There is no evening service today due to the long weekend.
Have a blessed Sunday and a Happy Canada Day!**



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Sandra K (1) suffered a stroke early this past week and is presently a patient at Grand River Hospital. Pray for strength to deal with what strokes bring and for a good response to the follow-up therapies.

Olga S (11) was well enough to be released from the Cambridge Hospital this past Wednesday and has returned to the Golden Years Nursing home where she is presently a resident.

We extend our Condolences to **Will** and **Darlene B** (6). Will's brother, **Klaas**, passed away this past Friday morning. At the time of writing no further details were known. May the Lord comfort all who mourn.

Joanne J-L, wife of Archie L (former members of CCRC) and a sister to John L (5), Grace B (4) and Carol L (6), has been diagnosed with bile duct cancer. The course of treatment is still being determined. Meanwhile another sister, Diane D responded well to treatments for a cancerous tumour in her skull. So while the family is giving thanks for healing in the one at the same time they are concerned about a new diagnosis in another. Please

remember the extended L family in your prayers.

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;
- **Margaret M** (13) at Innisfree House;
- those dealing with depression and other forms of mental illness;
- those dealing with cancer, its treatment and effects:
- those dealing with broken relationships;
- those who are unemployed or underemployed;
- **Anthony and Barbara P** with Daystar Ministries on Manitoulin Island; **Hank and Rosario S** volunteering with Resonate Global Mission in Guatemala
- the persecuted Church;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

Congratulations to the following members celebrating a birthday in the coming week:



July 1 – Hen K (5)
July 7 – Jim R (6)

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

Congratulations to the following couples celebrating milestone anniversaries this coming week:

Rob and Heidi V (2) will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary tomorrow, July 2.
Henk & Gine K (1) will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on Thursday, July 5.

STAFF INFORMATION

Pastor Carel will be on vacation starting tomorrow, July 2, and will be back on Monday, July 23. If there are any pastoral concerns please contact one of the other pastors or your Community elder.

Vacation coverage for the office opportunity: I will be going on vacation from July 25 – August 14. As a result I am looking for someone that can look after things in the church office. The hours are flexible and the main task would be to provide a bulletin for three Sundays. Training would be provided but knowledge of WORD, Outlook and basic computer skills is essential. Please send an email to office@ccrc.on.ca if you are interested in helping out or if you have any questions about what is involved.
 Donna V

Church Office Note: Please note that the church office hours are changed for the summer months. The office hours are as follows:

Monday – closed
 Tuesday – Friday: 9:00 am – 4:00 p.m.

UPCOMING SERVICES

July 8	10 a.m.	Pastor Betsy/Pastor John Lord’s Supper
	6 p.m.	Pastor John
July 15	10 a.m.	Pastor John
	6 p.m.	Pastor John

OFFERING SCHEDULE

**Budget Contributions
 For June 24, 2018 including
 PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance)**

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus	
June 24	26,110	30,584	(4,474)	
YTD	\$363,334	\$425,911	(\$62,577)	
Laurentian Hills Christian School			\$	1,613
Resonate Global Missions			\$	550
Aboriginal Ministries			\$	75
Waterloo Campus Ministries			\$	40
World Renew			\$	40

Our offering today is for World Renew. Happy Birthday, Canada! - This Canada Day, World Renew and many now-successful farmers thank you and Global Affairs Canada for helping families and entire communities to journey out of poverty and create healthier lives and more hopeful futures. Through support from the Canadian

Foodgrains Bank, World Renew is working with local partners in Kenya and Tanzania to train 10,720 farmers in conservation agriculture, so they can improve their harvests and have enough food for their families. Every dollar you donate to this program will be matched 3:1 by the Canadian government. Thank you for helping hungry families and following the example of our generous God. For more opportunities to partner with World Renew, go to worldrenew.net.

Next week our offering is for the FACE Fund.

As a congregation we have a FACE Fund (Financial Assistance for Christian Education) to assist with tuition costs for those wishing to send their children to a Christ-based school. The fund is available for any approved elementary or secondary school. Please contact either the deacons or the church office in order to receive an application.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Highlights from the Administrative Council Meeting of June 26, 2018

- New Administrative Elders Kim T, Steve F were welcomed to Council and signed the covenant of office bearers. Interim Pastor Betsy D was also welcomed.
- Reviewed and approved previous Council meeting minutes.
- Received and reviewed monthly staff and ministry reports.
- Reviewed and discussed Pastoral Staff Retreat notes (June 4 – 6).
- Discussed and approved the goals and objectives for each of the Pastoral Staff for

the upcoming ministry year which were developed partially through the recent Council and Pastoral Staff retreats.

- Approved CCRC engaging in and being a part of the CRC “The Bridge” app.
- The Administrative Elders will serve in the following capacities:

Chairperson - Ed H

Vice Chair - Rob W

Clerk - Harry O

Consistory Rep- Laura D

Deacon Rep - tbd

Board of Stewards - Kim T

Worship Committee - Steve F

Youth Ministries Team - Gerald R

Faith Formation Team - Janette W

Communications Com. - Andy d

Mission Strategy Team - Andy d

Denominational Liaison - Steve F

- A time of reflection for retiring Administrative Council officebearers (Jerry P, Ian B, and Aaron D) was held. They were thanked for their efforts in Council over their 3 year term.

The July/August edition of the TODAY devotional booklet is available at the Information Centre and on the shelves by the front doors. **Large Print** and **Korean** language copies are also available.

Engaging Kids in Worship: Now that Sunday School has ended for the year, we are excited to have the school-aged kids join us for the whole worship service. If you are interested in learning about ways to help make this a welcoming space and experience for our young people, please check out the link below: [10 Ways to Engage Kids in Worship](#).

https://www.crcna.org/sites/default/files/en_ways_kids_in_worship.pdf

These are helpful tips for anyone who is interested in helping to form the faith and worship practices of our kids! Hard copies of this document are also be available at the Information Centre.

Pre-Profession of Faith Workshop: Missed out on Pastors' Class but still want to make profession of faith soon? Here's your chance! We're offering one more opportunity for a pre-profession of faith workshop where we will unpack what profession of faith means and what to expect as you publicly profess your faith at CCRC. Sign up to attend **this coming Wednesday, July 4 from 7-9 p.m.** Please email the church office at office@ccrc.on.ca.

Student Impact (Grade 9 – 12)

Canada's Wonderland trip - July 10!! Gather your friends, grab your bathing suit, and get ready for a thrilling, screaming, splashing day of fun. Student Impact is headed to Canada's Wonderland!! There is ONE thing we need right now to make this trip possible. We need you to sign up!! **RSVP to youth@ccrc.on.ca**. We need to make sure that we have enough cars, drivers and chaperones, so this is essential! **Sign up early!!!**

The cost will depend on how many people sign up. If we have enough, we will qualify for a group discount so once we know the numbers we will send an email to confirm cost and give you the drop off and pick up times. Looking forward to a great trip!!

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 Deacons bulletin board across from the washrooms for information.

