



10:00am Worship Service

Worship Participants this week:

Preacher: Pastor Amanda Bakale

GATHERING AND GREETING

Gathering Song	“Amid the Thronging Worshippers”
Welcome and Announcements	
Call to Worship	
God’s Greeting	
Song of Praise	“Mighty to Save”
Offering Announcement	Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church Raise Up Global Ministries
Prayers of the People	
Children’s Blessing	
Children’s Worship Song	“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination	
Scripture Reading	Ezekiel 36: 24-28
Sermon	“A Heart Condition”
Prayer of Application	

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Song of Response	“Be Still and Know”
The Institution	
The Teaching	
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving	
The Invitation	
Sharing of the Bread and Cup	“Eat this Bread” – instrumental following the bread

Song of Response
God's Parting Blessing
Doxology

"Eat this Bread" – vocals 2x's following the cup
"Bless the Lord O My Soul/Bless His Holy Name"
"We Receive Your Blessing"

This week Communities 9, 11, 13, 14 were invited for in-person worship. We will continue to follow this sign up process for the remainder of stage 2. 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. Communities are scheduled as follows:

July 18: 5, 6, 7, 8

July 25: 1, 2, 3, 4

Farewell Service Recording | The Farewell service for Pastor Betsy was held on June 27 in the church parking lot. If you were unable to attend but would like to watch the service, there is a link in the bulletin that was emailed out.

COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY

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

Congratulations to **Matt and Christina H** (4) with the birth of a daughter. **Brooke H** was born on June 14, 2021 and mom and baby are well. Praise God for this gift of new life!

Please keep **Alexis W** (6) in your prayers as she will be undergoing surgery tomorrow, July 12th, to remove her thyroid after a suspicious biopsy result. Pray that the surgery may go well and for a speedy recovery.

Our condolences are extended to **Amanda and Alex B** (11) and **Shawn and Carlie M** (2) with the death of their Opa, **Henk M**. Henk passed away on July 5, 2021 at the age of 92. A visitation and funeral were held this past week at East Christian Reformed Church in Strathroy, Ontario.

Our condolences are also extended to **Herman and Magda J** (7) with the sudden loss of Herman's brother, **Roland J**.

May the Lord comfort the J and M families during this time of loss.

We are saddened and surprised to hear of the decision by the CRCNA Canada Board to part ways with **Rev. Dr. Darren Roorda** as the Canadian Ministries Director. We pray for Darren and Beverly as they enter an unexpected transition at this time. We also pray for the denominational leadership as they discern a way forward in the next weeks and months. For the official announcement, see <https://www.crcna.org/news-and-events/news/roorda-leave-canadian-ministries-role>.

Matters for Prayer |

- Pray for those on vacation that they may experience a time of rest and renewal and where they may experience the beauty and wonder of God's creation.
- Pray for those without a safe or affordable place to live in our region. Chronic homelessness has gone up over 30% in the last 6 months in Waterloo Region. These men and women, children and families, are hit hard by high unemployment due to the pandemic and lack of affordable housing. Hold in prayer the ministries trying to make a difference: Ray of Hope, Habitat for Humanity, House of Friendship, and the Food Bank of Waterloo Region.
- As our region joins the rest of Ontario in Step 2, pray for the small businesses who are able to open up and increase capacity, for all those who return to jobs and a steady paycheck, and for the continued roll-out of the vaccine program in our neighbourhoods and communities.
- Pray for the ongoing search process for the Interim Pastor - Preaching and Pastoral Care. May God lead us to right person to fill this roll in the coming year.
- 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.

Sherrie M, our custodian, will be on vacation this week. She will be back at work on July 19.

Pastor Amanda will be on vacation from **July 19 – August 9**. If a need or concern arises during this time, please contact your Pastoral Elder, Deacon, or the church office.

UPCOMING SERVICES

July 18	10 am	Pastor Amanda Bakale Baptism: Profession of Faith: Trevor R (13) Baptisms: Charlie D (3) Tyler D (7) Joseph R (13)
July 25	10 am	Pastor Toyosi Awesu
Aug 1	10 am	Pastor Gary Bomhof Baptism: Theo H (5)

Upcoming Baptism Sundays | Are you looking to be baptized or to have your child baptized? The next Baptism Sundays are scheduled for August 22 and September 26. 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 Raise Up Global Ministries. *“Raise Up Global ministries is a combining of three organizations who are providing training and resources in Christian leadership globally: Timothy Leadership Training; Discover Your Bible/Coffee Break; and Educational Care. The three programs of Raise Up equip the global church by (1) developing biblically based interactive materials and (2) training facilitators to lead reproducible change in their communities.*

Their vision is to see healthy churches worldwide flourish and transform their communities under the leadership of those who have been equipped through accessible, high-quality materials and training.”

Next week our offering is for Habitat for Humanity. *With the help of volunteers, donors and Habitat homeowners, local Habitats in every province and territory across Canada help build and rehabilitate decent and affordable homes, from single-family houses to multi-unit developments. They don’t give away free homes - the people who partner with them pay an affordable mortgage geared to their income and volunteer 500 hours with us. Our model of affordable homeownership bridges a gap for low-income, working families, by providing them with the opportunity to purchase their own home.*

Upcoming Offerings:

July 25 | Benevolence Fund
 Aug 1 | The FACE Fund (Financial Assistance for Christian Education)

Offerings received as at July 4, 2021:

July 4, 2021	\$	12,220
Year to Date	\$	347,111
Budgeted 2021 Total Contributions	\$	923,460

Second Offerings		
Indigenous Ministry		390
Centre for Public Dialogue		316
Laurentian Hills Christian School	\$	300
FACE Fund		250
Raise Up Global Ministries	\$	210
Benevolence Fund		110
Woodland Christian High School	\$	100
Missionary Support	\$	80
CCRC Mission Fund		50
Worship Ministries		50
World Renew – Maternal and Childcare	\$	50
Reframe Ministries	\$	50
Friendship	\$	50
Habitat for Humanity	\$	10

**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

The **Consistory and the Diaconate** will be meeting this Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 7:30 via Zoom.

Ushers Needed: We are looking for additional Ushers to help with worship services. Duties include welcoming members and visitors, assisting people to their seats and just being a friendly presence at church. If you can help, please contact the Church office anytime by email at or by phone.

Dive into Doctrine Summary Report - Now Available! | For this year's Dive into Doctrine, over 80 people ranging in age from 14-85 gathered in 11 small groups to read through and wrestle with 176 pg. study report from the *Committee to Articulate a Foundation-laying Theology of Human Sexuality*. All CRC congregations were invited to discuss and engage with the report ahead of Synod in June

2022. And we did that! A Summary Report is now available to the congregation with major themes that emerged out of the small group discussions and suggestions for how our congregation moves forward on issues of human sexuality. *The Summary Report was emailed to all congregation members, and there are hard-copies available at the information desk at the church or by request from the Church Office.*

Faith and Hops: Backyard Edition - Thursday, July 15 @ 7:30-9:00pm | Let's ditch the Zoom and get together in Pastor Amanda's backyard! Bring your own chair and beverage of your choice. If you're a 20ish to 30-something looking for a space to connect and deepen your faith, join us for Faith + Hops via Zoom this coming Thursday. Interested in joining? Message or email Pastor Amanda to RSVP!

Save the date | You're Invited to a Drive in Movie! Enjoy a family friendly movie on Saturday, July 24 @8 pm in the church parking lot. Look for more details and a link will follow next week.

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.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Family Resources | Family Fire - is 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 | WOW! CREATION! God loves when you enjoy his creation. He loves that you have a favorite colour! How incredible is that? Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

Employment Opportunity | The Christian Reformed Church in North America has an opening for Director of Disability Concerns, based in either the Grand Rapids, Michigan, or the Burlington, Ontario, offices OR applicants can reside anywhere in the United States or Canada. Visit <https://crcna.pinpointhq.com/en/jobs/16039> for details. Deadline to apply August 6, 2021.

Indigenous Ministry Resources | Hearts Exchanged - Further your journey of reconciliation by participating this fall in Hearts Exchanged, a learning and action journey designed to equip Reformed Christians to engage with Indigenous peoples as neighbours and fellow image bearers. More information at: crcna.org/hearts-exchanged

Online Choir Presentation | Praise Ye The Lord! The Calvin Alumni Choir presents virtual concert "Praise Ye The Lord" featuring works of Alice Parker, Sean Ivory, Poulenc, F. Melius Christiansen, and more. Join us for the YouTube premiere on July 23 at 7:00 pm. Find us on YouTube or Facebook by searching "Calvin Alumni Choir". We look forward to sharing our

music with you once again. Any questions can be emailed to alumnichoir@calvin.edu

Faith Practices | The Practice of Remembering

Reading the Old Testament shows that even though God loved, protected, and provided for the people of Israel, time after time they forgot God. How might we become people who remember God? What might you add to your home or to your schedule to serve as a daily reminder to connect with God? (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.