



10:00am Worship Service
Worship Participants this week:
Preacher: Pastor Amanda Bakale

GATHERING AND GREETING

Gathering Song	“Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me”
Welcome and Announcements	
Call to Worship	
God’s Greeting	
Song of Praise	“Who You Say I Am”

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Teaching	
The Promises of God	
Profession of Faith of Trevor R	
Confession of Faith	The Apostle’s Creed
Song	“In Christ Alone”
The Institution	
The Vows	
The Baptism of Joseph John R	
Baptismal Prayer	
Children’s Blessing	
Children’s Worship Song	“Jesus Strong and Kind”

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination	
Scripture Reading	Mark 8: 27 – 9:1
Sermon	“Resisting Suffering”
Prayer of Application	

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song of Response	“Will You Come and Follow Me”
Offering Announcement	Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church Habitat for Humanity
Prayers of the People	
God’s Parting Blessing	
Doxology	“The Blessing”

Following the service, those in attendance and those who signed up for the outdoor baptismal service will be witnessing the baptism of **Charlie Diana D (3)** and **Tyler James D (7)**. This service will be recorded and posted at a later date.

This week Communities 5, 6, 7, 8 were invited for in-person worship. We will continue to follow this sign up process for the remainder of summer. 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 25: 1, 2, 3, 4 **August 1:** 9, 11, 13, 14 **August 8:** 5, 6, 7, 8

The province is now in step 3 and for religious service this means that capacity is only limited by social distancing. For us here at Community CRC we are almost at the limit that can attend while maintaining our physical distancing. In order to increase the number of people that can attend, we ask that you stay seated where the ushers seat you and that you arrive a little earlier so the ushers can seat people more strategically.

COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY

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

Congratulations to **Trevor and Natasha R (11)**, **Chris and Michelle D (7)** and **Paul and Sarah D (3)** on the occasion of the baptism of their children, **Joey, Tyler and Charlie**. Praise God for his covenant faithfulness! We wish you God’s blessings as you raise your children to serve the Lord.

Congratulations to **Trevor R (11)** on the occasion of his public profession of faith. We pray that you many never cease to marvel at God’s grace in your life!

Amy J (11) and **Tim D** will be united in marriage this coming Saturday afternoon, July 24, in Drayton, Ontario. We pray that the Lord may grant them a beautiful and memorable day as they begin their married life together!

We join the **H family (11)** in giving thanks to God that Denise's post-surgery infection is showing signs of improvement, however we continue to pray that the infection is fully cleared up with a

continued round of antibiotics. May Denise continue to gain strength as this long recovery continues.

Congratulations to **Scott and Jen K** (1) as they will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary tomorrow, July 19, 2021. May God continue to bless and strengthen their marriage for any years to come!

Congratulations to **John and Tiemie D** (14) as they will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, July 21, 2021. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Consistory met this past Tuesday, July 13, and transferred membership for **Pastor Betsy D** to Bethany CRC in Gallup, New Mexico.

The elders also approved **Anita D** (11) for public profession of faith. We look forward to celebrating with her in the near future.

Matters for Prayer |

- Pray for Haiti as their president, Jovenel Moïse, was shot and killed earlier this month. This has brought more chaos to a country already struggling with gang violence, antigovernment protests and a recent surge in COVID-19. World Renew and Global Resonate Mission staff and missionaries are safe but they ask for your prayers for peace and protection as the people living there experience the aftermath of this event.
- 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 3, 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.
- **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

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.

Our bookkeeper, **Diana W**, will return from vacation on July 26.

UPCOMING SERVICES

July 25	10 am	Pastor Toyosi Awesu
Aug 1	10 am	Pastor Gary Bomhof Baptism: Theo H (5)

Aug 8	10 am	Pastor Bernie De Jonge Lord's Supper
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Aug 8 | Diaconal Ministries Canada (New Ground)

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.

Offerings received as at July 11, 2021:

July 11, 2021	\$	6,072
Year to Date	\$	353,183
Budgeted 2021 Total Contributions	\$	923,460
Second Offerings		
Benevolence Fund	\$	275
The Food Bank of Waterloo Region	\$	50
Centre for Public Dialogue	\$	65
Habitat for Humanity	\$	85
Indigenous Ministry	\$	50
Raise Up Global Ministries	\$	415

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.

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

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.*

COMMUNITY CRC NEWS

Next week our offering is for the Benevolence Fund. This fund is used by the deacons to financially assist those within our church and the community when a need arises or help is requested.

The July/August 2021 edition of The Banner is available at the church for pick up on Sunday mornings or during the week from 9:00 – 3:00 on Monday – Friday.

Upcoming Offerings:

We Need Your Voice! Supporting Families w. Young Children | The age restriction to in-person worship has meant that many families with young children have been unable to worship in-person for a year and a half. This means that many of our littles do not have memories of Sunday School or even being in the church building. As we look toward to the fall and reopening as the province allows, we want to be proactive in how we care for our youngest members. **We're looking for 3-4 parents of young children to form a short-term working group that will brainstorm ways we can best support and welcome our youngest members and their families this coming ministry year.**

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

You would meet 2-3 times in late-August/early September with the goal of making recommendations for how to move forward.

Interested? Email Rachel at worship@ccrc.on.ca by August 6.

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.

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.*

Movie Night! | You're Invited to a Drive in Movie. Enjoy a family friendly movie on Saturday, July 24 @8 pm in the church parking lot. Please see the emailed bulletin for a link to sign up. Sign up one ticket per car load.

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 or Derrick G, Consistory Chair.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

How Does It Work? | Do you wonder about creation? Do you ask yourself how it all works? Practice wondering and asking questions. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

Groundwork | Love: The Guiding Principle for Christian Living | The struggle for unity is not unique to the modern church. The Apostle Paul encouraged the Corinthian Christians to make Christ-like love their guiding principle and he taught them about spiritual gifts. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Corinthians 11-13 for guidance as we too seek to worship and live well together in community. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Faith Practices | The Practice of Remembering: In the sacrament of The Lord's Supper we remember both the great sacrifice and the wonderful gift of Jesus' death and resurrection. Think and talk about how you might more fully enter into both the sorrow and the joy as you celebrate communion. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Choir Concert | 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

Online Conference | Inspire "Light" 2021 | Are you feeling sad about missing Inspire this summer? We have you covered. Plan to join us for FREE virtual events that can provide a snack-sized portion of what Inspire has to offer. We'll be online August 3-6, 2021 from Noon-1:00 Eastern (11:00-12:00 Central | 10:00-11:00 Mountain | 9:00-10:00 Pacific) with a daily taste of Inspire to whet your appetite for next year's conference. Each session will include worship, a plenary speaker, and the opportunity to network with others. Expect special musical and spoken word poetry, and guest performances in addition to thought-provoking messages and stimulating discussion. Space is limited. Please indicate your interest for each session by registering at crcna.org/inspire/inspire-light-2021. Video recordings of each day's session will also be posted for those unable to attend.

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.

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.