



Dear Congregation:

This week the Administrative Council approved the church's transition into Phase 2 of our re-opening as specified in the guidelines that were emailed to the congregation last week. We give thanks for this opportunity to begin worshipping together despite the current restrictions. **The Council approved services of 50 members with a team of 12 service volunteers beginning on August 2nd at the earliest.** Attendance at a live service will be subject to the COVID protocols we have adopted, and Consistory is developing a procedure for how to invite and organize the groups of 50 that can attend. CCRC will continue live stream its services for those worshipping from home.

Weekly notices in the bulletin will provide all of us with further updates, and details regarding attendance at these services along with the screening app that will be emailed to the congregation next week.

All of us, staff, officebearers and pastors, recognize that this has been a very frustrating process for all of us. We thank you, sincerely, for your patience and we welcome your prayer support as we continue to wrestle with how to safely welcome worshippers back to CCRC.

Welcome! This Sunday we will be live streaming a service at 10 AM. The video will be available for participating live on the church website at 10 AM, and will remain on the website for viewing after the service is completed.

Growing Season: Lessons from the Lectionary

For many people, summer is often a time to relax, spend time with family and friends, and enjoy a slower pace of life. This summer may feel a bit strange, though. It may be a season of uncertainty and change as the province slowly opens back up and we wonder ahead to what the fall will look like. On top of that, CCRC is undergoing its own transitions in pastoral leadership and in discerning how to worship together in a safe way. CCRC is in a liminal, or transitional, space – no longer where we once were before COVID-19 and pastoral transitions, but not yet where we are going. This kind of liminal space can bring us to a place of anxiety or worry, but it can also be a place of growth.

The creation around us testifies that God continues to grow good things even in this season – strawberries, zucchini, daisies, peaches, corn, wheat. We see a bounty of provisions. Likewise, when we

read through Scripture, we encounter a bounty of stories, characters, letters, and songs that testify to the ways God continues to grow good things in God's people.

As part of your summer rhythm you are invited to read the following passages of Scripture throughout the coming week. These readings come from the Revised Common Lectionary. The Lectionary is a set list of Scripture readings that is used in worship across many Christian denominations. Over the summer, our worship services and sermons will focus on one of these readings each week, but you are invited to read them all prior to worship.

For the coming week, you are invited to read:

Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52; Romans 8:26-39

10:00am Worship Service

Worship Participants this week:

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

Vocalists: Christina H, Dan A, Sarah G

Pianist: Karen N **Acoustic Guitar:** Nick B **Drums:** John L

Projection: Alyanne C **Sound:** Jaden T **Video:** Tom G

GATHERING AND GREETING

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

God's Greeting

Songs of Praise: "How Can I Keep from Singing"

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Song of Preparation: "Holy Spirit Living Breath of God"

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Romans 8: 23- 25

Sermon

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song of Response: "Who You Say I Am"

Update from Administrative Council

Prayers of the People

God's Parting Blessing

Doxology: "Praise and Thanksgiving"

COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY

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

Consistory met this past Tuesday and transferred the membership of **Pastor John and Ashley M and their son John Ryan** to Rosewood Church in Bellflower California (8). We are thankful that the M are settling in to life in California and pray that God will continue to bless them in their new home and community!

Matters for Prayer:

- Continue to pray for **Clarence D** (14) as his health is failing and for strength and peace for his wife, Jane, as she cares for him.
- Pray for **Stephanie S** (11) as she recovers from surgery and awaits results.
- Pray for guidance and wisdom for the Search Team as they continue the process of seeking a candidate for the position for a Pastor-Preaching and Pastoral Care which is now posted on our website and the CRCNA Network.
- Pray for Pastors Amanda and Betsy and the church staff at CCRC as they deal with the challenges following recent staff transitions.
- Pray for strength and energy for those in leadership as they discern how to open the church in a safe and timely manner.
- Pray for teachers, administration, students, parents and support workers as schools discern how to move forward this fall. Pray for a sense of calm for those involved as they deal with the uncertainty and anxiety this may cause.
- Pray for parents with young children at home as they try to balance the demands of family life and work.

- Pray for those with ongoing health concerns as they must remain isolated at home in this time of reopening.
- Pray for those on vacation that they may have a time of rest and renewal where they may experience the beauty and wonder of God' creation and see that God continues to grow good things in his people and in the world!
- Pray for courage, health, strength and safety for front line workers serving during this pandemic.
- Pray for those in leadership positions in government as they seek to guide us throughout the pandemic, and as they seek to work on easing restrictions.
- Pray for those dealing with mental illness and addiction which is exacerbated by the pandemic.
- Pray for those dealing with other illnesses that seem to have taken a back seat to COVID-19.
- Pray for those who find themselves stuck in abusive relationships or homes.
- Pray **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.
- Pray for the church locally and internationally as it addresses COVID-19. Pray for an ability to share the good news of Jesus even now.

Congratulations to **John and Tiemie D** (14) as they celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary on July 23, 2020.

Congratulations to **Carl and Wilma S** (14) as they will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on July 25, 2020.

Congratulations to **Martin and Janine P (4)** as they will celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary on July 24, 2020.

May the Lord continue to bless and strengthen these marriages for many years to come!

STAFF INFORMATION

Pastor Amanda will be on vacation from tomorrow, July 20 – July 26. Should a need or concern arise, please contact Pastor Betsy or your Pastoral elder or deacon.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Jul 26 | Pastor Betsy DeVries

Drawing of Names

Aug 2 | Pastor Betsy DeVries

Aug 9 | Pastor Amanda Bakale

Installation of Officebearers

The live stream service will begin at 10 AM and will remain on the website for viewing afterwards.

Did you know we have Children's Worship available for our CCRC kiddos?? We do!

See a familiar face and sing along to a familiar song each week. You can find it on the CCRC website (link below) or on our YouTube channel!

<https://www.crc.on.ca/church-at-home>

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.

This week our offering is for Laurentian Hills Christian School: Laurentian Hills Christian School (LHCS) 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. LHCS is affiliated with Edvance, Christian Schools Canada (CSC) and with Christian Schools International (CSI).

Next week our offering is for the F.A.C.E. 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.

Upcoming Offerings:

Aug 2 | Habitat for Humanity

Aug 9 | Missionary Support

Full Bellies, Happy Hearts.....just to let you know that the Food Bank is running a campaign throughout the summer to raise a half a million meals. Information from their website links refers to virtual fund drives as individuals, or teams. Our Church does run a campaign around Thanksgiving time to support the Food Bank so at this time we will not be running **Full Bellies, Happy Hearts** on a Church-wide basis, however if you would like to do something on a Community basis the link for more information is <https://www.thefoodbank.ca/full-bellies-email-1/>. Thanks - The Deacons.

Instructions for giving to the church

During the Church closure, the following donation methods are currently in place:

1. **PAR** – is the preferred method of giving at this time. We encourage you to sign up for our Pre-Authorized Remittance program: There is a link on our website: [ccrc.on.ca](https://www.crc.on.ca) with instructions.

If you would like to stop your PAR payments, please contact our Treasurer, Kathy W.

2. You can mail your donations to the Church.

a. **The mail is being checked daily** from Monday-Friday and is secured in the church.

b. **Deposits are made on a weekly basis.**

c. At this time, please send cheques only – no cash. **We will accept vouchers** but please clearly the cause for which they are intended. We will not issue vouchers at this time.

d. Be sure to indicate if you are supporting the church budget, diaconate, or capital fund.

e. Be sure to include your envelope number OR name and address so that we can properly record for donation receipt purposes.

3. For second collections not tied directly to Community CRC, you can either donate directly to the organization (a link will be provided each week in the bulletin) or included with your mailed in donation. If you mail it to CCRC, please be sure to clearly indicate which cause you are supporting. The mailbox is checked daily from Monday – Friday.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact our Treasurer, Kathy W or Bookkeeper, Diana W and they will happily help you.

Second Offerings

If you would like to donate to the second offering this can be done with your church envelope (indicate the cause and amount on your envelope) or you can donate directly to the cause through the link provided.

Offerings Received as at July 12, 2020

July 12	\$	8,994
Year to Date	\$	317,641
Budgeted 2020 Total Contributions	\$	885,705

Second Offerings		
FACE Fund	\$	500
Missionary Support	\$	340
World Renew – Disaster Response Services	\$	165
World Renew	\$	100
Indigenous Ministries	\$	125
Back to God Ministries Int'l	\$	100
Woodland Christian High School	\$	55
Worship Ministries	\$	5

COMMUNITY CRC NEWS

The Nominations Committee has prepared a digital Affirmation Ballot for the congregation. Please use the link in your bulletin or in the email was sent out on Friday to cast your ballot to approve the nominated office bearers. The voting form will be closed on Thursday, July 23.

Help Wanted on Manitoulin Island: The Pennings are doing major renovations on their house which they use for their work amongst the indigenous peoples on Manitoulin Island. He is looking for some help to do some finishing of trim work, painting as well as building and installing cupboards. As a sponsoring church we would like to send a team late August or early September to help the Pennings with this project. If you feel called to help in this area please let me know. There is money in our mission budget to assist with living expenses when you are there, please contact Jane V

Faith and Hops: On Summer Hiatus: We're putting Faith + Hops on hiatus for July and August, but we'll be back in September whether via Zoom or physically distanced in-person!

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

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