



This is our first Sunday in Phase 2 of CCRC's Reopening plan. Our current total capacity is 50 people worshipping within the church (in addition to the worship team), which follows the COVID policy approved by Council. This week we have invited worship volunteers and ushers to attend worship in person, and on August 9 we will be inviting elders and deacons. We will ordain and install new office bearers at that service on August 9.

Over the past week many of you participated in our congregational survey to estimate how many people from each community are interested in worshipping from our sanctuary. We're grateful for your participation! Based on the results of that survey we have been able to pair up communities so that we can invite two communities to each service. A schedule for August 16-September 20 is currently in process and will be shared with the congregation in the upcoming week.

Starting the week of August 16, we will be inviting specific communities to register for worship. A registration process is necessary in order to make sure we do not exceed our current capacity of 50 people. Our survey results have given us helpful estimates of how many people to expect, but registration will give the firm numbers. Registration will happen during the week leading up to Sunday. A link to register through an online platform called Eventbrite will be sent to specific communities early in the week. If there is still space available in the service by Friday, a link to register will be sent to the whole congregation in the weekly bulletin email. At that time, anyone from the congregation will be able to register to fill all of the available spaces.

Our services will continue to be live streamed, so those who are not comfortable returning or who are unable to return can continue to worship with us as we navigate this new stage of our life together.

Growing Season: Lessons from the Lectionary

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 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Matthew 14:23-33; Romans 10:5-15

10:00am Worship Service

Worship Participants this week:

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

GATHERING AND GREETING

Gathering Song: "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me"
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship
God's Greeting
Songs of Praise: "Your Glory"

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Song of Preparation "Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"
Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Reading: Matthew 14: 13-21
Sermon: "Give Them Something to Eat"
Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song of Response: "Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"
Offering Announcement
1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church
2) Habitat for Humanity
Prayers of the People
God's Parting Blessing
Doxology: "All I Have is Christ"

Call Interview with Pastor Betsy Immediately Following the Service

Please join us via livestream immediately following the service for an interview with Pastor Betsy. We will hear about her calling story to ministry, about how Betsy discerned a call here to Community CRC as an interim pastor, and what a congregational vote to call Betsy as a Minister of the Word means both for us as a congregation and for Betsy as a candidate for ministry.

COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY

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

Congratulations to Danielle d (1) and Andrew B who were united in marriage yesterday. May the Lord grant them much joy and His blessings as they go forward in life together!

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's 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 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.

- 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.

STAFF INFORMATION

The church is **closed tomorrow, August 3** for the Civic Holiday.

Our Office Administrator, **Donna V** will be taking an extended weekend and will return to work on Wednesday, August 5th of this week.

Our bookkeeper, **Diana W**, will be on vacation from August 10-17.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Aug 9 | Pastor Amanda Bakale
Lord's Supper
Installation of Officebearers

Aug 16 | Pastor Betsy DeVries

Aug 23 | Pastor Amanda Bakale

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

There is no children's worship this Sunday. If you are looking for children's resources check out Kid's Corner on Reframe Media at <https://kidscorner.reframemedia.com>

Next Sunday, August 9 we will be celebrating the sacrament of Lord's Supper online and in our homes. The Council of Community CRC invites believers of all ages to the table, following an age and ability appropriate public profession of faith. If you desire to come to the table but have not made profession of faith, please let a pastor or elder know so we can begin the conversation.

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 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. We don't give away free homes - the people who partner with us 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."* For more information on ways to give, go to: <https://habitat.ca/en/ways-to-give>.

Next Week our Offering is for Missionary support. Our 2020 Missionary Support offering has a target of \$15,000. Both the Ts and the Ps are connected to Resonate Global Missions. This is the third of four offerings to achieve our target in 2020: Feb. 23, May 17, Aug. 9, Nov. 22. As you can imagine, our targeted amount, and for that matter all the financial targets of non-profit organizations are facing challenges because of the pandemic. When giving, please mark "Missionary Support" on your weekly offering envelopes, or in whatever other manner you may be giving your offering during this pandemic

Upcoming Offerings:

Aug 16 | The Benevolence Fund

Aug 23 | Faith Formation Ministries

Offerings Received as at July 26, 2020:

July 26	\$	2,405
Year to Date	\$	346,767
Budgeted 2020 Total Contributions	\$	885,705
Second Offerings		
Missionary Support	\$	200
Food Bank of Waterloo Region	\$	100
FACE Fund	\$	100
World Renew – Cdn Foodgrains Bank	\$	100
World Renew – Disaster Response Services	\$	100
Back to God Ministries Int'l	\$	50

Thank You From World Renew: As we continue to seek God's will in a world being shaped by cries for racial reconciliation and a worldwide pandemic, we are thankful for partners like you joining us to work together to demonstrate Christ's love. During the first half of 2020, Community CRC gave \$8,473.85 to Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Refugee Resettlement, and our program fund. Your support is helping vulnerable communities around the globe receive life-saving programming. We are grateful to God for you! As a worldwide church, may we continue to be united in Spirit and bound together with peace, called to a glorious hope for the future (Ephesians 4:3-4). To learn more about how World Renew is carrying out work during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit worldrenew.ca/corona.

COMMUNITY CRC NEWS

Administrative Council Meeting Highlights Tuesday July 28, 2020

- Received and reviewed various staff and ministry reports and meeting minutes.
- Council confirmed it would prepare a written communication about call and voting process

- Reviewed staffing and reporting structure.
- Council recognized the work of the Nominations committee and are thankful for the new office bearers who have been chosen and are looking forward to welcoming them to the August meeting
 - Council heard suggestions and addressed questions from Covid Committee and discussed opening the building to in person services. Encouraged the adhoc committee to continue to meet to address concerns around building and program use.
 - Covid Committee creating a FAQ's page for the church website.
 - Council approved vacation for Pastor Betsy for August 31st – September 4th
 - Council will be reaching out to various ministries in the church to initiate conversation about what programs could look in the Covid era.
 - Council approved job description for *Pastor – Communities and Missions*.

The Knifty Knitters have kept their hands busy during Covid 19. They were finally able to send their goods to Zambia. They sent: 151 blankets; 73 sweaters; 75 dresses; 136 dolls and bears; 5 baby blankets and some misc. items. A big thank you to all the ladies who made this possible!

During COVID19 restrictions, the **CAP counselling ministry through Shalem Mental Health Network** continues to make anonymous professional counselling support available to congregants of our church at no charge. All services are provided through a secured video or telephone connection. To book a CAP appt, call Shalem directly at 1-866-347-0041. And for more resource information check their website at <https://shalemnetwork.org/>