



Welcome to Community CRC's weekly bulletin. This Sunday we welcome Community #1 and Community #3 to our worship service! 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 will be installing Phil S as the new Pastoral Elder for Community #3.**

The following is the schedule that we are following for Communities to attend in-person worship for the next 5 weeks:

August 23: 4 + 7

August 30: 11 + 13

September 6: 5 + 2

September 13: 8 + 9

September 20: 6 + 14

A registration process is necessary in order to make sure we do not exceed our current capacity of 50 people. Registration will happen during the week leading up to Sunday. Early this coming week **a link to register will be sent through an online platform called Eventbrite to Community #4 and Community #7.** Please sign up by Thursday if you intend to come for worship on the 23rd. If you do not have internet, please let your elder or deacon know. 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.

Continuing this week, we will use the Vimeo Livestream platform for our live-streamed services. The Church Online webpage has been updated with a new video player which will allow you to watch our live-streamed services directly on the page.

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: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Matthew 16:13-20; Romans 12:1-8

10:00am Worship Service

Worship Participants this week:

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

GATHERING AND GREETING

Gathering Song: "Christian Hearts in Love United"
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship
God's Greeting
Song of Praise: "Come People of the Risen King"

ORDINATION OF ELDER

The Teaching
The Vows
The Ordination
The Charge
Songs of Dedication: "This I Believe (The Creed)"

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Song of Preparation: "Lift High the Cross"
Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 56: 1-8
Sermon "God Gathers the Outcasts"
Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song of Response: "In Christ There is No East or West"
Announcement of Offering 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church
2) The Benevolence Fund
Prayers of the People
God's Parting Blessing
Doxology: "Shine Jesus Shine"

COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY

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

Today we celebrate God's gift of faithful leadership for his people with the ordination of **Phil S** to the office of Pastoral Elder for Community #3. We praise the Lord for the work of our elders as they work among us.

Dear family in Christ,

We are truly in awe and humbled by the love and support you have poured over us during these past weeks. Thank you for the cards, emails, messages, meals, gifts, childcare and especially thank you for your faithful prayers. The surgery was successful in removing the cancerous masses and recovery is going well. Praise God! Going forward we ask for continued prayers over this journey. Again, thank you for being there for us and for being the hands and feet of Christ, we love you all.

In love,

The S Family (11)

Yemane K recently underwent surgery and has been diagnosed with colon cancer. Please lift up Yemane and his entire family in your prayers as they determine the next steps in this difficult journey.

Matters for Prayer:

- Pray for the discernment of calling **Betsy D** as a Minister of the Word for her Interim position
- 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.

Congratulations to Ron and Karen N (9) as they will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on Monday, August 17, 2020.

Congratulations to Michael and Yvonne G (13) as they will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, August 19, 2020.

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

UPCOMING SERVICES

Aug 23 | Pastor Amanda Bakale – Community #4 and #7 are invited to attend in person
Baptism of Lydia Christina G (7)

Aug 30 | Pastor Betsy DeVries – Community #11 and #13 are invited to attend in person

Continuing this week, we will use the Vimeo Livestream platform for our live-streamed services. The live stream service will begin at 10 AM and will remain on the website for viewing afterwards. <https://www.ccrcc.on.ca/church-at-home>.

Children's Worship is available for our CCRC kids this week. 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.ccrcc.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.

Updated Instructions for giving to the church

As we begin to meet again, the following donation methods are currently in place:

1. PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) – is the preferred method of giving.
2. You can mail your donations to the Church. Please do NOT mail cash. The mailbox is checked regularly.
3. ***NEW*** You can drop off your donation in our drop-off mailslot located in the kitchen door.
4. If you are registered to attend the Church service, you may bring in your donation.

Notes:

- You may use your vouchers (only for second collections) - please mark clearly which cause they are intended for.
- We are not issuing vouchers at this time.

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.

World Renew - Response to Beirut Explosion:
On August 4, 2020, an explosion in the port of Beirut killed dozens, injured thousands, and has left over 300,000 homeless. We grieve the loss of life and are deeply concerned about the larger humanitarian emergency this explosion will create.

World Renew's partner, MERATH, has already provided over 6,000 hot meals to families in Beirut. The team will continue to provide food

to affected families even as assessments are carried out to guide further relief efforts.

In partnership with the Humanitarian Coalition, all Canadian donations made to World Renew's humanitarian response in Beirut will be matched, up to \$2 million, by the Canadian government. If you would like to give to this cause, you can go online and donate directly to World Renew at the following link. https://donate.worldrenew.ca/site/Donation2?df_id=8441&mfc_pref=T&8441.donation=form1&_ga=2.113410820.2009362126.1597424021-537166901.1569515066

If you would like to donate through the church, your donation **needs to be dropped off at the church by Monday, August 17 (tomorrow) by the end of the day to qualify for the match from the government.** Please note: there is a **new drop box** in the outside door to the kitchen that can be used for all donations.

This 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. You can give to this cause via the PAR donation by using your church envelope.

Next week our offering will be for Faith Formation Ministries. Faith Formation Ministries encourages and equips local Christian Reformed ministry leaders in their calling to shape lifelong faith formation in their context so that all generations have an intentional and resilient faith. They recognize that each congregation has a unique identity, history, context, and calling. To that end, they listen, dialogue, and then suggest ideas and develop resources to strengthen these ministries. They do that in a number of ways, including

- providing Regional Catalyzers, a Children's Ministry Catalyzer, and a Youth Ministry catalyzer who are

available to meet with you by phone, by video, or in person to explore ways to strengthen lifelong faith formation in your church. Visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/coaching.

- creating resources on topics such as family faith formation, intergenerational ministry, children's ministry, youth ministry, and more. Check them out at crcna.org/FaithFormation/resources.
- offering workshops and other gatherings around specific faith formation topics.

Upcoming Offerings:

Aug 30 | Woodland Christian High School
 Sep 6 | Christian School Foundation

Offerings Received as at August 9, 2020:

Aug 9	\$	18,950
Year to Date	\$	397,491
Budgeted 2020 Total Contributions	\$	885,705
Second Offerings		
Missionary Support	\$	1,608
FACE Fund	\$	620
World Renew	\$	300
Habitat for Humanity	\$	225
Woodland Christian High School	\$	95
Faith Formation Ministries	\$	75
Benevolence Fund	\$	65
Resonate Global Mission	\$	50
Centre for Public Dialogue	\$	20
Christian School Foundation	\$	20

COMMUNITY CRC NEWS

Today Devotional Booklets: The September/October 2020 Today devotional booklets have arrived at the church. You can pick up a copy if you are attending a worship service in the next few weeks or you can pick up a copy by curbside pickup this coming week on

Wednesday (19th) or Friday (21st) from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Large print copies will be labelled.

All incoming office bearers will meet for an Orientation meeting via Zoom this Tuesday, August 18 at 7:30 p.m.

DENOMINATION NEWS

Heading off to campus? - As you study, experience a multitude of perspectives and worldviews, and develop new relationships, why not also be part of a diverse community that gathers together to grow in faith and to engage God's world? There are over 35 CRC Campus Ministries on campuses across North America, comprised of students, faculty and staff. To find out if there is one on your campus please check this map: resonateglobalmission.org/campusmap. No campus ministry at your school? You can also locate a nearby CRC at crcna.org/church-finder. For more information about our unique ministries, please contact us at campusministry@crcna.org.