

**Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario
August 20, 2017**



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10:00 a.m.

Pastor Amanda Bakale

Elder-in-Charge: Krista H

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: *"Your Love Never Fails"*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Songs of Praise: *"Everlasting"* and *"You're Worthy of My Praise"*

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

Reading

Prayer of Confession

Song of Confession: *"Refiner's Fire"*

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Thanksgiving: *"I Am Not My Own"*

Children's Blessing

Children born in 2012, 2013 and those needing drop-in (Room 1) are now invited to participate in Sunday School. Children need to be signed in and out by a parent or guardian.

Proclamation of the Word

Song of Preparation: *"O Day Of Peace"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 46

Sermon: **"A Prophet to the Nations"**

Prayer of Application

Response to the Word

*Song of Response: *"God is Our Refuge and Our Strength"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community CRC
2) Faith Formation Ministries

Offertory: *"Sovereign Over Us"*

*Blessing

*Doxology: *"Praise and Thanksgiving"*

*Postlude: *"All the People Said Amen"*

**The congregation is asked to remain in their seats after the service to allow the Pastor and people with special duties or disabilities to exit first.
Please exit when the music begins.**



Following the service, everyone is invited to come together for fellowship and coffee/tea/juice in the gymnasium. Coffee for seniors is served in the Multi-Purpose room.

6:00 p.m.

Pastor Carel Geleynse

Pianist: Irene G

[Please rise, in body or spirit]*

Praise and Prayer

Welcome

Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* PsH # 249

Confession of Faith: Belgic Confession Articles 8 and 9

Response: *"Father, We Love You"* PsH # 634

Prayer and Share

Offering: Faith Formation Ministries

Hearing the Word

*Song of Preparation: *"In God the Father I Believe"* PsH # 518

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: John 17

Sermon: "A Defining Christian Teaching"

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" PsH # 504

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: "Now Thank We All Our God" PsH # 454

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Olga S (11) who continues her stay at Sunnyside Home for rehabilitation, has been transferred to Grand River Hospital because of infection issues. Pray for patience and strength during this difficult time.

May God comfort **Arend and Olga S** (11) in the wake of the death of Arend's brother, **Andy S**. The service was held yesterday at Ancaster Christian Reformed Church. Andy was an uncle to **Alan and Sandy S** (1).

The **B family** (8) would like to thank the entire church community for your support in the past year. It's been a little over a year since our very difficult journey began and was followed with some incredibly challenging days along the way. But, at the same time we have often been overwhelmed with the love and support shown to us and been blessed with the gifts of food, laughter, and new friendships. Thank you to each one of you who wrote a card or note, stopped to talk with us,

showed care for our kids, or provided a meal. These were beautiful gifts to us and a wonderful gift of the faith community for our children to experience.

Sarah continues to receive an anti-body drug every 3 weeks, with just 4 more to go. She will also have one more preventative surgery September 12th (laparoscopic ovary removal). While there are a few other medical details still going on, the healing process is also well under way and "normal" life is slowly returning. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus to us during this journey.

Please continue to pray for:

- those who are shut-in and/or unable to worship with us on a regular basis
- because of various health issues;
- those dealing with various illness among members of their extended family;
- those dealing with depression and other forms of mental illness;
- those dealing with cancer, its treatment and effects: **Jane D** (14);
- those dealing with broken relationships;

- those who are unemployed or underemployed;
- **John and Jane H** with Samaritan Foundation in the Dominican Republic; **Anthony and Barbara P** with Daystar Ministries on Manitoulin Island; **Kim H de M** with Resonate Global Mission in Guatemala, **Hank and Rosario S** volunteering with Resonate Global Mission in Guatemala; **David and Bethany N** (7) volunteering in West Africa;
- the **Sea to Sea** bicycling mission fighting poverty through fundraising and awareness. The cyclists are now at about the halfway point in the final leg of their ride and are spending the weekend in Parc National du Bic in Le Bic, Quebec. **Art T** (2) would like to thank all those who supported his fundraising effort for Sea to Sea. Please pray for the safety, stamina, courage and determination of the remaining riders. For more information visit seatosea.org.
- the persecuted Church in Sudan and elsewhere in the world;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

Congratulations to the following members of our congregation celebrating a birthday in the coming week:



- Aug 23 – Marjie D (6)**
- Aug 24 – Joanne G (3)**
- Aug 26 – John VE (6)**
- Aug 27 – Albert O (1)**

May they experience God's richest blessings in the coming year and as they celebrate their birthday!



Congratulations to the following couple celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in the next week. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Dave and Diana W (6) celebrate their 30th anniversary on August 22, 2017.

Church Phone Directory Changes:

- Nellie K** (6)
- Kor and Grace H** (14)

[Please see the print copy of bulletin for full details]

Staff Information

The church office is closed tomorrow.

Donna V (Office Administrator) will be back in the office on Tuesday, August 22.

Pastor John is on vacation until Thursday, August 31.

Our bookkeeper, **Diana W**, is on vacation and will be back in the office on Tuesday, September 5.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Aug 27	10 a.m.	Pastor Carel Baptisms of Jethro P and Jakob S
	6 p.m.	Pastor Amanda
Sept 3	10 a.m.	Pastor Carel
	6 p.m.	No service due to Labour Day holiday

OFFERING SCHEDULE

Budget Contributions For August 13, 2017

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus
Aug 13	\$15,705	\$12,743	\$2,962
YTD	\$468,216	\$528,808	(\$60,593)
Pastor Church Resources			\$ 1,444.05
Kim H de M			\$ 335.00
Calvin Seminary			\$ 150.00
Diaconate			\$ 70.00

This week our offering is 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.

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.

Community CRC in Kitchener, Ontario, a large, dynamic, community-oriented church, is seeking a **Worship Coordinator**. The successful applicant of this part-time position (20 hours per week) will work with our volunteer worship leaders, talented musicians, visual artists, technical teams, and pastors to coordinate worship services. The full job description is available at ccrc.on.ca/careers. Please send your cover letter and resume to office@ccrc.on.ca by **September 30, 2017**.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS



Let's go biking. This week the group will be biking the roads around Baden, Ontario. We will leave on Monday, August 21 at 6:30 sharp from Ovi's house. The ride is 27 kms all on road and should take about 1 hour and 45 minutes. All you need is a bike, a helmet and some water. Questions call or e-mail Keith.

VINE will be meeting this week on Thursday from 7-9 at the Tim Hortons near the church. We will be continuing our study of the CRC position statements with the topic: "eschatology." Young adults welcome. Contact Matthias for more information.

UPDATED! Faith and Hops: BONFIRE EDITION – August 24 from 7-9pm (different time!) at Pastor Amanda's house. If you're a 20ish to 30-something looking for a place to connect and deepen your faith, come on out to Faith + Hops. This month we're changing things up and meeting in Pastor Amanda's backyard for smores and fire! Check out CCRC's Facebook page this week for the discussion topic!

Coffee Break Moms and Tots will be meeting weekly on Wednesday mornings at approximately 9:30 for a play date in the park! Join us at Country Hills Play Ground at 100 Rittenhouse Road. Bathroom facilities are on site. If transportation is an issue, the playground is walking distance from the Forest Glen bus terminal. This is a perfect opportunity to invite mom friends and neighbours who may be interested in what

Coffee Break is all about. Any questions, contact Jen F.

Attention all Ministry and Nursery Volunteers! Disability awareness training (AODA), safe church awareness training and fire safety training are being made available for all volunteers. Three duplicate dates have been set aside for such training **(August 29, September 7 and 13)**. If you are volunteering in any of the ministries of CCRC you are expected to attend one of those three dates and come for an evening of training in the aforementioned areas. The evening begins at 7 and ends at 8:30 allowing for time afterward for any particular ministry to meet in preparation for the upcoming season. If you have any questions you can direct them to Pastor Carel.

For those living in the Region of Waterloo, Police Checks can now be applied for online at <http://www.wrps.on.ca/> First click on “Online Services” and then “Online Record Checks.” Kiosks are also available at the Cambridge, Kitchener and Waterloo divisions or you can still apply in person at the Police Reporting Centre located at 150 Maple Grove Road, Cambridge. The cost for volunteer checks remains at \$10 which is refundable from the Church Office (with receipt). Please note that if you apply online you will still need to pick up the Police Check. If you are a volunteer working with children or vulnerable adults please be sure to apply for the **Police Vulnerable Sector Record Check**. Once you have the Check, please put it in an envelope and hand bring it to the church office or put it in Pastor Carel’s mailbox. If you are

volunteering for one of the ministries of CCRC that involves children or vulnerable adults please be sure that you have a Check on file. At CCRC the Checks are to be renewed every 5 years.

Nominate a Young Emerging Leader for Leadership Studio: Do you know a young person at CCRC who shows leadership qualities or gifts? Here's your chance to encourage them and help them develop those gifts further! Nominate them for the 2017 Leadership Studio at Muskoka Woods. CCRC sends 2 young people in Grades 10+11 to Studio the same weekend as Fall Retreat. And CCRC sends 2 young adults (18-26) to Studio in November. Send your nominations to Pastor Amanda by September 3! To learn more about Leadership Studio go to muskoka.woods.com.

Community 1 Mission Trip Fundraiser for Daystar Ministries on Manitoulin Island (where **Anthony and Barbara P** are doing their work). Community 1 is planning a dinner—all are invited!—to raise funds for their upcoming mission trip to Daystar ministries on Manitoulin Island. The dinner is going to be held on **Friday, September 15 at 7**. Doors open at 6:30. Please sign up at the information desk. Cost for tickets are 25.00 for adults, 12.50 for 12 and under and free for 5 and under. There are 6 people going for a week from September 24 to September 29 to build a foundation for an addition on Daystar’s community centre.

The next LAFF trip is scheduled for Friday, September 22. The trip will include stops at the Ingersoll Cheese and Agricultural Museum, the pioneer village at Backus

Conservation Area near Port Rowan, a coffee break at one of the churches along the way, and a lunch at the Port Rowan Royal Canadian Legion. The cost will be the usual \$60.00 per person. To sign up or have any questions answered, contact Rinze V.



Fall Retreat Registration is NOW OPEN!

The registration rate is now \$175. This year's theme is Follow for Follow: Romans 6:6-7. Fall Retreat is from September 29 to October 1 in Muskoka Woods. Visit www.fallretreat.ca for more details. CCRC is covering \$50 of the registration fee this year. Sign up online, print the confirmation form, and submit along with a cheque for the registration fee less \$50 payable to CCRC. Place in Pastor Amanda's mailbox.

The CCRC go! Committee has been busy working on the details of a proposal for the church over the past couple of months and we wanted to ensure we kept you up to date on the project. Unfortunately there have been some technical difficulties sharing the slide show in advance of the church service and so we wanted to ensure you had an opportunity to see it in addition to those that have been away on vacation. We will continue to try and find ways to share this information with you on a regular

basis. For the latest update, please go to <https://youtu.be/J22FStV14k0>.

Attention All Current and Future Nursery Volunteers! As we prepare to start a new school year and everyone's commitments tend to change, we would like to update our pool of Nursery Volunteers. If you are over the age of 12 and willing to help in our Nurseries please email Shannon B. If there are special requests for family members to be scheduled on the same day, please be sure to bring that to our attention. Thank you to all past and present volunteers for all your help!

Volleyball is cancelled for the month of August. We look forward to getting together again in September.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

For all of the announcements, employment and volunteer opportunities available through the Denomination and others, please see the listing and posters on the Deacons bulletin board across from the washrooms for information.

MISCELLANEOUS

There is a new newsletter from John and Grace Van Huizen of the International Seafarers Ministry and new announcements from Redeemer University College on the Deacons' bulletin board across from the washrooms.