



**10:00am Worship Service**

**Preacher:** Amanda Bakale

**GATHERING AND GREETING**

**Gathering Song**

“O Worship The King”

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

**God’s Greeting**

**Song of Praise**

“Hosanna (Praise is Rising)”

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Song of Assurance**

“Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me”

**Children’s Blessing**

**Song of Preparation**

“Seek Ye First”

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**

Psalm 84

**Sermon**

“Homesick Joy”

**Prayer of Application**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Song of Response**

“If You But Trust In God To Guide You”

**Offering Announcement**

- 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church
- 2) Leadership Diversity

**Prayers of the People**

## God's Parting Blessing

### Doxology

"My Friends May You Grow In Grace"

This week Communities 9, 11, 13, and 14 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:

**August 29:** 5, 6, 7, 8

**September 5:** 1, 2, 3, 4

**September 12:** 9,11,13,14

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### COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY

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

**Tristan V and Julia D** will be united in marriage on Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 2:00 pm at Community CRC with Pastor Norm Sennema officiating. May the Lord grant them a beautiful and memorable day as they exchange vows and rings and begin their married life together!

We give thanks for milestone anniversaries that will be celebrated this week. May the Lord continue to bless and strengthen these marriages for many years to come! Congratulations to the following couples:

**Alan and Sharon B** (3) will celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on August 24, 2021.

**Randy and Diana Z** (14) will celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 25.

We hold in prayer this week **Anita** (11) and her family as they mourn the loss of her mother. We thank God that Anita was able to travel to India for the funeral and return home safely. May the Lord comfort the family, especially Anita's father as he adjusts to a life without the woman he loves.

We pray for **Gary B** (8) as his 9-year multiple sclerosis remission comes to an end with an unexpected flare-up. Gary is undergoing tests and scans to determine the full picture of the MS return. Please pray for strength for Gary as he struggles with the reality of MS and waits for the results of tests in the coming days.

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### MATTERS FOR PRAYER |

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- As we follow the headlines coming out of Afghanistan, pray for those that will be settling in our region over the next few weeks. May God grant them strength and a sense of home as they begin a new life.
- Pray for the people of Haiti as they cleanup and recover from the earthquake and tropical depression Grace. You can find ways to help in the World Renew announcement
- 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 teachers, administration, students, parents and support workers as schools and campuses prepare for this coming school year.
- 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.

- 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 and **Shannon C** serving as Chaplain at Forest Heights Long term care home.

of various ethnicities. For more information go to <https://www.crcna.org/diversity>

**Next week our offering is for CRC Mission Funds** | The community CRC Mission fund is available to provide financial assistance to those at Community CRC who feel called by God to serve others. An application form is available by contacting the deacons.

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### UPCOMING SERVICES

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Aug 29	10 am	Pastor Ed Jager/Pastor Amanda Bakale Installation of Pastor Tom Bomhof
Sept 5	10 am	Pastor Amanda Bakale
Sep 12	10 am	Pastor Tom Bomhof

### Upcoming Offerings:

Sept 5 | Waterloo Campus Ministry  
 Sep 12 | Missionary Support

### Offerings received as at August 15, 2021

August 15, 2021	\$	10,444
Year to Date	\$	458,095
Budgeted 2021 Total Contributions	\$	923,460
<b>Second Offerings</b>		
Office For Social Justice	\$	305.70
World Renew	\$	200
New Ground - Diaconal Ministries	\$	50
The FACE Fund	\$	50
Benevolence	\$	70
Habitat for Humanity	\$	50

**Upcoming Baptism Sundays** | Are you looking to be baptized or to have your child baptized? The next Baptism Sundays are scheduled for September 26 and October 24. If you are interested in one of these dates, please contact Pastor Amanda.

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

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### OFFERING SCHEDULE

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**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.**

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### COMMUNITY CRC NEWS

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**This week our offering is for Leadership Diversity** | The Diversity ministry of the CRCNA was established to affirm and support congregations of the CRC as they work toward becoming more inclusive environments, welcoming the calling and use of gifts in people

**The COVID Team, Administrative Council and staff** are discussing and determining current provincial regulation and the shape of ministries this fall. More details to come as they are available.

**Do you have rooms to rent for students?** Each summer I hear from prospective UW, WLU, and Conestoga students looking for housing in KW. In order to help them find suitable

accommodations, I'd like to know who in our church communities has rooms or apartments for rent. If you have a spot you're willing to rent to students, please let me know! You can reach me at [bbork@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:bbork@uwaterloo.ca)

Thanks, Pastor Brian & Waterloo Campus Ministry

### **Volunteer opportunity: Safe Church Team |**

The Safe Church Team is looking for two new members. The team is responsible for addressing issues of abuse within the congregation which includes harassment, physical abuse, and more, which could be from volunteers, congregants and/or staff. The team also maintains the Abuse Prevention Policy and online training. You don't need experience to serve on the team, just a compassionate heart. We welcome any adult member who can commit to meeting 4-6 times a year. If you have any questions or are interested, please reach out to Paula La at [lafontaine paula@gmail.com](mailto:lafontaine paula@gmail.com).

**Book club news!** The summer book club read is "I Think You're Wrong (But I'm Listening): A Guide to Grace-Filled Political Conversations" by Sarah Stewart Holland and Beth Silver. Their book provides a guide for Christians to respectfully engage in political discussions, showing us how to put relationship before policy and understanding before argument. Copies of the book are available discounted from [bookoutlet.ca](http://bookoutlet.ca) and digitally for free to Region of Waterloo library users. We'll be discussing the book on Monday August 23 from 7.30 - 9 pm on Zoom. Link to the zoom call <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89000249411?pwd=eDRQdzd1Yk41L01RZVo1czVNbTN4Zz09>

### **LHCS Golf Tournament: Sept 25, 2021 |**

We are excited to announce that golfer registration is officially open! Get your foursome organized - or signup as a pair or single. For golfer registration form please contact [t2vanzwo@hotmail.com](mailto:t2vanzwo@hotmail.com)

We are still working out the details of the tournament dinner with Rebel Creek - it may depend on covid restrictions in September. In the event that we do take-home dinners, please be sure to indicate your take-home meal selection. Payment can be completed in advance or on the day.

Looking forward to seeing you on the course!

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## **DENOMINATIONAL NEWS**

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**Groundwork | God Is Faithful, Consistent, And Keeps His Promises |** Trusting in God's provision can be heard when life seems to constantly change. Join Groundwork as we study Judges 6:33-40, Exodus 34:1-10, Isaiah 53, and Ephesians 2:1-10 to be reminded of God's faithful and consistent character and discover why his covenant nature means we can be confident he will keep his promises. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### **Children's Devotion | Welcoming the Stranger**

What does welcoming someone look like? It doesn't have to be hard. Just say hello! Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

### **World Renew | Share God's hope with displaced families in Haiti |**

Will you help Haitians left homeless after the earthquake? - On August 14th an earthquake shook Haiti and has so far claimed over a thousand lives, left thousands more injured or missing, destroyed property, and compounded the suffering of the island nation that has been struggling with economic instability. The Haitian healthcare system is ill equipped to tend to all the injured. An estimated 30,000 people have been left homeless—exposed to the elements including the wind and rain that Tropical Storm Grace brought down just days after the earthquake. World Renew, as a member of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, has joined the Humanitarian

Coalition in asking Canadians to give generously to help those impacted by the crisis. World Renew is working to deliver emergency supplies to families left homeless by the earthquake; our initial response includes non-food items like tarps for shelter and kits containing household and personal care items. <https://worldrenew.ca> Donations can also be made through the church offering buckets but your offering envelopes would need to be clearly identified as World Renew – Haiti Relief.

**Fall Online Course | Pragmatism, Race, and Religion - Institute for Christian Studies** | We invite you to join us for courses like Pragmatism, Race, and Religion. Pragmatism is one of North America's most unique philosophical movements. In this new course from ICS president Ronald Kuipers, participants will get to know the interactions and influence of Black pragmatist thinkers, especially related to race and religion. First-time auditors can join any course for only \$425. Email [academic-registrar@icscanada.edu](mailto:academic-registrar@icscanada.edu)

**Faith Practices** | Jesus is our model for true servanthood. What characteristics and practices of Jesus could each of us emulate to help us develop a servant heart? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices).)

**Job Opportunity | Resonate Global Mission is hiring!** | Do you have a passion for developing opportunities for Christians to be engaged in mission? We have a full-time opening for a Volunteer Ministries Program Manager, based in either our Grand Rapids or Burlington office. In this position you will work with ministry leaders to create volunteer opportunities, and with churches to support their engagement in mission. For more details, to apply, or to share with someone you know, visit <https://crcna.pinpointhq.com/en/jobs/18132> by August 20, 2021.

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## RESOURCES

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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. **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 the Treasurer at [treasurer@ccrc.on.ca](mailto:treasurer@ccrc.on.ca)

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](mailto: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](http://ccrc.on.ca) and follow the links to CAP or talk to Pastor Amanda.