

Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario
September 1, 2019



September 1, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Pastor Amanda Bakale
Elder-in-Charge: Janette W

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: *"Come People of the Risen King"*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Songs of Praise: *"Great Are You Lord"*

"How Great Thou Art"

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession: *"The River"*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Song: *"This is Amazing Grace"*

Back to School Blessing

Proclamation of the Word

Song of Preparation: PsH #486 *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 14: 1-14

Sermon: **"Blessed to Be a Blessing"**

Prayer of Application

Response to the Word

*Song of Response: PsH #291 vs. 1-4 *"May the Mind of Christ, My Saviour"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church

2) Safe Church Ministry

Offertory Song: "Father Let Your Kingdom Come"

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"

**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.

There is no evening service today due to the long weekend.
Have a wonderful Sunday!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

As Labour Day ushers in the unofficial end of summer our thoughts turn to the teachers and students that will be returning to the classrooms this coming week. We pray for all those starting school this week at every level of education. May this year be a wonderful time of learning and exploring the amazing world the Lord has made!

Counseling - Congregational Assistance Plan (CAP): CAP is a means by which Christian counseling services are made available to members and regular attendees. If you need someone to talk to; if your relationships are not what they should be; if you are distressed in any way; if you are suffering

from depression or some other mental illness, please feel free to call toll-free: 866-347-0041. **All services are strictly confidential.** If you have any questions, please check the CCRC website (ccrc.on.ca) or contact Pastor Carel.

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; **Mandy B (7); Gord F (4); Gine K (1); Sandra K (9); Jenny W (6); Frederika V (11) Ralph and Willy W (14);**
- those dealing with depression and other forms of mental illness;

- those dealing with cancer, its treatment and effects;
- those dealing with broken relationships;
- those who are unemployed or underemployed;
- **Anthony and Barbara P** with Daystar Ministries on Manitoulin Island; **Hank and Rosario S** volunteering with Resonate Global Mission in Guatemala;
- the staff and leadership at the Journey
- the persecuted Church;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

Congratulations to the following couples celebrating milestone anniversaries this coming week:

Ike and Jennie W (4) will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on September 4, 2019.

Shawn and Esther V (4) will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary on September 4, 2019.

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

STAFF INFORMATION

Our bookkeeper, **Diana W**, will be away from the office starting Friday, September 13 and will be back in the office on Tuesday, September 24.

A reminder that the church office hours are Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Please note** that the church office email (office@ccrc.on.ca) or the phones are not checked on the weekend or after hours. If you have a need or a concern that is of a

timely nature, please contact your elder or deacon or one of the pastors directly.

OFFERING SCHEDULE

**Budget Contributions
For August 25, 2019 including
PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance)**

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus
Aug 25	\$35,859	\$30,153	\$5,705
YTD	\$499,441	\$609,211	(\$109,771)
Faith Formation Ministries			\$ 1,500
Benevolence Fund			\$ 950
Christian School Foundation			\$ 145
Laurentian Hills Christian School			\$ 120
Waterloo Campus Ministry			\$ 100
Safe Church Ministries			\$ 60

Our offering today is for Safe Church Ministry. Safe Church Ministry is a ministry of the Christian Reformed Church that equips congregations in abuse awareness, prevention, and response. They help build communities where the value of each person is honored; where people are free to worship and grow free from abuse; and where abuse has occurred, the response is compassion and justice that foster healing.

Next week our offering is for Calvin Theological Seminary Distance Education Program. Calvin Seminary's distance learning program allows students to continue serving in their local church or ministry setting without sacrificing the academic quality, real-world experience, or important community of a traditional program.

SEPTEMBER SERVICES

Sep 8	10 a.m.	Pastor Darren Roorda/Pastor Carel Geleynse Lord's Supper
	6 p.m.	Pastor John Medendorp
Sep 15	10 a.m.	Building Dedication Sunday Pastor Carel Geleynse
	4 p.m.	Church Open House
	6 p.m.	Pastor Amanda Bakale
Sep 22	10 a.m.	Pastor John Medendorp
	6 p.m.	Communities Meet
Sep 29	10 a.m.	Pastor John Medendorp Professions of Faith: Rachel A (5) Scott A (5)
		Service at Maranatha CRC (Cambridge)

Next Sunday, September 8, we will be celebrating the sacrament of Lord's Supper in the morning service. 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.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Congregational Survey: In light of the anticipated staff transition, because of the retirement of Pastor Carel at the end of May 2020, the Staffing and Communities Review (SCR) Committee (an ad-hoc committee of Council) has been busy this summer thinking about the future and what that might look

like in terms of ministry and staffing at CCRC.

With the help of the office of Pastor Church Relations of the CRCNA, the SCR has developed an electronic survey for the congregation. The survey is designed to solicit your feedback in the areas of worship, Communities and staffing. The survey link has been sent to you by the Office@ccrc.on.ca. If you did not receive the link please email the office and Donna will be able to assist you.

We would ask that you prayerfully take the time to complete the on-line survey and submit it no later than September 17th. If you are student of high school age or older you are welcome to complete the survey on your own. Parents may include comments from children provided the child has not already completed the survey. For those unable to fill out an online version please contact the office for a hard copy.

We hope to have as many responses as possible as this will help us make informed observations and decisions.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Steve F, Kim T or Gerald R.

Thank you in advance for your responses.

The September/October 2019 edition of the TODAY Devotional Booklet (English and Korean language) is available at the information Centre. Large Print copies were placed in the mailboxes of members who have requested them. If you need or would benefit from a Large Print copy, please let the office know at office@ccrc.on.ca.

Attention all Ministry Volunteers! A new building, new symbols, new policies... Are you aware of what is new and how it impacts your ministry? 66 volunteers attended the first session on August 26! The next sessions are scheduled for this Thursday, September 5, and Monday, September 9. Both run from **7 – 8:30 pm** at the latest. Did you know that Disability awareness training, safe church policy training, and emergency and fire safety training is an annual requirement for volunteering at CCRC? If you are an officebearer or volunteering in any of the ministries at CCRC you are asked to pick **one** dates and come for an evening of awareness training. Even if you are not volunteering but are interested in finding out what is new, come on out! If you have any questions you can direct them to Paula L or any other member of the Safe Church Team.

Volunteers: As the summer months are winding down, many of the ministries in our church are looking ahead to a new ministry year. Recently a newsletter, entitled **“Ministry Opportunities”** highlighting some of the ministries at CCRC looking for people to fill volunteer positions, was sent out electronically and via the mailboxes to the congregation. Please read through the newsletter and thoughtfully and prayerfully consider where the Lord may be calling you to serve.

GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Saviour! Registration is now online! Please be sure to sign up and join us for another awesome year. GEMS is open for girls in Grade 2-Grade 8. Our first night will be

September 26th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. If you have any questions please email us at gems@ccrc.on.ca

Friday Night Dinner: September 6 @ 6-8pm: Are you a young adult looking for a place to connect over a good meal? Join other young adults from Community CRC, Waterloo CRC, and Waterloo Campus Ministry at Pastor Amanda and Brian's home every first Friday of the month for dinner and conversation. Message Pastor Amanda or email to RSVP!

Children's guitars: The church has a couple of half-size guitars available. If you are interested in having one to learn guitar, contact Rachel at worship@ccrc.on.ca

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Fall Retreat – Volunteers needed: Are you over 21 and enjoy caffeine and sugar? Are you a bit of a night owl? **Then join our safety team for Fall Retreat 2019!** Our retreat is from Oct 4-6th in beautiful Muskoka Woods Sports Resort in Rosseau, Ontario. Take in some beautiful scenery, worship sessions with our youth, and some great fun and fellowship with other members of Classis Huron!! We are still looking for some female and male safety team members to make our team complete. Contact Justin E for more details if you are interested in joining our safety team for 2019. We would love to have you join our team!!