

**Community Christian Reformed Church**  
**Kitchener, Ontario**  
**September 3, 2017**



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**10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor Carel Geleynse**

*Elder-in-Charge: Gwen H*

[\* *Please rise, in body or spirit*]

### **Gathering and Greeting**

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

\*Songs of Praise: PsH #171 *"It Is Good to Sing Your Praises"*

PsH #96 (1,2-all, 3-men, 4-women, 5-6-all) *"Sing to the LORD, Sing His Praise"*

### **Confession and Assurance**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response: PsH #497 *"How Vast the Benefits Divine"*

\*Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

### **Proclamation of the Word**

Song of Preparation: PsH #62 *"My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 52

Sermon: **"At the King's Table"**

Prayer of Application

### **Response to the Word**

\*Song of Response: PsH #23 *"The Lord, My Shepherd, Rules My Life"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community CRC

2) Safe Church Ministry

\*Blessing

\*Doxology: PsH #89:8 *"Forever I Will Sing of Your Great Love, O Lord"*

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.

Due to the long weekend, there is no evening service.

Have a blessed Sunday!

#### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

*The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong*

**Olga S** (11) has moved back to Sunnyside Home after some time at Grand River Hospital. Pray for encouragement, patience and strength during this difficult time

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**;
- 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** with Resonate Global Mission in Guatemala, **Hank and Rosario S** volunteering with Resonate Global Mission in Guatemala;
- the persecuted Church in Sudan and elsewhere in the world;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

*Thank You:* I would like to send a big Thank you to everyone from District 13, for bringing meals to us during my recent recovery. It meant the world to us both. Thanks again,  
**Pauline M (13)**

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



- Sep 6 – Liz K (7)**
- Sep 7 – Martin O (8)**
- Sep 8 – Gine K (1)**
- Sep 8 – John D (14)**

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

*Congratulations* to the following couples celebrating milestone anniversaries this coming week. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



**Jim and Barb R (6)** will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 9.

**Keith and Joanne O (2)** will celebrate their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 9.

**Henry and Grace B (4)** will celebrate their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 10.

**Staff Information**

**Pastor Amanda** is on vacation this week. She will be back in the office on September 11.

**UPCOMING SERVICES**

Sep 10	10 a.m.	Pastor John Lord’s Supper N/O Presentation
	6 p.m.	Pastor Carel
Sep 17	10 a.m.	Pastor Amanda
	6 p.m.	Communities Meet

**Next week (September 10) we will be celebrating the sacrament of Communion 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.

**OFFERING SCHEDULE**

**Budget Contributions  
For August 27, 2017**

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus
Aug 27	\$9,770	\$12,743	(\$2,973)
YTD	\$501,777	\$569,764	(\$67,987)
Benevolence Fund			\$ 1,755.05
Safe Church Ministry			\$ 15.00

**This week our offering is for the Safe Church Ministry.** Safe Church is a denominational 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.** Calvin Seminary’s distance learning program allows a student to follow their call wherever they are without sacrificing the academic quality or important relationships one would find in their residential programs. It is designed to fit into a student’s life circumstances—whether that means an existing ministry, family life or a full-time job—program requirements are spread out over more years than requirements in residential programs.

**Urgent Need for Hurricane Harvey Recovery:** After a week of unrelenting rain, World Renew Disaster Response Services is preparing to respond to catastrophic flooding in Texas from Hurricane Harvey. You can help homeowners who are struggling to return home, now and in the weeks and years to come, with your financial donation for World Renew DRS Hurricane Harvey response. Please give generously today online at [worldrenew.net/donate](http://worldrenew.net/donate), call 1.800.730.3490, or mail your cheque, designated Hurricane Harvey 2017, to

World Renew, 3475 Mainway, STN LCD 1, Burlington, Ont., L7R 3Y8.

### Missionary Corner

We recently received updates from **John and Jane H** (the Samaritan Foundation) and **Hank and Rosario S** (Resonate Global Missions) Copies of all newsletters are available at the Information Centre. Please help yourself to a copy.

### COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

**The September/October edition of the TODAY devotional booklet is available** at the Information Centre and on the shelves by the front doors. Large Print copies are in the mailboxes of members that have requested them. If you need or would benefit from a Large Print copy please let the office know. Korean and Spanish booklets are also available.

**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 in all ministries. There are two more opportunities for you to take the training - **this Thursday, September 7 or next Wednesday, September 13.** Council reminds you that if you are volunteering in any of the ministries of CCRC **attendance is mandatory** at one of the sessions. Please note that if you have already been through the AODA training at work or even here, it is required once again. The evening begins at 7 and ends at 8:30 p.m. Attendance will be taken. If you have any questions you can direct them to Council or 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 you are required to have a Check on file if you are over the age of 18. At CCRC the Checks are to be renewed every 5 years. Since it has been 5 years ago that this process really began in earnest quite a few of our volunteers will have to renew their checks in 2018.

**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 **today, September 3!** To learn more about Leadership Studio go to [muskoka.woods.com](http://muskoka.woods.com).

**Knifty Knitters:** If you love to knit and/or crochet, please join us at the church **this Tuesday, Sep 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. for a morning of caring through crafting.** New members and visitors are always welcome. If you have any questions, please call May H. Just a heads up that on September 26 we will be packing the projects that were completed during the summer.



**Cadets:** The next cadet season is starting soon. **The first night will be Monday September 18th at 7:00 p.m.** Register your son(s) online at '[www.ccrcc.on.ca/cadets2017](http://www.ccrcc.on.ca/cadets2017)'. We are looking forward to seeing old faces as well as new ones. If you are interested in becoming a counselor, please email [cadets@ccrc.on.ca](mailto:cadets@ccrc.on.ca) or talk to Jasper V and Isaac B.

**Memory and Aging Course:** Bethany D will be teaching a course on how the brain ages and how to work on your memory. It will be held at the church on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. starting September 14 and will run for 8 weeks. There is a small fee to cover materials. Please talk to Bethany or Linda D for more information.

**Life After Fifty Five (L.A.F.F.):** Please mark your calendars. Life After Fifty Five will start our 2017-2018 season with our first meeting **Tuesday September 19 at 10:15 am.** Our Bible study for the season will be a 10 lesson series on Elijah, prepared and

presented by Pastor Bernie. New members are welcome.

**The money for the LAFF/Seniors trip is now due.** The trip is scheduled for Friday, September 22. The cost of the trip is \$60.00 per person. Make cheques payable to Rinze V and put your name on the outside of the envelope, especially if you are making a cash payment. If there are questions, phone Rinze.

**Friendship:** Friendship is a ministry in our church that works with people with an intellectual disability to help them grow deeper in their relationship with God and with each other. We meet every Tuesday night for 1 ½ hours. We sing, pray, laugh, share, listen, learn one-on-one or in small groups, drink coffee and enjoy snacks. We have special nights for supper, games, crafts and enjoy fellowship with another group. **Friendship begins again on September 19, with a mentor meeting and then a supper on September 26.** We have great volunteers who are mentors, storytellers, piano players, leaders and especially those who prepare our drinks and snacks. This year, a number of our mentors have retired from our program due health, to moving out of the area or changing jobs. Also we have new friends interested in our ministry. So we need some new volunteers for our program. If you are interested, please call Pastor Bernie or call or email Minnie H.

**Coffee Break begins for a new season on Wednesday, September 20 at 9:30 am.** Come for a morning of fellowship and food. Childcare is provided. We will kick-off the

season with registration, an introduction to the new Coffee Break team, and an overview of studies being offered. Invite your friends and neighbours who may be interested in what Coffee Break is all about. We are an intergenerational group of women who desire to encourage each other in our walk with the Lord and with those we do life with every day. Come for relationships, encouragement and growth in your faith. Please be reminded that all volunteers of Coffee Break need to attend the Safe Church Training Session being offered.

Do you have a hobby, sport or a special interest activity you enjoy? Perhaps you enjoy woodworking, cooking, knitting, soccer, basketball, music, drama, visual art, a seasonal activity or a topic of special interest like birds or animals? Do you enjoy working with children? Are you free on Wednesday mornings? Then Coffee Break could use your help!

**Coffee Break** is looking for several volunteers to come share a hobby, skill, talent or a special interest topic with our Home School Class of about 5 children in Grades 1-3. The time commitment is flexible – come teach your activity for just morning or over an extended period of several weeks. Our goal is to expose these children to a variety of unique activities while their mothers join in our Coffee Break Program. Interested, curious? - Please contact Melodie B or Leah B for more information.



### **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](http://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. **Please note that the \$50 subsidy by CCRC is only available until September 18** so get your forms in soon.

#### **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.**

**Coming to University in Waterloo, Ontario?** - If you are a new or returning university or college student coming to the Waterloo area, please join us at Waterloo CRC on September 10 for Student Welcome Sunday. You, your parents and your friends are welcome to join us for a picnic after the service! Get to know the people in our church, our pastor, and our campus minister, Brian Bork. The service will be held at Waterloo CRC, 209 Bearinger Avenue in

Waterloo at 10:30 am. We hope to see you there!

**Mo-Mac CR-Campus Ministry Welcome BBQ** - Are you attending McMaster University or Mohawk College this fall? We are having our annual "Mo-Mac CR-Campus Ministry Welcome BBQ" on Sunday, Sept. 24th @ Michael's 1:00- 3:00 pm, rain or shine. Come out and meet some other Mac & Mohawk students at 734 Garner Rd, E. in Ancaster. If you need a ride, or for more details, please e-mail Dr. Michael D. Fallon at [fallonm@mcmaster.ca](mailto:fallonm@mcmaster.ca). Our first campus gatherings are on Sept. 6th at Mohawk and Sept. 7th at Mac. Contact Michael to see what is going on. Have a great year!

#### **Miscellaneous**

**Laurentian Hills Christian School Benefit Golf Tournament:** Attention all golfers! We invite you to join us for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Laurentian Hills Christian School Benefit Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 16 at the Rebel Creek Golf Club just west of Kitchener. Registration starts at noon, shotgun start at 1pm – dinner and prizes to follow! Register as a single or as a foursome – additional details can be found at <http://lhcs.net/docs/LHCS-Golf-Tournament-2017-Registration.pdf>



## *You're Invited!*

**Community 1 is planning a Fundraising Dinner— and all are invited— to raise funds for their upcoming mission trip to Daystar Ministries on Manitoulin Island. (where Anthony and Barbara P serve)**

The dinner is going to be held on **Friday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m.**

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. 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 from Community #1 going for a week from September 24 to September 29 to build a foundation for an addition on Daystar's community centre on Manitoulin Island.

