



This morning is our **Back to School Blessing** service where we'll pray for and bless all those going back to school this year from kindergarten to grad school: teachers and students, support staff and administrators.

10:00am Service

Worship Participants this week:

Preacher: Pastor Amanda Bakale Litanist: Pastor Tom Bomhof

GATHERING AND GREETING

Gathering Song	"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"
Welcome and Announcements	
Call to Worship	
God's Greeting	
Song of Praise	"The King Has Come"

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Call to Confession	
Song	"The River"
Prayer of Confession	
Assurance of Pardon	
Back to School Blessing	
Children's Song	"Jesus, Strong and King"

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination	
Scripture Reading	Galatians 5: 13-26
Sermon	'Two Communities'
Prayer of Application	

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song of Response	“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”
Offering Announcement	1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church 2) Waterloo Campus Ministry
Prayers of the People	
God’s Parting Blessing	
Doxology	“We Receive Your Blessing”

Worship Service Update

Administrative Council, on the recommendations from the COVID Team and Worship Strategists Team, approved an **increase in our current seating capacity** for worship services. We will be using every other pew in the sanctuary rather than every third pew. This increased capacity still abides by the provincial restrictions on physically distancing and indoor capacity limits. Based on recommendations, Administrative Council also voted to **remove all age restrictions for our worship services**. All ages are now welcome!

This week Communities 1,2,3,4 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:

September 12: 9,11,13,14

September 19: 5,6,7,8

September 26: 1, 2, 3, 4

COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY

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

We continue to pray for **Gary B (8)** as the doctors determine the extent of his multiple sclerosis flare-up. While medications are helping, Gary remains weak and exhausted. Pray for renewed strength and healing for Gary.

Don F (8) was admitted to the hospital this past week. In addition to blood clots, Don is waiting for the results of further testing to determine if he has cancer. Please pray for Don and his daughter, Erin, as they wait for results. May the Spirit give them a sense of peace in the waiting.

Elena W's (8) mother, **Berta d**, is recovering from a recent heart attack and stroke and her father, **Martin**, is in respite care while she recovers. Please pray for Berta's recovery, for Martin's continued care, and for the W and d families during this time.

MATTERS FOR PRAYER

- Pray for teachers, administration, students, parents and support workers as schools and campuses return to classrooms (virtual or in-person) this coming week.
- Pray that we may be blessed in our daily work and that we may use our gifts and talents in our job to bring glory to God and to be a witness to others in the workplace. Pray for those who are seeking employment or those who are underemployed and/or seeking more meaningful employment.
- Pray for wisdom as voters prepare to go to the polls on September 20 for the Federal election.
- Pray for those affected by Hurricane Ida this past week and for those involved in the relief efforts and recovery. For other ways to help, see the note below from World Renew in the Offering section.
- Pray for the people of Haiti as they cleanup and recover from the earthquake and tropical depression Grace. For more info, go to worldrenew.ca.
- 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** 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.

STAFF UPDATE

The church office will be **closed on Monday, September 6**, for the Labour Day holiday.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sep 12	10 am	Pastor Tom Bomhof Lord's Supper
Sep 19	10 am	Pastor Amanda Bakale
Sep 25	10 am	Pastor Tom Bomhof Baptism: Levi F (5) Indiana T (13)

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 the church office.

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. For more details on how to donate to the church, please see the Resources section on the last page of the bulletin.

This week our offering is for the Waterloo Campus Ministry | Waterloo Campus Ministry is the Christian Reformed ministry at the University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University. It eagerly seeks to gather students, faculty, and staff into fellowship with Jesus Christ, to experience his renewing grace in their life and work on campus. This offering supports the work of our campus minister, Rev. Brian Bork, and the ministry's various activities and projects.

Next week our offering is for Missionary Support. This fund is used by CCRC to provide financial support to our missionaries with Resonate Global Mission and **Anthony and Barbara Ps** with Daystar Native Outreach on Manitoulin Island.

Upcoming Offerings:

Sep 19 | Resonate Global Mission

Sep 26 | Safe Church Ministry

Offerings received as at August 29, 2021:

August 29, 2021	\$	6,305
Year to Date	\$	512,020
Budgeted 2021 Total Contributions	\$	923,460
Second Offerings		
Office of Social Justice	\$	350
Benevolence Fund	\$	235
Diaconal Ministries – New Ground	\$	210
FACE Fund	\$	210
World Renew	\$	175
World Renew – Haiti	\$	175
CCRC Mission Fund	\$	163
Missionary Support	\$	130
Resonate Global Missions	\$	85
ReFrame Ministries	\$	50
Leadership Diversity	\$	50
World Renew – World Hunger	\$	25
World Renew – Maternal and Child Health	\$	25
Waterloo Campus Ministry	\$	25
Faith Formation Ministries	\$	25
Raise Up Global Ministries	\$	25
Safe Church Ministry	\$	10

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

Please help families impacted by Hurricane Ida
 Earlier this week Hurricane Ida swept across New Orleans and along the Louisiana shoreline leaving a trail of destruction; homes have been crushed by falling trees, flooded by overflowing waterways, or completely swept away. World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is organizing a response to help people most affected by the hurricane and is coordinating with local communities to assess needs so they can prioritize recovery and repair. You can support this work with your financial gift to World Renew, DRS Hurricane Ida 2021, at worldrenew.ca/donate, or call 888-WRLD-RNW. You can also send your cheque by mail to: World Renew, PO Box 5070, 3475 Mainway, STN LCD 1, Burlington, Ontario L7R 3Y8. Please pray for those whose homes and lives have been affected by the storm, and for the dedicated DRS volunteers who will help them clean up, rebuild, and recover.

COMMUNITY CRC NEWS

Happy September! The Coffee Break Leadership is still looking for another person or two to join the team to help run this ministry. If you are passionate about studying God's Word and joining in fellowship with other women (even if it is mostly virtual these days!), please connect with Kirstin B. If you want more information or are unsure about what being on the Leadership Team would mean, just reach out!

Attention Knifty Knitters | A note to let you know that your boxes of goods can be dropped off at the church during the week of September 6 – 10 between 9am – 3pm. Please put them in the foyer that leads to the sanctuary. Do not put tape on the boxes as we have to put a note into each one. The items will be taken to Cambridge on Tuesday, September 14. If you have any questions, please call May H.

Youth Ministries Workshop Saturday, Sept 11

9:30-12:30pm | Are you interested in supporting and getting to know our amazing teenagers here at CCRC? As we enter another uncertain ministry year, we are looking for **5 leaders to join the leadership team for Impact**, our high-school ministry. If you're interested and want to learn more, join us for our brainstorming and planning session on Sept 11.

**Note: We will be meeting physically-distanced both indoors and outdoors throughout the morning at CCRC.*

Volunteer opportunity: CCRC 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 L.

Laurentian Hills Christian School Golf Tournament: September 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 the school office.

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!

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Children's Devotional | God is with You - Have you ever been scared about a big math test, or starting a new school, or even about flying in an airplane? It's okay to be careful. But fear and worry can control our thoughts and actions. Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net.

Groundwork | Honor Your Parents and Authorities | Why does God care about our relationships? Join Groundwork as we study God's command in Exodus 20:12 to honor our fathers and mothers. Together we'll look to the whole of scripture to help us understand this command and how we can keep it in both healthy and broken relationships. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Faith Practices | The Practice of Sabbath | Read Exodus 20:8-11 and ponder or discuss the following question: Sabbath rest is God's gift to us. How might you receive that gift with gratitude? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries.)

University Students | 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, check this map: resonateglobalmission.org/campusmap. No campus ministry at your school? You can also locate a nearby CRC here: <https://www.crcna.org/churches>. For more information about our unique ministries, please contact us at campusministry@crcna.org

RESOURCES

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 Kathy W, Treasurer.

2. PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) – monthly pre-authorized payment. Fill out form, along with a blank void cheque by email to Kathy W.
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 and follow the links to CAP or talk to Pastor Amanda.