



Welcome to Community CRC's weekly bulletin. This is the fourth Sunday that Communities have been invited for in-person worship. We praise God that we have this opportunity and are thankful for the all the volunteers and staff that continue to make this possible! Details on procedures can be found on our website (ccrc.on.ca) and in the sign-up emails. However, a reminder from the COVID Committee that as our Communities begin to return to the church for worship please remember to always maintain physical distance from people who are not in your household and keep your facemask on. If you want to chat and catch up with other folks after the service that's great! You are welcome to do so! Please do so outside of the building as you continue to wear a mask and maintain a physical distance of 2 meters.

This Sunday we welcome Community #2 and Community #5 to our worship service! **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. This year is unlike any other, so let's come together and bless one another for the year ahead!** Our current total capacity is 50 people worshipping within the church (in addition to the worship team), which follows the COVID policy approved by Council.

The next two weeks will see the following Communities being invited for in-person worship:

September 13: 8 + 9

September 20: 6 + 14

A registration process is necessary in order to make sure we do not exceed our current capacity of 50 people. Registration will happen during the week leading up to Sunday. Early this coming week **a link to register will be sent through an online platform called Eventbrite to Community #8 and Community #9.** Please sign up by Thursday if you intend to come for worship on Sep 6. If you do not have internet, please let your elder or deacon know. If there is still space available in the service by Friday, a link to register will be sent to the whole congregation in the weekly bulletin email. At that time, anyone from the congregation will be able to register to fill all of the available spaces.

Our services will continue to be live streamed, so those who are not comfortable returning or who are unable to return can continue to worship with us as we navigate this new stage of our life together.

Council has recognized that the current schedule of Communities invited to services will expire on September 20th. Council has agreed to increasing number of congregants to 75 after the September 20th date as recommended by the COVID Committee. **Starting September 27th, three communities will be invited to services up to a maximum of 75 people. A new schedule will be drafted soon.**

Growing Season: Lessons from the Lectionary

Next Sunday, September 13 marks the conclusion of our Summer Sermon Series. As part of your week you are invited to read the following passages of Scripture from the Revised Common Lectionary: Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Matthew 18:21-35; Romans 14:1-12

10:00am Worship Service

Preacher: Pastor Amanda Bakale

GATHERING AND GREETING

Gathering Song:	"Testify to Love"
Welcome and Announcements	
Call to Worship	Psalm 149: 1-5
God's Greeting	
Song of Praise:	"Because of Your Love"

BACKPACK BLESSING

Introduction
Prayer
Blessing

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Song of Preparation:	"All I Have is Christ"
Prayer for Illumination	
Scripture Reading:	Romans 13: 8-14
Sermon	" Growing in Love "
Prayer of Application	

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song of Response:	"Follow You"
Offering Announcement	1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church 2) the Christian School Foundation
Prayers of the People	
God's Parting Blessing	
Doxology:	"Take My Life and Let It Be"

COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY

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

Council is excited to announce that the vote to extend a call to **Candidate Betsy DeVries** passed with 96.7% in favour and will be extending a formal Call to Betsy. Since she is a candidate for ministry in the CRCNA the next step, if she accepts the Call, will be to undergo a Classical Exam at a meeting of Classis Huron in October. Upon the sustaining of that exam a date will be set for her ordination to Minister of the Word in the CRCNA. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Matters for Prayer:

- Pray for guidance and wisdom for the Search Team as they continue the process of seeking a candidate for the position for a Pastor-Preaching and Pastoral Care which is now posted on our website and the CRCNA Network.
- Pray for strength and energy for those in leadership as they discern how to open the church in a safe and timely manner.
- Pray for teachers, administration, and custodial staff as they welcome students back this fall and adapt to new protocols.
- Pray for returning students either those returning in person or online that they may deepen their learning and maintain friendships. Be especially mindful of those entering Grade 12 and those in first year university as they face a much different year than they expected.
- Pray for families as they together adjust to a different rhythm and a different school year.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment for ministry leaders as they plan and prepare

for a ministry year during the ongoing health crisis.

- Pray that God strengthens us when we find ourselves exhausted and overwhelmed in a world that continues to face uncertainty.
- Pray for those with ongoing health concerns and those dealing with illness that seem to have taken a back seat to COVID-19.
- Pray for those dealing with mental illness and addiction which is exacerbated by the pandemic.
- Pray for those seeking employment or experiencing job loss
- 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.
- Pray for the church locally and internationally as it addresses COVID-19. Pray for an ability to share the good news of Jesus even now.

Dear church family,

Thank you for all the many ways I have been supported during Clarence's illness and passing. Clarence loved his church! Although we could not physically be with you, we felt surrounded by your love and prayers.

To God be the Glory.

Jane D and family (14)

A belated Congratulations to John and Anne D (13) as they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past Wednesday, September 2, 2020. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Congratulations to Jeff and Christina G (7) as they will celebrate their 5th wedding anniversary on September 12, 2020. May the Lord continue

to bless and strengthen their marriage for many years to come!

STAFF INFORMATION

All staff are off tomorrow, September 7, for the Labour Day holiday.

Diana W (our bookkeeper) will be on vacation this coming week and will be back in the office on September 15.

Donna V continues to work in the church office on a part-time basis. There is a need for additional administration support in the office and within our youth programs. As a result, **CCRC is now seeking to hire an Office Administrator to support the church office and youth ministry programs for a 35 hours/week position.** The applicant should have at least 2 years of administration experience that includes software support programs (such as Microsoft Office and e-calendars). Knowledge of website editing and social media use would be an asset. The successful candidate must have excellent communication skills and be well-organized. A general knowledge of church youth programs is essential. Some work may be required after typical business hours, especially as it may relate to communication. For the complete job description or to apply for this position please visit the church website at www.ccrc.on.ca/careers.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sep 13 | Two Services:

Sunday Morning Worship Service | 10:00 am

Pastor Betsy DeVries/Pastor Amanda Bakale

- Community #8 & 9 are invited to attend in person
- Lord's Supper

Afternoon Outdoor Profession of Faith Service:

- Profession of Faith of Aidan B (8), Aria G (4), Justin H (11)
- Baptism and Profession of Faith: Naomi F (8)
- Lord's Supper

Lord's Supper Note: Next Sunday, September 13, we will be celebrating the sacrament of Lord's Supper online and in our homes. 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.

There is no Children's Worship this week. We will see you again next Sunday!

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 Christian School Foundation. *"The Christian School Foundation pulls together experts in financial planning, tax law and estate planning to offer a range of inspiration, information and services to donors and their advisors so that gifts to the Christian school movement are received and managed in a stewardly and God-honouring way. It also works with its member schools to ensure that the stories of God's faithfulness and blessing are collected and shared."*

Next week our offering is for The CCRC Mission Fund. The Mission Fund is available to those at Community CRC who feel called by God to serve others. An application form is available by contacting your deacon.

Upcoming Offerings:

Sep 20 | Resonate Global Mission
 Sep 27 | Safe Church Ministry

**Offerings Received as at
 August 30, 2020:**

Aug 30	\$	3,630
Year to Date	\$	445,021
Budgeted 2020 Total Contributions	\$	885,705
Second Offerings		
Woodland Christian High School		449
Benevolence Fund		270
Missionary Support	\$	220
F.A.C.E. Fund	\$	120
World Renew	\$	100
Faith Formation Ministries	\$	100
CCRC Mission Fund	\$	85
Resonate Global Mission	\$	80
Ray of Hope	\$	10
Christian School Foundation	\$	5

Hurricane Laura - Hurricane Laura made landfall in the southwest corner of Louisiana on August 27th. It is reported to be the strongest hurricane to hit in 164 years. **World Renew - Disaster Response Services** is monitoring this disaster and making plans for long term recovery work. Please pray for the families and communities affected by Hurricane Laura. Also pray for DRS staff and volunteers and all disaster responders, as the coronavirus pandemic greatly complicates how to help. DRS is accepting donations for Hurricane Laura. Give online at worldrenew.ca/hurricanelaura or send your cheque, made out to World Renew with "Hurricane Laura" in the Memo line.

COMMUNITY CRC NEWS

Blessing Buttons: As you enter this school year, go with the blessing and prayers of your church family and wear the Blessing button as a reminder that "The Lord is with You." If you would like a Blessing Button and haven't received one yet, please contact your Community elder regarding pick up or drop off.

The Knifty Knitters are meeting on Tuesday, September 7th at 9:30 a.m. at the church. In addition to the project you are working, please bring your own drink (and mask).

The Consistory and Diaconate will meet this Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

There is a Ministry Leaders Round Table Discussion on Wednesday, September 9 @ 7:00 pm at the church. This is open to all ministry leaders for a time of sharing and questions with representatives from The Safe Church team and the COVID Committee present.

Coming Next Sunday: Sermon Discussion for Grade 4-6 on Zoom: All students in Grades 4-6 are invited to join a virtual sermon discussion on Zoom next Sunday morning at 11:30 am. We will talk about the sermon and questions about faith and life that you've been wondering about. This is a new once-a-month program that is planned for the second Sunday of the month from September to December. Looking forward to seeing your faces!

-Mrs. M and Mrs. N

DENOMINATION NEWS

CRCNA Canada Corporation Legal Update - In an effort to be fully transparent with members of the CRCNA in Canada about decisions made by the CRCNA Canada Corporation directors towards becoming fully compliant with all Canadian legal and income tax requirements,

Carters Professional Corporation has prepared a brief Q&A document. It can be read at: www.crcna.org/Canada.

Groundwork: Answer God's Call for Justice - In our current society, the topic of justice has become very political. Join Groundwork as we study Leviticus 25:10-17, Luke 4:17-21, Acts 6:1-4, Amos 5, and Micah 6:8 to better understand the meaning of biblical justice and what that means for our role in pursuing justice. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Disability Concerns October Caregiver Series - Join us every Thursday in October, at 12 pm EDT for a conversation on Caregiving. This training event will help caregivers navigate the emotional landscape of their role and will give practical ideas how churches can help these families address the challenges for the person living with a disability as well as their siblings, parents, spouse, or other caregivers. Registration required. View our Network post: Disability Concerns Canada Conference Re-Imagined.

RESOURCES

Instructions for giving to Community CRC

As we begin to meet again, the following donation methods are currently in place:

1. PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) – is the preferred method of giving.
2. You can mail your donations to the Church. Please do NOT mail cash. The mailbox is checked regularly.
3. ***NEW* You can drop off your donation in our drop-off mailslot located on the outside of the kitchen door.**

4. If you are registered to attend the Church service, you may bring in your donation.

Notes:

- You may use your vouchers (only for second collections) - please mark clearly which cause they are intended for.
- We are not issuing vouchers at this time.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact our Treasurer, Kathy W or Bookkeeper, Diana W and they will happily help you.

During COVID19 restrictions, the **CAP counselling ministry through Shalem Mental Health Network** continues to make anonymous professional counselling support available to congregants of our church at no charge. All services are provided through a secured video or telephone connection. To book a CAP appt, call Shalem directly at 1-866-347-0041. And for more resource information check their website at <https://shalemnetwork.org/>



