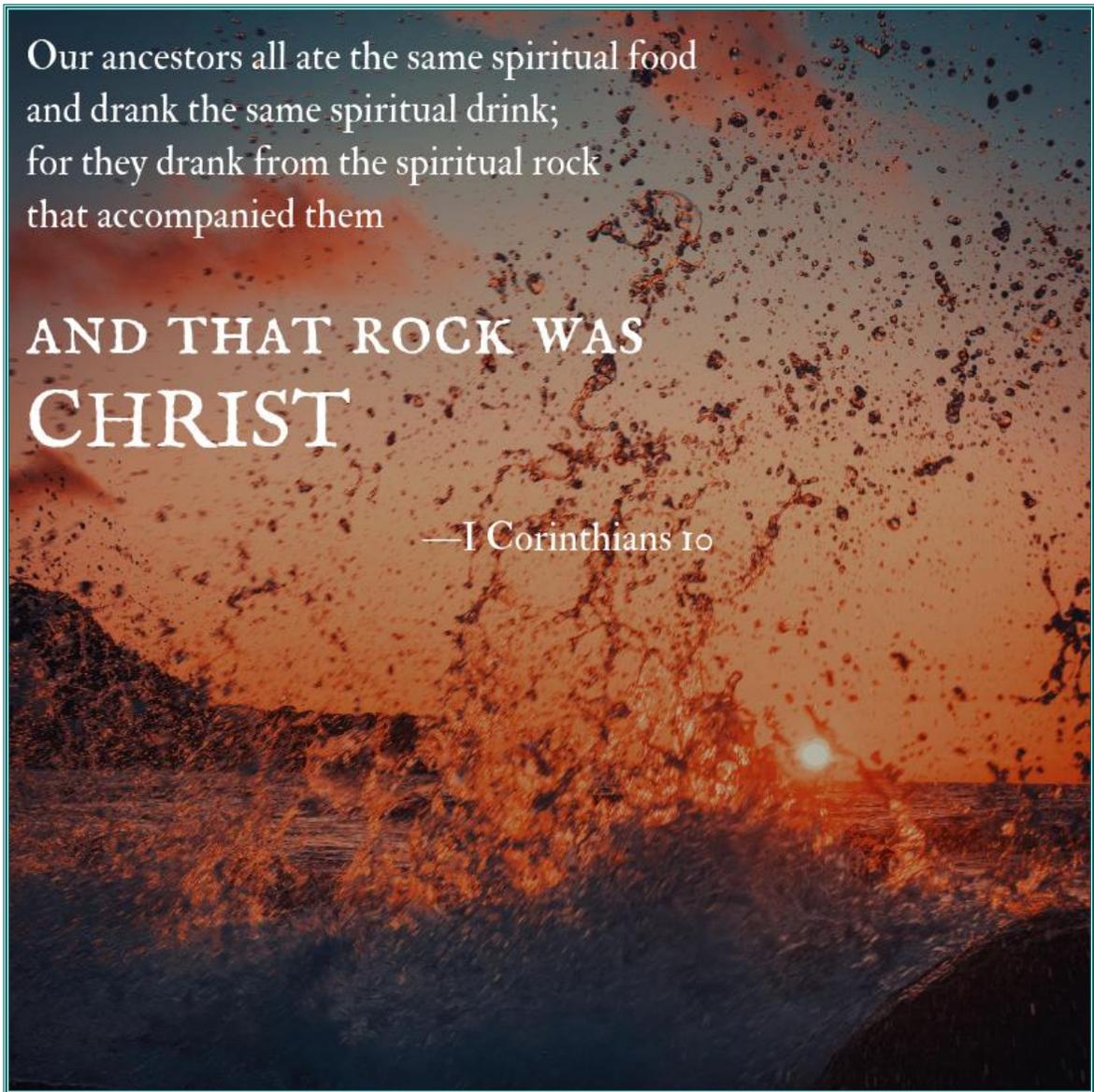


Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario
September 8, 2019

Our ancestors all ate the same spiritual food
and drank the same spiritual drink;
for they drank from the spiritual rock
that accompanied them

AND THAT ROCK WAS
CHRIST

—I Corinthians 10



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10:00 a.m.

Pastor Carel Geleynse/Guest Pastor Darren Roorda

Elder-in-Charge: Rob W

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

Guest Pastor: Today we welcome to our pulpit Canadian Ministries Director for the Christian Reformed Church, Rev. Dr. Darren Roorda. Pastor Darren is a former pastor of this congregation, having served Community CRC from 2006-2014.

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: *"How Can I Keep From Singing"*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Songs of Praise: *"Build Your Kingdom Here"*

"The Lion and the Lamb"

Ministry Sharing: Calvin Theological Seminary Distance Education

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church

2) Calvin Theological Seminary Distance Education

Offertory Song: *"Resurrecting"*

Children's Blessing

Children ages 3 and 4 are now invited to participate in Sunday School. There is also a drop-in room this morning in Classroom #10/11 for children who are unable to sit through the entire service. Children (ages 3-5 only) need to be signed in and out by a parent or guardian.

Proclamation of the Word

Song of Preparation: PsH #282 *"Break Now the Bread of Life"*

Prayer for Illumination

Belgic Confession, Article 34

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-7

Sermon: **“Sacramental Identity”**

Prayer of Application

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

*Song of Response: *“Come As you Are”*

The Institution

The Teaching

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Invitation

The Distribution of the Elements - the bread is Udi’s gluten, dairy and nut free
- the juice is non-alcoholic

“Jesus Messiah”

“Behold our God”

Response of Praise

*God’s Parting Blessing

*Doxology: PsH #627 *“Bless His Holy Name”*

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.

6:00 pm
Pastor John Medendorp
Pianist: Karen N

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Praise and Prayer

Welcome

Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: PsH #240 vs. 1,3 *"Come, All Who Fear the Lord God"*

Confession of Faith

Song of Response: PsH #287 vs. 1-4 *"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"*

Prayer and Share

Offering: Calvin Theological Seminary Distance Education

Hearing the Word

Song of Preparation: PsH #280 vs. 1-3 *"Blessed Jesus, At Your Word"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139

Sermon: **"God Knows"**

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: PsH #493 vs 1-3 *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: PsH #637 *"Praise God, From Who All Blessings Flow"*

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Congratulations to **Matt and Christina H (4)** with the birth of a daughter. Claire Adelaide was born on August 20th and mom and daughter are doing well. Praise God for this gift of new life!

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 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; **Shannon C** serving as chaplain at Forest Heights Long Term Care.
- 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:

Jerry and Christine F (14) will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on September 11.

Sid and Daphne K (11) will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on September 10, 2019.

Dave and Jacquie B (11) will celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary on September 11, 2019.

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

SEPTEMBER SERVICES

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 Baptism: Jack B (1)
	6 p.m.	Communities Meet
Sep 29	10 a.m.	Pastor John Medendorp Professions of Faith: Rachel A (5) Scott A (5)
	6 p.m.	Service at Maranatha CRC (Cambridge)

OFFERING SCHEDULE

**Budget Contributions
For September 1, 2019**

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus	
Sep 1	\$11,473	\$14,153	(2,680)	
YTD	(\$510,914)	(\$623,364)	(\$112,451)	
Safe Church Ministry			\$	910
World Renew			\$	125

Our offering today is for Calvin Theological Seminary Distance Education. 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.

Next week our offering is for Resonate Global Mission. As an agency, Resonate Global Mission is tasked with providing leadership to the Christian Reformed Church in sharing the Gospel until it reverberates through the whole world. Their mandate is not only to provide leadership to partner missionaries, church planters, and campus ministers— their mandate is to provide leadership to the denomination

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Dedication Celebration: Next Sunday, September 15, a number of events are planned to celebrate the completion of the renovated building. It all begins at 10 AM with a service of dedication. At 4 PM there will be an open house for all to come and wander through the building and look into all the nooks and crannies that might interest you. At the same time there will be a BBQ and other food leading to a time of worship at 6 PM and then a prayer walk-about. Spread the word and join us for this day of celebration.

Highlights from the Administrative Council Meeting of Tuesday August 27, 2019

- Received and reviewed various staff and ministry reports and meeting minutes.
- Pastor Amanda hosted a “First Years’ Dinner” bringing together students who are attending their first year of post secondary education. She was encouraged by this networking and relationship building in this way and time in their lives.

- September 15th will be a special building completion celebration and dedication service. See details elsewhere in the bulletin.
- Expect a Fall Newsletter mid-September and see what Council is working on.
- Heard a report from the Missions Strategy Team and appreciated their efforts.
- Rob W (elder), Marjo M (deacon) and Pastor Amanda will be attending Classis Huron on September 18, 2019 at Drayton CRC.
- Serving as Administrative Council Chair is Rob W, Vice-chair – Henry V and Clerk – Alesha H.

Christian Hospitality: The Council of CCRC has received a number of concerned comments from members about congregants telling visitors and newcomers to our church that certain pews/seats are reserved for the people who "usually sit there." This is a violation of basic Christian hospitality and we exhort all members not to tolerate this practice.

River City Church Organization celebration: River City Church will be celebrating its new status as a Christian Reformed Church rather than a church plant on **Sunday, September 29, 2019** at 6:00 p.m. at Maranatha CRC, 94 Elgin St. S, Cambridge, ON. Following the service there will be a reception with coffee and cake. Our **Administrative Council has decided to shift our regularly scheduled evening service to join them for this service of celebration**—both for God’s gift of leaders and for River City Church’s partnership with the CRC in Christ’s Mission.

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.

Attention all Ministry Volunteers! A new building, new symbols, new policies... Are you aware of what is new and how it impacts your ministry? 126 volunteers attended the first two sessions! There is one opportunity left – tomorrow evening, **Monday, September 9 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 and have not attended as you be sure you join us tomorrow evening. 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.

Fall cleanup and Dedication preparation: In preparing for the new addition dedication for Sept. 15, we need volunteers to help spruce up the grounds around the building and lay down some mulch. We hope to work Tuesday starting 9:00 am till noon and again Saturday the 14th starting at 8:30 am. We could use 2-4 volunteers to help make a breakfast for all on Saturday for 7:00 am. If you can help contact Bernie.

The Knifty Knitters will start the season on Tuesday, September 10 at 9:30 a.m. at the church. We will be packing our goods at the following meeting of September 24.

The Consistory and Diaconate will meet this Tuesday, September 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

L.A.F.F. (Life After Fifty-Five) is a Bible Study group for the older members of the church that meets bi-weekly at the church. The new season begins on Tuesday, Sept. 17th. This year, the group will be studying the Minor Prophets and the meeting will be led by Pastor Bernie D. The first prophet to be studied is Joel, and printouts of Lesson One are in the mailboxes. If you did not receive a copy and would like to join or see what LAFF is all about, please contact Richard D. Come join us!

Senior/LAFF Trip: This is a reminder to all the LAFF/Seniors about the upcoming trip on Thursday, September 19, 2019. We will leave the church parking lot at 8:00 AM. We will be visiting the CRC headquarters and the Heritage Warplanes Museum.

GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Saviour): Now is the time to register your girls for GEMS. Although our start date seems far away, we do have a new curriculum and have to order booklets for each girl. If we don't receive your registration this week, we can't guarantee that your daughter will have her booklet for the first couple of weeks. If you have any questions please email us at gems@ccrc.on.ca. You can find registration online at <https://www.cognitofirms.com/CommunityChristianReformedChurch/201920GemsRegistration> GEMS is a relationship-building program for girls in Grade 2-Grade 8. Girls and their counselors learn about God as they worship, grow, study, serve, and have lots of fun together.

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.

Groundwork: The Lord's Supper: Communion, Lord's Supper, Eucharist...it's one sacrament known by many names, practiced in varying forms. Join us as we study Luke 22:14-20, John 6:52-58, and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 with guest Jim Brownson to discover why Christians believe it's an essential means of receiving Christ and experiencing his presence. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Help People Recover from Hurricane Dorian: The Bahamas were ravaged by Hurricane Dorian last week, and the full extent of the damage is unknown. You can help by making a financial donation to World Renew Disaster Response Services. Your gift will help the people of the Bahamas, as well as those along the U.S. East Coast, in the early days after the disaster and in long-term recovery. Please give generously at worldrenew.net/donate, by calling 888-WRLD-RNW, or by mailing your cheque, made out to World Renew, with "DRS Hurricane Dorian" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 3475 Mainway, STN LCD 1, Burlington, ON L7R 3Y8. Thank you!