

Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario
September 23, 2018



September 23, 2018
10:00 a.m.
Pastor John Medendorp
Elder-in-Charge: Greg S

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: *"The River"*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Songs of Praise: *"Lord Most High"*

"Jesus Messiah"

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

Song of Confession PsH #263 *"Just As I Am, without One Plea"*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response: PsH #502 *"The Church's One Foundation"*

Children's Blessing

Children ages 3 – Grade 3 are now invited to participate in Sunday School. Children (ages 3-5 only) need to be signed in and out by a parent or guardian.

Proclamation of the Word

Song of Preparation: *"Be Still (For the Presence)"*

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 27

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Acts 2: 14-47

Sermon: **"Born Again Christians"**

Prayer of Application

Response to the Word

Children in Grades 4-6 are invited to participate in their weekly sermon discussion.

*Song of Response: PsH #420 *"Breathe On Me, Breath of God"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church
2) Safe Church Ministry

Offertory Song: PsH #341 *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*

Song of Dedication

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: *"Go, My Children, With My Blessing"*

**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 Carel Geleynse

Pianist: Karen N

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Praise and Prayer

Welcome

Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: PsH #612 *"Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending"*

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 65: 17-25

Song of Response: PsH #467 1,3,4,6 *“At the Name of Jesus”*

Prayer and Share

Offering: Safe Church Offering

Hearing the Word

Song of Preparation: PsH #96 1,2,5,6 *“Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise”*

Belgic Confession, Article 37

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25: 31-46

Sermon: **“The Final Judgement”**

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: PsH# 614 *“Day of Judgement! Day of Wonders!”*

*God’s Parting Blessing

*Doxology: PsH #483 vs 4 *“How Great Thou Art”*

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Our condolences are extended to **Harriet R (3)** with the passing away of her brother, **Mr. Winfield M.** Mr. M passed away in New Jersey on Monday, September 17, 2018. He was 90 years old and her last surviving sibling. He was also an uncle to **Sue M (3)** and **Carol W (3)**. We pray for safety as they travel to NJ and for comfort as they mourn the loss of a loved one.

Our condolences are also extended to **Dai and Harry R (13)** with the sudden passing away of Dai’s brother. Dai’s brother took his own life earlier this week. Dai left for Guyana with her sisters this past Friday to be with family during this difficult time. Pray for safety as they travel and for God’s comfort and peace as they deal with the tragic loss.

Jim and Barb R (6) leave for a Disaster Response Services – World Renew needs assessment on Wednesday, September 26. They will be going to Hendry/Glades, Florida to assess damage from Hurricane Irma in 2017. They plan to return on the Thanksgiving weekend.

Next weekend is the **Annual Fall Retreat in Muskoka Woods.** Sixteen of our high school youth and 4 leaders, (Pastor John, Carita S, Carling L, and Chris P) will be going to the retreat for the weekend. The retreat runs from September 28 – September 30. For details of pickup times see the note for Impact later in the bulletin. Please keep this group in your prayers and ask God to work in the hearts and lives of all who attend.

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; **Sandra K** (1) at Freeport Hospital;
- those dealing with cancer, its treatments and effects: **Arend S** (11);
- 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** as they are currently without a pastor and are going through a process of discerning God's future for their congregation
- the persecuted Church;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

Congratulations to the following members celebrating a birthday in the coming week:



Sep 25 - Harriet R (3)

Sep 30 – Willy W (13)

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

Congratulations to **Ralph and Willy W**



(14) who celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, September 26. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

STAFF NEWS

Kor H is on vacation until October 9. Please do not call him for any church matters during this time. If you need to access to the church building outside of regular office hours, make arrangements through the church office ahead of time.

Pastor John will be at Fall Retreat from Friday, September 28 – Sunday, September 30.

Diana W, our bookkeeper, will not be in the office this week. She will return on Tuesday, October 2.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sep 30	10 a.m.	Pastor Brian Bork
	6 p.m.	Communities Meet
Oct 7	10 a.m.	Pastor John
	6 p.m.	No evening service
Oct 8	10 a.m.	Thanksgiving Day Service Pastor Carel

OFFERING SCHEDULE

Budget Contributions For September 16, 2018

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus
Sep 16	\$9,845	\$12,758	(\$2,913)
YTD	\$514,383	\$614,662	(\$100,278)
Laurentian Hills Christian School			\$ 2,017
The Refugee Fund			\$ 150
World Renew			\$ 100
Calvin Theological Seminary – Distance Education			\$ 50
Safe Church Ministry			\$ 40
Waterloo Campus Ministry			\$ 40
The Benevolence Fund			\$ 20

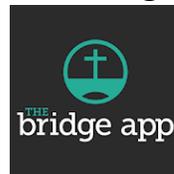
Our offering today is for Safe Church Ministry. Safe Church Ministry is a ministry of the denomination *“that equips congregations in abuse awareness, prevention, and response. It helps build communities where the value of each person is honored; where people are free to worship and grow free from abuse;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

Next week our offering is for the Benevolence Fund. This fund is used by the deacons to financially assist those within our church and the community when a need arises or help is requested.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Update from the CCRC go! committee: Prayers have been answered and we have permit approvals in place! Although it has been hard to be patient, we're excited to be able to begin the construction work and fulfill the project plan as prepared by the CCRC go! team. A couple items to note: 1) As this start date is a little later than the August timeline previously communicated, we expect some timing to adjust. As we gather this information together over the coming week, we will communicate to Ministry leaders of any change. 2) Please remember that only authorized, licensed and trained people are allowed in the construction area at any time. We will keep you up to speed using pictures and bulletin communications.

The Bridge App: Our denomination has launched an app entitled “The Bridge App” which is available to our congregation. The purpose of this app is to increase communication within our local church and the greater denomination. Features available on the app initially will be the “Today” devotional, an electronic Bible and our church directory. This directory will include all entries that are in our current “paper” directory and will only be viewable by verified users as determined by church administration. **If you do not wish to have your information available via the app please email Donna V in the church office.** In the future we may enable features such as donations, event calendar, announcements and prayer requests. These features require further discussions with council and more information will be forthcoming.



While you can download the app from The App Store or the Play Store immediately and set up a user account for authorization, information specific to CCRC (i.e. church directory) will not be available until October 1st. Check out the unique features of the app visit <https://thebridgeapp.org/>. If you have any issues getting the app installed and set up please contact Mike T.

Cadets (a club for boys ages 7 – 13) will meet Monday at 7:00 pm in the CCRC gym. For more information about the program please email 'cadets@ccrc.on.ca', or talk to Isaac B and Jasper V.

Knifty Knitters: If you love to knit and/or  crochet, please join us at the church **this Tuesday, Sep 25, at 9:30 a.m.** for a morning of caring through crafting. This week the group will be packing up the projects that were completed over the summer months. Please bring along some empty boxes if you can. If you have any questions, please call May H.

Friendship Lasagna Supper!! This Tuesday evening, Friendship kicks off its season with a Friend and Mentor lasagna and pizza supper at 7:00 pm. Come for some delicious food and a wonderful friendship reunion after a summer recess. Mentors, please call your Friend to remind them of the evening. If your Friend has a friend that doesn't come out to Friendship, invite them to come along and get introduced to this gathering of great people!

Administrative Council Meets this Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room at the church.

The Coffee Break Ministry is looking for Nursery Help on the following dates:

Infant Nursery (0-9 months) - October 3rd, 10th and 17th

Crawler Nursery (Ages 9-18 months) - Each Wednesday until December 12th

For more information, please contact Melodie B.

GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Saviour – a club for girls ages 7-13) will be meeting at the church on Thursday from 7-8:30. We will be doing our first Blessings Project.

Impact High School Students

Tomorrow, September 24, is the final day to register for Fall Retreat! Join the fun! The retreat takes place from September 28-30 at Muskoka Woods resort. Group transportation will be provided by a bus which will leave CCRC at 3:00 on Friday afternoon with an additional stop at Woodland CHS at 3:30. Choose the pick-up location most convenient for you. We will return to CCRC on Sunday, September 30. Visit fallretreat.ca to register. Contact Tasha V.

Impact Discipleship Group Sign-Ups: As part of our new program, during the third week of each month we will have small discipleship groups (5-6 youth + 1-2 leaders) which will meet on a day and time that works best them. This year, discipleship groups will dive into the short, practical, and sometimes harsh words of James. Through discussion, study, and prayer, groups will be challenged to take seriously James' warning that to truly

hear God's Word is to LIVE God's Word. **These groups are opt-in only, so you need to sign-up if you want to be put in a group!** Sign-up forms are available on the Impact bulletin board. Fill one out and return it to the church office mailbox - your leader will get in touch with you in October once the groups have been formed.

The next LAFF Seniors' trip is being planned for Thursday, Nov. 1. The trip is planned to start in Kitchener and follow the Grand River to its mouth at Port Maitland at Lake Erie. More information will be available in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, keep the date open. It is hoped that the price of the trip will remain the same as it has been in the past.

The following items are needed to furnish and provide for the new home for the K family!

- car seat for 3 month old baby
- mattress, queen size
- mattress, crib size
- Two lamp shades
- Two Kitchen chairs
- lamps
- towels and face cloths
- can opener
- tea kettle
- vacuum cleaner

Please contact **Anita G** if you can help with any of the items listed.

The following ministries are looking for volunteers:

- The Worship Committee

- Musicians
- Sound Tech
- Projectionist
- Visual Arts Team
- The High School Youth Ministry
 - Youth Leaders
 - Parent Organizer
- Cadets Ministry
 - Counselors
 - Junior Counselors
- Sunday School
 - Teachers (SK, Grade 1)
 - Children's Worship Leaders
- Kitchener Auxiliary
- GEMS Counselors
- Teen Club Leaders
- Nursery Volunteers

Please check out the "Connect, Participate, Serve" bulletin board for more details. Prayerfully consider if you are able to give of your time and talents to become involved in one of these ministries.

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.

Family Faith Formation Tip: - Research shows that children are more likely to grow in faith if they have the support of at least five involved adults, in addition to family members. Who are (or who could be) your

child's "faithful five"? For more on this concept, check out *The Sticky Faith Guide for Your Family* (Zondervan 2014). (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation).

Help in the Philippines after Typhoon Mangkhut - Category 5 Typhoon Mangkhut affected nearly 6 million people in the Philippines last weekend, with 267 km/hr winds and heavy rain that caused mudslides and major flooding. More than 80 people were killed and many are still missing. World Renew is in touch with the Christian Reformed Church in the Philippines so that we can respond quickly to families affected by Mangkhut. Please consider giving generously to World Renew's "International Rapid Reponse Fund" for this response. Give online at worldrenew.net/donate, call 800-730-3490 or send your cheque for World Renew, marked "International Rapid Response Fund" in the memo line, to: 3475 Mainway, STN LCD 1, Burlington, ON L7R 3Y8.

