

Community Christian Reformed Church  
Kitchener, Ontario  
September 29, 2019



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**10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor John Medendorp**

*Elder-in-Charge: Darlene B*

[\* Please rise, in body or spirit]

*This fall, our preaching focus is on prayer based on the Lord's Prayer. The Lord's Prayer has been repeated by Christians since the days of Jesus' ministry on earth. And from the beginning, Christian pastors and theologians recognized that the Lord's Prayer isn't just one prayer we can pray among many. The Lord's Prayer is the heart of Christian prayer—the Lord's Prayer teaches us how to pray, the Lord's Prayer draws us near to God, and the Lord's Prayer reveals the heart of Jesus to us in a unique and intimate way.*

*Throughout this series we will have a variety of resources and activities for families, children, and adults. Keep your eyes peeled for books, posters, prayer journals, and more in the coming weeks! A number of people have asked for some sort of sheet to take notes on the sermon. We have provided extra copies of the sheets developed for the grade 4-6 sermon discussion groups that people are free to use.*

### **Gathering and Greeting**

Gathering Song: PsH #471 *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

\*Songs of Praise: *"That's Why We Praise Him"*

### **Confession and Assurance**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

\*Song: *"All I Have is Christ"*

\*Assurance of Pardon

Professions of faith of Rachel A, Scott A, and Mia F

\*Confession of Faith: The Apostle's Creed

\*Song: *"O Praise the Name of Jesus"*

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: *"He Knows My Name"*

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 46

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31: 7-14

Sermon: **"Our Father in Heaven"**

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 #634 *"Father, We Love You"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church  
2) Woodland Christian High School

Offertory Song: *"Forever Reign"*

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: *"Christ Be All Around Me"*

**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 PM Service

**River City Church Organization celebration:** River City Church will be celebrating its new status as a Christian Reformed Church rather than a church plant tonight 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. **If you wish to car pool, please meet here at CCRC at 5:15 this evening and we can travel together.**

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

**Congratulations to Rachel A (5), Scott A (5), and Mia F (11)** on the occasion of your public profession of faith! We praise the Lord for you! We are excited with you and pray that you may never cease to marvel at God's grace in your lives. May you find much joy and fulfillment in living for Jesus!

**Neil S (1)** spent some time this past week in the hospital and was diagnosed with blood poisoning. He is now recuperating at home and will follow up with more tests this coming week. Please keep him and Theresa in your prayers.

**Lynda J (14)** will be undergoing surgery, as a follow-up to her previous serious illness, at Grand River Hospital this coming Tuesday. Pray for strength to deal with this and for a successful surgery.

**Harriette R (3)** was able to come home from her time in the hospital in time to celebrate her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday. She is now recovering at home. Thanks be to God!

Next weekend is the **Annual Fall Retreat in Muskoka Woods**. 26 youth and 4 leaders (**Pastor John, Carita S, Megan W and Jasper V**) will be going to the retreat for the weekend October 4-6). 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.

**Leadership Studio Oct 4-6:** Next weekend, **Pastor Amanda** will be travelling with **Hayley T (5)** and **Becca B (6)** to Muskoka

Woods for a young adult leadership retreat at the Leadership Studio. This 3-day retreat brings together Christian Reformed young adults and mentors from across Ontario to empower young adults as they explore their gifts for leadership. Please pray for safe travel and a good time for all!

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 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 **Andy and Fimke V (13)** as they celebrate their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary next Sunday, October 6, 2019. May the Lord continue to bless and strengthen their marriage for many years to come!

### UPCOMING SERVICES

Oct 6	10 a.m.	Pastor Carel
	6 p.m.	Communities Meet
Oct 13	10 a.m.	Pastor Carel Lord's Supper
	6 p.m.	No evening service
Oct 14	10 a.m.	Pastor Amanda Thanksgiving Day Service

### OFFERING SCHEDULE

#### Budget Contributions For September 22, 2019

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus
Sep 22	\$24,170	\$30,153	(\$5,984)
YTD	\$568,112	\$681,824	(\$113,712)
Benevolence Fund			\$ 2,638
World Renew			\$ 100
Waterloo Campus Ministry			\$ 80
Woodland Christian High School			\$ 5

**Our offering today is for Woodland Christian High School** Woodland Christian High School is a vibrant Christian community of learning where the love of God is evident and where students will be equipped to serve in our society as followers of Christ. It is a new school year at WCHS and they are excited to welcome 89 grade nine students and a number of transfer students in grades 10-12!

**Next week our offering is for Race Relations.** The Office of Race Relations resources Christian Reformed members and congregations as they dismantle the causes

and effects of racism within the body of believers and throughout the world. We help you to live as God's diverse and unified family.

### COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

#### Administrative Council Meeting Highlights September 24, 2019

- Received and reviewed various staff and ministry reports and meeting minutes including a report from the Sep 18 Classis meeting
- Approved vacation for Pastor John for October 7-10 & November 25- December 2.
- Approved vacation for Pastor Carel for October 14-20.
- Admin Council talked about putting together a flowchart of our various committees and their reporting structure. Also include who is on the committee.
- Discussed initial response from the survey that was sent out to the congregation. The team is encouraged by the feedback and looking forward to reviewing in more detail and summarizing the findings.
- **As a reminder, Community CRC's office hours are 9am-3pm, Monday – Friday. Please contact the office *within those hours* should you need to.**

#### Fall update from the library:

- Have a small group starting soon? The library has contemporary book and DVD studies.
- Dive deeper this fall - books and DVDs on prayer for all ages are available.
- Did you know you can search our collection online from the church website?

- Did you know the library has free books and CDs to take home and keep? Come to the reading room and browse material the library is discarding. You never know what you'll find!  
Come and visit us before and after the morning service!

**Sunday School** is in need of 4 helpers. They are looking for youth in grade 6 and older to assist with teaching Sunday School. Sunday School is a great way to earn volunteer hours. If you are able to help contact Sherrie M or Danielle S.

**NEW! Church Coffee Conversation - Sunday, Oct 13:** Join us as we launch a new educational opportunity here at Community CRC! On the 2nd Sunday of the month, there'll be an opportunity after the morning service to discuss a topic, learn from a guest speaker, or highlight interesting things our fellow members are involved in.

This month, **we'll talk about being new here at CCRC.** Have you joined us in the past year? Thinking about going deeper in the life of this community? Are you a long time member and you've forgotten what it's like to be new here? Then this is the conversation for you! So, grab your cup of coffee, follow the signs, and join us in Classroom #8 immediately following the service!

**Cadets** (a club for boys ages 7 – 13) will meet tomorrow evening from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the church.

**L.A.F.F. (Life After Fifty-Five)** meets this Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at the church. Coffee and Fellowship is at 10:15 a.m. with the meeting to start at 10:45 a.m. Pastor Bernie will be leading the group in lesson #2 on the

study of Jonah. Lunch will be provided. All are welcome!

**The Knifty Knitters** met this past Tuesday and packed up the projects they were working on over the summer month for Faith's Orphans in Zambia, Africa. They collected: 74 blankets; 41 sweaters; 48 dolls; 104 dresses; 19 bears; 8 baby items and 42 miscellaneous items! If you have extra yarn around your house and would like to donate to this cause, please contact May H.

**Friendship News** - We started off our new  season this past Tuesday sharing a meal together. It was great to see so many returning friends and mentors and we also welcomed some new faces! We will meet Tuesday evenings at 7pm at the church. Pastor Bernie will be the storyteller as we look at lesson 1 - Jesus is Alive!

**Coffee Break** meets this Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Women of all ages and stages of life are encouraged to join us for a morning of prayer, fellowship and renewal. Childcare is provided. Any questions, please contact [coffeebreak@ccrc.on.ca](mailto:coffeebreak@ccrc.on.ca)

**Impact - THIS Wednesday, Oct 2 from 7-8:30pm:** Join us for our first Big Group Night of the new ministry year! We'll be diving into how we use our bodies in prayer, as well as having fun and FOOD. *And there'll be another chance to vote for our 2020 Serve site and sign-up for a Discipleship Group!*  
**ATTN: PARENTS** - Your child needs to bring a completed **Registration + Release Form by our following meeting on October 9.** Pick one up on the Youth Bulletin Board outside the sanctuary. Any questions, contact Pastor Amanda.

**Classis Huron Youth Fall Retreat:** It's less than a week until Fall Retreat! Thanks to all those who have signed up. Please be sure to mail your payment as instructed on your registration form. We will travel by bus, leaving from CCRC at 2:00 on Friday, October 4 and stopping at Woodland CHS at 2:30. Choose the most convenient pick up location and please email me to let me know where you will get on. The bus returns directly to CCRC (no Woodland stop) late afternoon on Sunday, October 6. Questions? Contact Tasha V.

**GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Saviour a club for girls ages 7-13)** will meet this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

**Heads-up: NO October Friday Night Dinner:** Pastor Amanda and Brian will be in Muskoka Woods with a cohort of young adults from Community CRC and Waterloo Campus Ministry this weekend at a leadership retreat. But no fear, we'll be back with a delicious batch of butter chicken and naan on the first Friday of November!

#### DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

**At-home Faith Formation Tip** - Thankfulness is an important faith practice. Each day between now and Thanksgiving, notice the things in your life that you can give thanks for. Write those things on slips of paper and collect them in a jar or box to read during your Thanksgiving celebration. Also visit [tinyurl.com/ThanksPsalms](http://tinyurl.com/ThanksPsalms) for some beautiful Psalm printables you can use to decorate your Thanksgiving table. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))

**Shaping a Just Canada:** An event presented by Citizens for Public Justice and the Centre for Public Ethics. CPJ is a faithful voice for social justice in Canadian public policy focused on poverty, ecological justice, and refugee rights. CPJ's fall tour will provide a non-partisan look at major issues leading up to the election. CPJ invites all members of the public to participate in the democratic process as we aim to shape a just Canada for all! Mount Zion Lutheran Church, 29 Westmount Rd. S. Waterloo. Oct 1, 2019 @ 7:30pm. Free. [www.cpj.ca](http://www.cpj.ca).

#### MISCELLANEOUS

**New Life Prison Ministry** is hosting its annual banquet in Cambridge on Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Heritage College, Cambridge. Dianne Haskett – former Mayor of London – will speak on “God's Call on us for this Important Hour”. Special music will be provided by well-know singer song writer Jacob Moon. Tickets at \$40.00/ person are available by calling 519-666-1950. For more information go to [www.NLPM.ca](http://www.NLPM.ca)

**Woodland Christian High School's annual Dessert and Benefit Auction** is only 3 weeks away! Mark your calendars now for **Saturday, October 19th starting at 5 pm.** Plan to slip into a “Winter Wonderland” themed evening. Invite a friend for a night of fun, food, and fellowship. Call the school for more information or check out the poster on the bulletin board across from the washrooms.