



Proverbs is a collection of witty sayings of the wise, striking imagery of fools and faithful ones, and the hopes of a father for his young adult son as he embarks on his own life's journey. At the heart Proverbs is the central question of how do we live wisely and well in the world we live? Who and what are our guides? Who do we look to for wisdom? We are exploring Proverbs together as a tapestry of accumulated wisdom over generations of those seeking to follow God and how we allow this wisdom to shape our lives today.

10:00am Service

Worship Participants this week:

Preacher: Pastor Tom Bomhof

GATHERING AND GREETING

Gathering Song	"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
Welcome and Announcements	
Call to Worship	
God's Greeting	
Songs of Praise	"This is Amazing Grace" "The Church's One Foundation"

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Call to Confession	
Prayer of Confession	
Assurance of Pardon	
Song	"In Christ Alone"
Children's Blessing	
Children ages 4 – Grade 3 are now invited to participate in Sunday School	

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Song	"Ancient Words"
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Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 4: 1-27

Sermon

“Be a Wisdom Seeker”

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song of Response:

“We Will Extol You God and King”

Offering Announcement

- 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church
- 2) Laurentian Hills Christian School

Prayers of the People

God’s Parting Blessing

Doxology

“Glory Be to the Father”

**Please leave the building immediately after the ushers dismiss you from the pews.
You are welcome to fellowship in the parking lot while maintaining social distance.**

COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY

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

Congratulations to **Adrian and Kirstin B (8)** with the birth of a son. **Matthew Elliot** was born on Wednesday, October 20th and mom and baby are well. Praise God for this gift of new life!

Our condolences are extended to **Ralph V (11)** with the passing away of his wife, **Alice** this past Monday. Alice passed away peacefully at St. Mary’s Hospital at the age of 85. Alice was mom to **Pauline and Mike M (13)**, **Mike V (5)**, and **Brad and Gloria L (9)** and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A funeral was held this past Friday in our church. May the Lord comfort and strengthen this family during this time.

Our condolences are also extended to **Wilma B and Larry L (14)** with the passing away of Wilma’s father, **Gerlof B**. Gerlof passed away on Sunday, October 24 just shy of his 87th birthday. Gerlof was also a grandfather to **John L and Annie G (7)** and **Jennifer L (14)**. A funeral was

held this past Friday at Calvary CRC in Ottawa. May the Lord comfort all who mourn.

Denise H (11) was readmitted to hospital this past week due to another infection. Please join the H family in prayer that the medical team can discover the underlying cause for these reoccurring infections and be able to chart a course toward recovery and healing.

Congratulations to **John and Edith G (7)** as they will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary next Sunday, November 7, 2021. May the Lord continue to bless and strengthen their marriage for many years to come.

Thank you for all the expressions of condolence on the recent death of my father, Rev. Martin G. We appreciated hearing the memories that people had of him. Through it all we experienced the communion of the saints and we were comforted by the gospel of the resurrection and the hope we have in Christ.
Carel and Irene G (9)

MATTERS FOR PRAYER

- Pray for discernment as the congregation votes for Interim Pastor – Preaching and Pastoral Care this week.
- Pray that God would provide leaders for our Youth ministry.
- Pray for wisdom, discernment, and perseverance as the Calling Committee seeks the Lord's will for CCRC.
- Pray for those who are seeking employment or those who are underemployed and/or seeking more meaningful employment.
- Pray for **Gary and Galya T** with Resonate Global Missions, **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 and **Shannon C** serving as Chaplain at Forest Heights Long term care home.

STAFF INFORMATION

Pastor Amanda is currently on vacation and will return to the office on November 8. Please contact Pastor Tom should a need or concern arise during this time.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Nov 7	10 am	Pastor Tom Bomhof C# 5 ,6, 7, 8
Nov 14	10 am	Pastor Amanda Bakale Lord's Supper C# 1, 2, 3 ,4
Nov 21	10 am	Pastor Amanda Bakale C# 9, 11, 13, 14

Upcoming Baptism Sundays | Are you looking to be baptized or to have your child baptized? The next Baptism Sunday is scheduled for the new year on **January 23, 2022**. 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 go online to www.ccrcc.on.ca/giving.

This week the offering is for Laurentian Hills Christian School | Laurentian Hills Christian School (LHCS) is an independent day school, providing Christian education to students in grades JK-8 since 1967. It is interdenominational, drawing students from over sixty different churches in the Kitchener-Waterloo area.

Next week our offering is for World Renew – World Hunger | Next week we are having an offering to support the work of World Renew and help put food on tables around the world. World Renew has the plans, the systems, the partners, and the people to come alongside communities experiencing hunger. We are excited to join this program as a faithful response to the God who can accomplish abundantly more than all we ask or imagine. Thank you for giving as you are able to help solve World Hunger.

Upcoming Offerings:

Nov 14 | Woodland Christian High School
Nov 21 | Chaplaincy and Care Ministry

Offerings received as at October 24, 2021:

October 24, 2021	\$	4,360
Year to Date	\$	642,385
Budgeted 2021 Total Contributions	\$	923,460
Second Offerings		
Faith Formation Ministries	\$	673
Food Bank of Waterloo Region	\$	270
Laurentian Hills Christian School	\$	265
Disability Concerns	\$	240
Woodland Christian High School	\$	215
Race Relations	\$	200
Ontario Christian Gleaners	\$	190
World Renew	\$	120
Benevolence	\$	100
Safe Church Ministries	\$	50
Resonate Global Mission	\$	50
Missionary Support	\$	50
Waterloo Campus Ministry	\$	50

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

Donation updates | Contribution statements were mailed out to members in the past week or so. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Karen V. Please note that the number listed on the statement is for Karen's husband, Jim, so please call her at the number listed above. Thank you for your support!

Missionary Support | Following Acts 1:8 Community CRC seeks to do mission locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. Nationally and internationally CCRC financially supports two missionaries, **the Ps** on Manitoulin Island, and the **Ts** serving the Eastern European diaspora in Toronto. Thanks to your generosity we raised over \$17,000 last year. For 2021 CCRC made a commitment to raise \$16,500 through

donations from the congregation. So far, your support has raised \$12,780. With 2 months to go before the end of this year we need to raise \$3,720 to meet our target. Thank you for your generous support so far this year and please consider your support for our missionaries as you give. You can give your support online through the bridge app, or by the church envelope system. Make sure to write Missionary Support on the envelope. On behalf of the Mission Strategy Team, Thank you for your generous support of God's mission.

COMMUNITY CRC NEWS

Administrative Council Meeting Highlights October 26, 2021

- Received and reviewed various staff and ministry reports and meeting minutes.
- Council approved Pastor Amanda's sabbatical request. Pastor Amanda will be taking a 4-month sabbatical from January – April 2022.
- Council provided feedback on ministry goals for Pastor Tom.
- Council approved Pastor Tom as a member on the University of Waterloo Campus Ministry.
- Council discussed the recent workshop full council attended. There was a desire to give more time and discussion to the topics that have come up from the DiD (Dive into Doctrine) and HSR (Human Sexuality Report) and have agreed to meet on Monday November 8th to continue discussion and planning next steps.
- Council feels an overture to Classis not to adopt the HSR as confessional status is prudent. An overture needs to be submitted by January 2022.
- The Nominations Committee has started to plan for filling in the upcoming vacant positions for office bearers. If you or someone you know would serve the church well as an office bearer, please forward their name to Judy H.

- Council approved the proposed budget to be presented to the congregation for approval at the Fall Congregational meeting which will be held on Sunday November 21st.
- Council approved increasing the max capacity to attend in person services to 170+25 volunteers.
- Council approved two ministry proposals, LAFF (Life After Fifty-Five) and Friendship, who have requested to require proof of vaccination to attend the program.

Book Club | The fall book club book is Kate Bowler's new book No Cure for Being Human. The best-selling author of Everything Happens for a Reason (And Other Lies I've Loved) asks, how do you move forward with a life you didn't choose? We'll be discussion the book December 9 at 7:30 on Zoom. If you'd like a copy of No Cure for Being Human ordered for you for \$20 please contact Carling before October 30th.

Visual Arts | Our team is looking for help with setting up for Advent on November 22 at 9:30 in the morning. COVID protocols require that we wear masks and sign in when arriving at the church. If you have any questions please contact Annette S before November 18.

Cadets and GEMS registration is now open. Our first night will be **Thursday, November 4th** from 6:30-7:30pm. Depending on the number of registrants, we will split the group into two groups that meet every other week. We are looking for male and female volunteers. You can sign up to volunteer as often as you like. We meet Thursdays 6:15-7:45pm.

Friday Night Dinner: TACOS! - November 5 @ 6-8pm | Hey YA folks, this coming Friday we'd love to have you over for a delicious meal and good conversation. If you're a regular or have never been to FND, you are welcome! Message Pastor Amanda to claim a spot by Thursday, Nov 4. *(Note: Because we have two tiny unvaccinated*

people in our home, we're asking those who come out are double-vaccinated to protect our tinies and to protect each other. Thanks! Pastor Amanda + Brian)

Volunteers Needed | Are you looking for a place to get involved in the church? We are looking for volunteers in various ministries and areas throughout the church. Interested? Go to the website to see where there are volunteer opportunities and how you might be able to give of your time and talents. Go to:

<https://www.crc.on.ca/volunteers>

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Groundwork | Jonah: Running Away from God. What happens when we try to run away from God? Join Groundwork as we begin our study of Jonah. Together we'll discuss the resonance of Jonah 1 for our lives today and find assurance in God's persistent and relentless love for his people. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

EduDeo Ministries: We're Hiring! | Do you have a passion for managing finances, balancing accounts, and seeing children, teachers, and communities around the world impacted by Christ-centred education? If so, come join our team! EduDeo Ministries is looking for a part-time contract staff to help record and monitor our finances in order to propel our organization forward with excellence. Our ideal Bookkeeper is a detail oriented, highly motivated individual who can effectively manage the organization's finances and has a heart for helping others. Visit www.edudeo.com/careers for more information. Applications due November 3, 2021.

Faith Formation Practices | The Practice of Gratitude: Today is “Reformation Sunday.” Read “Ten Ways My Reformed Identity Shapes My Life” (tinyurl.com/10WaysReformed) and ponder or discuss the following questions. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject) If you identify with the Reformed tradition, what difference does holding this worldview make in your daily life? What parts of the Reformed worldview especially spark gratitude in you? How might you more fully experience God’s abundant grace so that you can live out of gratitude?

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Just in time for Christmas... Cheese and Christmas Goodies! After a small break, we are happy to bring back the Cheese & Goodies sale! LHCS will be ordering European cheese, chocolate letters, croquettes and many other goodies just in time for Christmas! This is a great way to purchase a special gift for someone or yourself. For safety and convenience, the form has now moved online! Orders and payment are due by Sunday, November 7, 2021 and will be ready for pick-up on Thursday, December 2nd from 7:00pm - 9:00pm at the doors by the gym. Here is a link to the online form: <https://event.auctria.com/9d3a5ea1-1f4e-4b4f-a281-2a30e54b306c/> Questions? Please contact: Sharon M OR Elaine A.

Principal/COO Job Posting - Laurentian Hills Christian School | We are hiring! Laurentian Hills Christian School, located at 11 Laurentian Drive in Kitchener is a leading school in Christian education and we are looking to hire for the position of Principal/COO to begin the summer of 2022. See our website for more information and for the job posting/job description: <http://lhcs.net/>

CHURCH RESOURCES

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. For more information go our website at www.ccrc.on.ca and click “Counseling Services” under the “Ministries” tab

