

Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario
November 3, 2019



FORGIVE US

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 51

November 3, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Pastor John Medendorp

Litanist: Pastor Amanda B

Elder-in-Charge: Arno W

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Gathering and Greeting

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship: *"God Himself Is With Us"* (PsH #244)

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Song of Praise: *"I Love to Tell The Story"* (PsH #530)

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: *"O Christ, The Lamb of God"* (PsH #257)

Assurance of Pardon

Profession of Faith

Blessing

*Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Congregational Welcome

*Song: *"Behold The Lamb"*

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: *"Ancient Words"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:1-15

Sermon: "Forgive Us Our Debts"

Prayer of Application

Response to the Word

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

*Song of Response: *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* (PsH #568)

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church

2) World Renew – World Hunger

Offertory Song: *"The Lord's Prayer"*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: *"By The Sea of Crystal"* (PsH #620)

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.

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 - No Service at Church this evening, allowing for Communities or small groups to meet.

“Communities” are geographically based “small congregations” (having an elder and a deacon) organized for the purpose of fellowship, pastoral care, discipleship and mission in their geographical area. Since our primary means of ministry is through our 12 “Communities” you are encouraged to meet with your “Community” whenever the opportunity arises. Discussion material is available in hard copy at the Information Centre or can be found on the church website at www.ccrcc.on.ca (click on the “Communities/Small Groups” tab). This week the material covers **missions** and **the Lord’s Prayer**. If you do not know what “Community” you belong to, please speak to one of the pastors.

Remaining designated Community Sundays for this fall are: Nov 17 and December 1.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Congratulations to **Harmony G** (4) on the occasion of her public Profession of Faith. May you stand firm in your faith.

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: **Mandy B** (7); **Gine K** (1); **Sandra K** (9); **Jenny W** (6); **Frederika V** (11); **Ralph and Willy W** (14);
- 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; **Pastor Brian B** serving with Waterloo Campus Ministry;
- the staff and leadership at the Journey
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

UPCOMING SERVICES

Nov. 10	10 a.m.	Pastor Amanda Lord's Supper
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	6 p.m.	Pastor John
Nov. 17	10 a.m.	Mission Celebration
	6 p.m.	Communities Meet

For the Mission Celebration service on Sunday, November 17, the congregation is invited to bring nut-free baked goods for the coffee and fellowship time after the service.

OFFERING SCHEDULE

Budget Contributions for October 27, 2019

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus
Oct 27	\$9,615	\$14,153	(\$4,538)
YTD	\$641,638	\$768,591	(\$126,953)
World Renew – General Fund			\$ 3550
Community CRC Mission Fund			\$ 1714
Resonate Global Missions			\$ 365
World Renew – Disaster Relief			\$ 100
Waterloo Campus Ministry			\$ 80
LHCS			\$ 25

Our offering today is for World Renew – World Hunger. Each of the 821 million hungry people on our planet is as particular and precious to God as you are. Your support to a ministry that firmly believes that God can "accomplish abundantly far more than all we ask or imagine."

Next week our offering is for Waterloo Campus Ministry. Pastor Brian B continues to work as the Christian Reformed Campus Minister at the University of Waterloo and Wilfred Laurier University. Connections with students remain a priority through programs such as Fermented Faith, Friday Night Dinner, and the Collective Kitchen.

STAFF INFORMATION

Our Office Administrator, **Donna V** is on a temporary leave. The office will be open and staffed this week.

Our bookkeeper, **Diana W**, will be on vacation from Nov 15 until Nov 25.

CCRC Job Opportunity: After the retirement of our previous custodian in Spring 2019 and during renovations the Community CRC custodial position has been filled on a temporary basis. With construction complete, the position of Custodian is being offered as permanent full-time (40 hrs). The job description is on the Church website (ccrc.on.ca/careers) or contact the church office for a copy. Apply to office@ccrc.on.ca by Wednesday, November 6.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Impact is Here to Help! Impact is going on mission right here in our community. And we need your help. We've got lots of willing volunteers to do mission, but we need projects for them to do! Do you have some leaves that need raking? Or some painting that needs doing? Or maybe some free babysitting? Or any other projects that pop into your head? Let us know and we will connect you! This will take place the week of November 18 to 21. Send projects to Megan W or talk to any of the youth elders.

GEMS and Cadet Pancake Breakfast: Save the date on Saturday, November 16! Join us after the breakfast for our Pine Car Derby.

NEW! Join a Deepening Faith Cluster: Sign up by Wednesday, November 15. This year we are trying out a small group format of our Pastors' Class. This small group is for folks new to CCRC, thinking about profession of faith, recently made profession of faith, or who just simply have some questions about God, faith, and church. Each cluster will be made up of 4-6 people, led by a pastor, and will meet 5-6 times at a place and time that works best for the group. Interested? Sign up at the Info Centre or contact Pastor Amanda.

Church Coffee Conversation on Sunday, November 10: We're continuing a new educational opportunity here at Community CRC! On the 2nd Sunday of the month, there will 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're unpacking busyness: Is busyness the death of faith? Does constant "doing" hurt our ability to hear God in our lives? Whether you're currently living a hurried life or have found a sustainable rhythm of rest and work and God, come on out for a lively conversation. Join us in the Community Room off the sanctuary immediately following the Nov 10 service!

COMMUNITY CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Cadets (a club for boys ages 7-13) meets Monday, November 4 at 7:00 pm. **To all the dads,** we are making pine cars this Monday and next (Nov 11). Come join for some fun! Help us design, cut, sand, and paint.

Knifty Knitters meets this Tuesday, November 5 at 9:30am at the church.

Friendship: This past Tuesday we had a fun evening in our costumes playing bingo and Bible trivia. This coming Tuesday, November 5, we will meet at the church at 7pm. Pastor Bernie will be the storyteller for Lesson 4: The Holy Spirit is with Philip. The following week, Friendship will meet on Monday, November 11 for a combined evening in the Waterloo church.

Coffee Break meets this Wednesday at 9:30am 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.

Impact Big Group Night - This Wednesday, November 6 from 7-8:30pm. Psst... there'll also be an announcement about Serve 2020 registration and destination!

GEMS (a club for girls ages 7-13) meets Thursday, November 7 at 7:00pm.

Teen Club - Our next Teen Club event will be Teen Talk at the church on Friday, November 8 from 7-9pm. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

For all of the announcements, employment and volunteer opportunities available through the Denomination and others, see the listing and posters on the bulletin board across from the washrooms.

Baptism + Dedication Conversation: At the September 18, 2019 meeting of Classis Huron, we welcomed Dr. Lyle B of Calvin Seminary and Dr. Syd H of Faith Formation

Ministries to lead delegates in conversation about baptism and infant dedication. In response to requests, a recording of this conversation is available to the churches via the classis website at: classishuron.ca/events/september182019meetingvideo

Job Opportunity: New Life CRC in Guelph is looking for a Worship Ministry Coordinator to coordinate the people and resources needed to provide inspirational worship services for New Life Church. The 12-month contract position is for 24 hours per week. Send inquiries to Alison P, mincoord@newlifecrc.net. (Job posted on bulletin board across from washrooms.)

Youth Service: On Friday, December 8, the Exeter CRC (330 Huron St. W, Exeter) are hosting a youth service for all youth in grade 9-12! Feel free to invite your families and friends to join us for an evening of worship, followed by snacks, fellowship and games. The service will begin at 6:30pm with doors open at 6pm. Nursery will be available for infants and toddlers. Please RSVP to lfpoortinga@gmail.com with an approximate number of youth coming with your group. Hope to see you there!

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

LHCS Dutch Cheese and Christmas Goodies
Once again, Laurentian Hills Christian School 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. Please place your order form, along

with payment, in the mailslot of Sharon M or Elaine A by Sunday, November 10 or to the school office by Friday, November 8. Order forms may be found on the bulletin board outside the washrooms. Orders will be ready for pick-up on Friday, Nov 29 from 2:30-4:00pm in the LHCS kitchen.

Free Public Lecture at Community CRC: Rev. Brian B and Waterloo Campus Ministry invite you to hear Dr. Brian W and Dr. Sylvia K give a lecture on "Reading Romans from Below in the Face of Empire," Friday, November 15 at 7:30pm. The talk will explore these questions: What would happen if we were to read Paul's letter to the Romans as engaged with the most pressing questions of discipleship both in the first century and our own times? And what if we were to approach those questions through the lenses of some of the most marginalized people in the empire? This lecture will be based in their new book *Romans Disarmed*, available from Brazos Press. For more details, email Rev. B.

The Skit Guys will be performing their comedy Christmas Show at International Gospel Centre in Kitchener on Saturday, November 30 at 7pm (Doors open at 6pm). Tickets \$20/person – required and may be purchased online at www.gospelcentre.net International Gospel Centre, 35 Charles St E, Kitchener. www.skitguys.com

