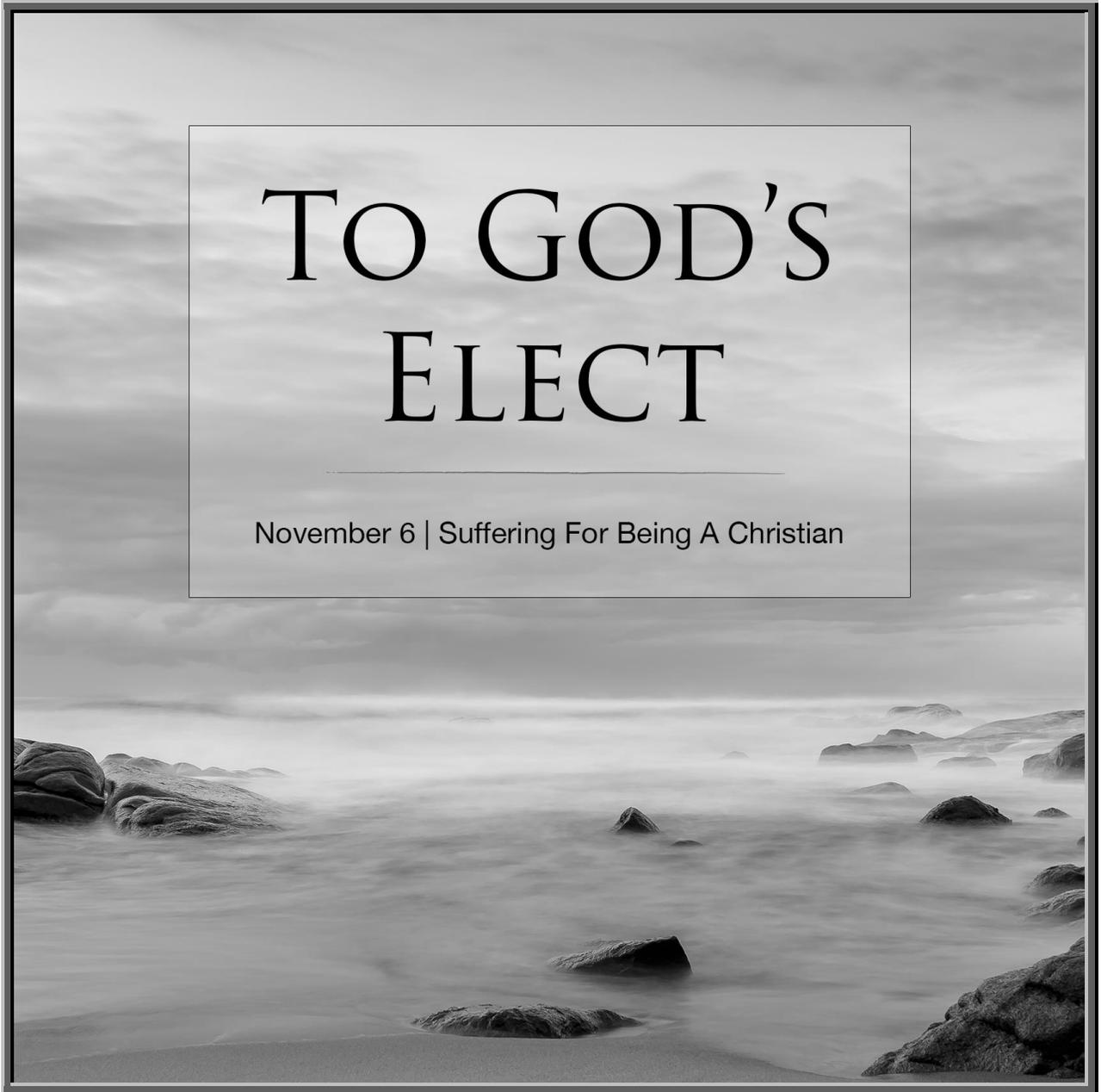


**Community Christian Reformed Church  
Kitchener, Ontario**

# TO GOD'S ELECT

November 6 | Suffering For Being A Christian



**November 6, 2016**

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**10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor Carel Geleynse**

*Elder-in-Charge: Janet H*

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

### **Gathering and Greeting**

Gathering Song: *"Enough"*

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

\*Song of Praise: *"All the People Said Amen"*

*"Blessed Be Your Name"*

### **Confession and Assurance**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song: *"Hosanna (Praise is Rising)"*

Confession of Faith

Kingdom Kids dismissed: Children ages 3 – Grade 3 are dismissed for 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: *"I Surrender All"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 4: 12 - 19

Sermon: **"Suffering for Being a Christian"**

Prayer of Application

### **Response to the Word**

Children in Grades 4-6 are dismissed for weekly sermon discussion

\*Song of Response: *"Whom Shall I Fear"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community CRC  
2) World Renew – World Hunger

Offertory Song: *“Who Can Compare?”*

\*Closing Song of Dedication: PsH #469 vs. 1-3 *“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”*

\*God’s Blessing

\*Doxology: PsH #469 vs. 4 *“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”*

**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.**



**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: Irene G*

[\* Please rise, in body or spirit]

### **Praise and Prayer**

Welcome

Call to Worship

\*God’s Greeting

\*Song of Praise: PsH #471 *“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”*

\*Confession of Faith: Belgic Confession Article 37 (responsive)

\*Song of Response: PsH #479 *“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”*

Prayer and Share

Offering: World Renew – World Hunger

### **Hearing the Word**

Song of Preparation: *“There is a Redeemer”*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 19: 1-14

Sermon: “**Vengeance and Refuge**”

\*Song of Response: “*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*”

\*God’s Blessing

\*Doxology: PsH 632 “*To God be the Glory*”

#### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

Little **Jordan S (7)**, newborn son of **Zach and Stephanie S**, continues to do well at Grand River Hospital. The next step: home!

**John N (3)** was discharged from Hamilton General Hospital last weekend and is recuperating at home.

**Olga S (11)** has been admitted to St. Mary’s Hospital this past Thursday suffering from an infection in her leg.

**John & Tina B (8)** are volunteering with World Renew Disaster Response Services in Century, Florida due to tornados in the spring of 2016. They will be there until November 26. Pray for safety, good health, a meaningful experience with opportunities for them to touch and give hope to hurting people in this relief ministry.

We extend our condolences to **Paul and Teresa R (6)** on the occasion of the passing away of Paul’s brother, Peter, in Strathroy after a brief illness. Peter went to be with his Lord on Monday, October 31. He was also an uncle to **Cynthia, Gerald and Kathy**, and **Terence and Karen**. The funeral took place this past Friday in Strathroy.

We also extend our condolences to **Gary B (8)** on the occasion of the passing away of his uncle, Bert B, in St. Catharines on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Praise the Lord for the hope we have in Jesus! May the Lord comfort all who mourn.

Please continue to pray for:

- those dealing with various illness among members of their extended family;
- those dealing with depression and other forms of mental illness;
- those dealing with cancer, **Sarah B (8)**, **Rev. Adrian V** and others;
- those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis because of various health issues;
- those who are unemployed or underemployed;
- **John and Jane H** with Samaritan Foundation in the Dominican Republic; **Anthony and Barbara P** with Daystar Ministries on Manitoulin Island; **David and Jessica O** with World Renew in Senegal; **Kim H** with CRWM in Guatemala, **Hank and**

**Rosario S** volunteering with CRWM in Guatemala;

- **persecuted Christians** in the Sudan and elsewhere in the world;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation.

*Congratulations* to following members of our church celebrating birthdays in the coming week:



- Nov 6 - Dorothy O (14)**
- Nov 7 – Peter S (2)**
- Nov 9 – Ben M (14)**
- Nov 10 – Barb R (6)**

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

*Congratulations* to **John and Edith G (7)** as they celebrate their 35<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary tomorrow, November 7. May God continue to bless and strengthen their marriage for many years to come!

<b>UPCOMING SERVICES</b>
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Nov 13	10 a.m.	Pastor John Lord’s Supper
	6 p.m.	Community Care Groups meet
Nov 20	10 a.m.	Pastor Amanda Congregational meeting following the service
	6 p.m.	Pastor Carel

<b>OFFERING INFORMATION</b>
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**Budget Contributions  
For Oct 30, 2016**

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Accumulated (Shortfall)/ Surplus
Oct 30	\$9,224	\$12,845	(\$3,621)
YTD	\$624,360	\$698,230	(\$73,871)
Christian Reformed Home Missions			\$ 1,715.25
Laurentian Hills Christian School			\$ 120.00
World Renew – Hurricane Matthew			\$ 50.00
River City Church			\$ 30.00
World Renew			\$ 20.00

**This week our offering is for World Renew-World Hunger.** In addition to the offering, the Peter Fish World Hunger Campaign will begin today. World Hunger Campaign Family and Adult Devotionals are in your mailboxes this morning. The actual “Peter Fish” are available from the deacons in the lobby immediately following the morning service and can be returned on November 20. For thirty seven years, World Renew has been equipping and encouraging Christian Reformed Churches to learn about global hunger and become part of the solution. While this issue may seem too large for any one congregation to tackle on their own, when our churches work together we’ve consistently been able to raise more than \$1 million every year which translates into thousands of lives being helped.

**Next week our offering is for Back to God Ministries International (BTGMI).** Back to God Ministries International is the media ministry of the Christian Reformed Church. Since BTGMI started more than 75 years ago, their mission has been to proclaim the Gospel, grow disciples, and strengthen the church. Together with local churches across Canada and the U.S., they minister in 10 major world languages using every kind of media to share the story of Jesus.

#### CAMPUS MINISTRY UPDATE

**This past week we received a Fall Newsletter from the Waterloo Campus Ministry** (a CRC campus ministry at the University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University). God has blessed this ministry this fall and Rev. Brian B would love to share a snapshot of the ministry with Community CRC. Please help yourself to a copy that is available at the Information Centre and stay informed about what is happening on these University campuses and keep this ministry in your prayers.

#### COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

**A Congregational meeting** has been scheduled for November 20 immediately following the morning worship service. Agendas are available in your mailboxes this morning. Extra copies are available at the Information Centre.

#### Highlights from the Council meeting of October 25, 2016

- Shawn M, Treasurer for Community CRC, presented the Proposed 2017 Budget, which Council approved for presentation to the congregation at the November 20<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting.
- Council received the report of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Building Assessment, and based on their recommendations, Council will be forming a Small-Build Ad-Hoc Committee. More information to follow at the November 20<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting. Council would like to thank Gerald R, Chris S, Pastor John M, Jim R, Albert K, Irene F and Joel V for their work on this committee.
- Council has received a letter of resignation from John P as Pastoral Elder for Community 7. Council has acquiesced to John's resignation. A new Pastoral Elder is needed for Community 7.
- Ed H is the new Council Liaison with the Worship Committee.
- Harry O is the new Council Liaison with the Youth Ministries Team.
- Andy D is the new Council Liaison with the Communications Committee.

**Invitation to the congregation:** This Tuesday night from 7:00 to 8:30, we extend an invitation to all our church to come to Friendship. We are hosting the Waterloo Group and the Kids on the Block puppeteers will be entertaining and teaching us. We also plan to have some lively singing! We ask that if you come, please bring a bag of cookies to share (nut free), during snack time.

**Operation Christmas Child** is a program organized through Samaritan's Purse Canada that provides gifts to children that are in need around the world. These gifts are made possible through support from donations of items and money to cover shipping costs. Again this year, we are organized to support this cause at CCRC. This is an opportunity for members of all ages to participate or even as a Community to do together.

**What do you do?** Fill a shoebox provided with toys and small items; school supplies; hygiene items etc. There are some items that should not be included, please see the list in the information sheet. Each box requires \$7 to accompany it to cover delivery expenses and tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$15 or greater.

**Most importantly, please pray for the child who will receive your gift.** Boxes will be available in the gym on today, Sunday November 6 and should be returned by Nov. 27. For more info, please visit [samaritanspurse.ca/OCC](http://samaritanspurse.ca/OCC) or contact Peter and Minnie H.

**Cadets** (boys 7-13) will meet tomorrow evening at 7:00 pm at the church.



**L.A.F.F. (Life After Fifty Five)** will meet this Tuesday, November 8 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#3 on Joseph, "From Prison to Prime Minister". Lunch will be provided.

**Friendship:** This week we are hosts to the  Waterloo Friendship Group. We are excited that the Kids on the Block puppeteers will be entertaining and teaching us. Don't forget that all mentors are asked to bring some snacks like cookies (nut free, please). Let's all be on time to welcome our guests.

**The Deacons and Pastoral and Youth Elders** will meet this Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the church

**Volleyball:** All are welcome to join in this Tuesday, at 8:30 p.m. (for fun and non-competitive volleyball. If you have questions or would like to know more, please contact Adom P or check out our Facebook Page "Volleyball at CCRC".

**Ladies: all ages are welcome to join us for**  **Coffee Break Wednesday mornings at 9.30 a.m. here in the multipurpose room.** Nursery and preschool classes (up to age SK) are provided. Join in one of our current studies: The Parables of Jesus, Ephesians, and Origins: Christian Perspectives on Creation, Evolution, and Intelligent Design. For more info, contact [coffeebreak@ccrc.on.ca](mailto:coffeebreak@ccrc.on.ca)

**The Pastor's Class** will meet this Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

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

## YOUTH NEWS

### Student Impact (Grades 9 -12)

**This Wednesday, November 9,** Student Impact will be meeting to discuss the movie "Divergent" as a part of our discernment series. If you missed our movie night last week, try to see the movie before coming. If you haven't seen it, you are still welcome anyway. The discussion will be from 7-9 PM.

**Student Impact will be going to Laser Quest** on Wednesday, November 16. Arrange to be dropped off at Laser Quest at 6:40 PM. Pickup is at 8:45. The cost is \$10 per person. This includes 2 exclusive games and pizza. Please sign up on the youth board to let us know you can come, and invite your friends!

**Youth Service for Classis Huron:** Stratford CRC would like to invite you to a youth service on November 13th at the Stratford Christian Reformed Church (190 Athlone Crescent, Stratford). Doors open at 5pm and the gym will be available to hang out in. Soup and buns will be served at 5:30pm and the service will begin at 6:30pm. Our hope is that you can build on new and old friendships made at Fall Retreat and participate together in a great evening of praising our God! More details will follow about carpooling.

## 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 bulletin board across from the washrooms for information.**

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Hold Me Tight** is a Shalem Mental Health Network sponsored weekend workshop appropriate for couples who: want to connect more deeply; want to get "unstuck" from their patterns; are in established or new relationships. **The weekend dates are Friday - Sunday, November 11-13, 2016 at Ancaster CRC.** Costs for a couple are \$550. Since we are a member of Shalem's Congregational Assistance Program (CAP) a couple could be eligible for a \$450 subsidy through CAP if they did not use the program in this calendar year. For further information and to register, visit [www.shalemnetwork.org/workshop/holdmetight](http://www.shalemnetwork.org/workshop/holdmetight) or call 905-528-0353 or 866-347-0041.

**Laurentian Hills Christian School Dutch Cheese and Christmas Goodies** Christmas is coming soon and you will want to be prepared with cheese, cakes, goodies, chocolate letters and more! Support Laurentian Hills Christian School by placing your order by **today, Sunday, November 6, 2016** and placing the order, along with payment, in Sharon M's or Elaine A's mailslots. Alternatively, you may bring your order directly to the school by Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 9 a.m. Order forms

may be found on the bulletin board outside the washrooms.

**Spaghetti Fundraising Dinner:** A team of 15 students from Woodland Christian High School will be going to the Dominican Republic for a mission trip this coming January. In order to raise money for the trip, they will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner followed by a silent auction and a dessert auction at Woodland Christian High School (1058 Spitzig Rd. Breslau) on **Friday, November 11**. The cost is \$10 per person or \$35 for a family. All proceeds go to fund the mission trip. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. Thanks for your support.

**Countryside Camp's Christmas Cookie Fundraiser** - Enjoy delicious Christmas Cookies and Boterkoek while supporting the ministry of Countryside Camp and Camp Shalom. Your choice of 4 dozen Cookies packaged and boxed for freshness for \$20 or an 8" Boterkoek for \$10 each. Orders will be taken online before November 14th at [www.countrysidecamp.com](http://www.countrysidecamp.com).

**Come And Enjoy A Christmas Theme Benefit Concert** - Crescendo, Men of Note and Men of Praise are performing together and hosting a Benefit Concert at Maranatha Christian Reformed Church, 735 Frontenac Crescent, Woodstock, on Saturday **November 26, 2016 at 7:30 pm**. Come and enjoy an evening of music with us. There will be a free-will offering to support the work of The Lighthouse.

**Colour Me Christmas** is a choir concert by Grand River Voices that will be held at Community CRC on November 26 at 7:30pm. Grand River Voices is an adult community choir that will be singing a combination of both sacred and secular pieces. Tickets (Adults \$20, Seniors/Students \$15) can be purchased at [grandrivervoices.ca](http://grandrivervoices.ca) or at the door.

**Help Needed:** An Eritrean family of seven who arrived in Canada in Feb. 2016 are currently living on Manitoulin Island. They are sponsored under the BVOR (Blended Visa Office-Referred Program- a Federal Government program) by a group on Manitoulin Island. This family consists of mom, dad, four children between the ages of 12-21 and a grandson aged 9. The father is very stressed because there are no jobs on the island. He would like to move his family to the Kitchener area. The sponsoring their need for jobs and is willing to move them here and continue the sponsorship. If you know of a possible job or an affordable apartment or house which could accommodate this family please get in touch with John and Mary V.

**Companion Needed:** An elderly gentleman from Strathroy CRC recently moved to Luther Village on the Park in Waterloo. His daughter is looking for a companion for her father for a few hours a week. This is a paid position. For more information please see the printed version of the bulletin.

