



Today is the final Sunday of the Christian calendar year, Christ the King Sunday. Next week Advent begins and we start the cycle of the Christian year again. This morning we will preview the topic of fear as we look toward our coming Advent series, "Do Not Be Afraid." Fear has a lot of negative connotations, but not all fear is bad. Proverbs 1 talks about the "fear of the Lord" as being necessary for wisdom and an essential part of the life of God's people. Not all fear is bad, but left unchecked fear can become destructive. What does wisdom call for when fear becomes destructive? Wisdom calls on hope - hope in God's promises, hope that God is who God says, and hope in the One who is the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24). God reveals wisdom in a person; God reveals hope in a person. This person is Christ, the King.

This Sunday, Communities 1, 3, 4, and 7, are welcomed to the in-person worship service.

We will continue with the registration process in order to make sure we do not exceed our capacity of 100.

November 29:	All	December 6:	11, 13, 5, 2
December 9:	Blue Christmas	December 13:	9, 8, 6, 14

All attendees are required to wear a mask and maintain a 2-meter physical distancing both in the building and while outside. Following the government guidelines, seating goes by who you live with under the same roof NOT who is in your bubble.

Our services will continue to be live streamed, so those who are not comfortable returning or who are unable to return can continue to worship with us. If there are issues with the live stream a seamless video will be posted to the CCRC website (Vimeo) after the service on Sunday afternoon. Be sure to watch the video from the church website or YouTube.

Watch the worship service on Sunday morning for the story to be read by one of the Sunday School leaders. This week's story is "Jesus turns Water into Wine".

Next Sunday, November 29, is the Congregational meeting. **If you would like to attend the meeting in person**, please sign up for in-person worship through the link that will be emailed on Monday. The meeting will start immediately following the service.

If you would prefer to participate from home, please watch for an email from the church office to be sent on Wednesday, November 25 with a link, password, and instructions on how to log in electronically. The agenda for the meeting was emailed to the congregation on Friday, November 13, 2020. Please join us and stay informed on the happenings at Community CRC!

10:00am Worship Service

Worship Participants this week:

Preacher: Pastor Betsy DeVries

GATHERING AND GREETING

Gathering Song: "Way Maker"

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

God's Greeting

Song of Praise: "Living Hope"

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Song "I Am Not My Own"

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Worship Story Jesus Turns Water Into Wine

Children's Song "This Little Light Of Mine"

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Song of Preparation "How Firm A Foundation"

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 1:1-7

Sermon: "The Wisdom of Fear"

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song of Response "Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"

Prayers of the People

Offering Announcement 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church

2) Missionary Support

God's Parting Blessing

Doxology: "The Blessing"

COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY

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

Our condolences are extended to **Cheryl S (7)** with the passing away of her husband **Dennis S** on Thursday November 19, 2020 at Lanark Long Term Care Home. Details will be available soon. May the Lord comfort Cheryl and her family in this difficult time.

Clarence and Sandra G (9) sister in law Cathy lost her battle with cancer. She passed away Sunday Nov 15, 2020. Cathy was also an aunt to **Jeff and Christina G (7)**. The family takes comfort in the fact that Cathy is now pain free and safe in the arms of Jesus. Please remember Clarence, Sandra and the G family in your thoughts and prayers as they mourn the loss of Cathy.


Sandra K (9) is once again in isolation at Forest Heights LTC. She is confined to her room and is feeling this isolation more so than before. A card or phone call would brighten her day

Matters for Prayer:

- Pray for our sister-church, The Journey, as they seek to call a pastor in the near future. May the Spirit lead them well and clearly in their discernment.
- Pray for those who are joining us as new members in this difficult time. May they feel connected and enfolded even while we maintain distance.
- Pray for guidance and wisdom for the Search Team as they continue the process of seeking a candidate for the position for a Pastor-Preaching and Pastoral Care.

- Pray for folks to step up into much-needed volunteer positions on the Mission Strategy Team, Impact Youth Ministry, and the audio-visual team for Sunday morning worship.
- Pray for our provincial and municipal leader and front line workers as the case numbers of COVID are increasing across the country.
- Pray for those with ongoing health concerns and those dealing with illness that seem to have taken a back seat to COVID-19.
- Pray for those seeking employment or experiencing job loss.
- Pray for those dealing and struggling with mental health which can be exacerbated by the pandemic.
- Pray for **Anthony and Barbara P** with Daystar Ministries on Manitoulin Island, **Hank and Rosario S** volunteering in Guatemala, **Pastor Brian Bork** serving with Waterloo Campus Ministry and **Shannon Cook** serving as Chaplain at Forest Heights Long term care home.

Are you struggling with anxiety or depression? Would it help to talk to someone? As a

 congregation, CCRC has committed to providing no-charge counselling sessions to all members through **Shalem Mental Health Network**. To book a counselling appt, call Shalem directly at 1-866-347-0041. And for more resource information check their website at <https://shalemnetwork.org/>.

STAFF NEWS

Donna V will be on vacation from November 23-29. **Anita D** will be in the office all week.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Nov 29 | 10:00 a.m. Pastor Amanda Bakale
First Sunday of Advent
*Fall Congregational Meeting
immediately following service*

Dec 6 | 10:00 a.m. Pastor Betsy DeVries
Second Sunday of Advent

Dec 9 | 7:00 p.m Pastor Betsy DeVries
Blue Christmas

Dec 13 | 10:00 a. m Pastor Amanda Bakale
Third Sunday of Advent
Celebration of Lord's Supper

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 see the Resources section on the last page of the bulletin.

This week our offering is for Missionary Support Our 2020 Missionary Support offering has a target of \$15,000 (\$11,000 – T and \$4,000 – P). Both the T's and the P's are connected to Resonate Global Missions. To date we have collected \$9,211 and \$3,340. The Deacons have decided that the collection for the three evening services in December will be for Missionary Support.

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. You can give to this cause via the PAR donation by using your church envelope.

Upcoming Offerings:

Dec 6 | Calvin University

Dec 13 | Laurentian Hills Christian School

Offerings Received as at November 15, 2020 including Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR):

November 15	\$	36,100
Year to Date	\$	599,447
Budgeted 2020 Total Contributions	\$	885,705
Second Offerings		
Waterloo Campus Ministry	\$	25
Foodbank of Waterloo Region	\$	10
Benevolence	\$	110
Missionary Support (Pennings & Timmermans)	\$	330
World Renew – World Hunger	\$	55
Laurentian Hills Christian School	\$	50
Chaplaincy and Care Ministry	\$	319
Calvinist Cadet Corps	\$	30

COMMUNITY CRC NEWS

Administrative Council will meet on Tuesday November 24 @ 7:30 in the church.

Coffee Break | meets this week with the virtual small group meeting on Monday night via Zoom at 7:30 p.m. and the in-person small group meeting at the church on Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. We are studying the book of Hebrews and the book *Women of the Word* by Jen Wilkin.

Impact | There will be no impact this week, the leaders will meet on Wednesday November 26,

Fall Book Club | This Thursday from 7:30-9 p.m. on Zoom we're discussing N.T. Wright's *God and the Pandemic: A Christian reflection on the Coronavirus and its Aftermath*. This is an opportunity to build relationships within the

church through the shared experience of reading together as a congregation and to grow closer to God understanding current events through the light of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Interested? It's not too late to sign-up: Contact Carling L to be added to the event mailing list.

Friday Night Dinner is back! (Well, kinda.) Drop by **Pastor Amanda and Brian's** backyard on Friday, **December 4** between 7-8pm for an informal ****outdoor**** gathering. There'll be twinkly lights, a fire, hot cocoa, and warm popcorn. We'll keep our distance, keep each other safe, and enjoy each other's company. Come for 5 minutes just to say hi and grab a hot cocoa or stay for a little longer and connect with folks you haven't seen in a while. We've missed having you all over and we'd love to see your (masked) faces even briefly.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Free Advent Devotional - He Will Be Our Peace is an email devotional series put together by World Renew, Resonate Global Mission, and the CRC Office of Social Justice that features reflections from CRC ministries around the world during Advent 2020. Each devotion will be delivered to your email inbox every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, starting December 2, 2020, through Christmas Day. Join us as we journey through lamenting injustice to looking forward to the coming of the Prince of Peace using the book of Micah. Go to justice.crcna.org/advent to sign up today!

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM - A group of CRCNA agencies is collaborating to expose the Hidden Crisis of gender-based violence (GVB), this horror and pain inflicted on women and girls around the world for the "crime" of being female. Together, we have joined in the UN Women's initiative, **16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM**

(November 25–December 10), to raise awareness of the causes and impacts of GBV and how Christians can make an impact on families' lives and bring hope for the future. Join us for a specialized podcast, webinars, advocacy opportunities, Bible study material, educational video, and more. Find out more details in this CRCNA Network article: <https://bit.ly/gbv2020>

Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Generosity: We often associate generosity with financial giving, but we can also cultivate a generous spirit in our relationships. Ponder how you might practice this in daily life, perhaps by focusing on refraining from mental criticism, attributing the best motives to people's actions, being "present" and attentive when spending time with others (especially children), or doing acts of random kindness. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/Faith Formation/Practices.)

Miscellaneous

Redeemer University performance | "Stranger in the Land". Written and directed by Redeemer's own Professor Ray Louter, *Stranger in the Land* is the story of Anne Vander Berg, a woman coming to terms with generational trauma and her connection to the people who immigrated to Canada after the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands. The performance will be recorded and released digitally on December 12. For more details, visit redeemer.ca/stranger-in-the-land

South Coast Beach Project (SCBP): If you or someone you know is 18 – 25 years old, wanting to grow in leadership and discipleship, then check out the SCBP! Make life-long friends. Deepen your faith. Get summer work experience. And do all this while living in Port Dover on the shore of Lake Erie. What a better

way to spend this summer 2021.living in intentional Christian community with your peers learning opportunities about integrating your faith and life getting work experience through summer employment connecting with a local congregation For more information: www.southcoastbeachproject.org or contact Pastor Willemina Zwart at info@southcoastbeachproject.org. A ministry of Immanuel Christian Reformed Church, Simcoe and in partnership with Resonate Global Mission.

company) or direct to your bank account (no admin fee). At this time, we offer opportunity to donate to the Church Budget, our Capital Fund, or the work of the Deacons locally (benevolence).

- Note: if you use the link, the only payment option is credit card. The Bank account option is only available through the Bridge App.

RESOURCES

Instructions for giving to Community CRC

As we begin to meet again, the following donation methods are currently in place:

1. PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) – is the preferred method of giving.
2. You can mail your donations to the Church. Please do NOT mail cash. The mailbox is checked regularly.
3. **You can drop off your donation in our drop-off mailslot located on the outside of the kitchen door.**
4. If you are registered to attend the Church service, you may bring in your donation.

Notes:

- You may use your vouchers (only for second collections) - please mark clearly which cause they are intended for.
 - We are not issuing vouchers at this time.
5. ****NEW**** you can now donate using the Bridge App (or this link): <https://crc.etadvance.com/churches/community-crc-kitchener/donate>
 - You can self-direct your donations using your credit card (note there is a 3% admin fee taken by the processing