

Community Christian Reformed Church  
Kitchener, Ontario



February 12, 2017

**February 12, 2017**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor John Medendorp**

*Elder-in-Charge: Shannon C*

[\* Please rise, in body or spirit]

### **Gathering and Greeting**

Gathering Song: *"I Will Follow"*

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

\*Song of Praise: PsH #239 *"Amid the Thronging Worshipers"*

### **Confession and Assurance**

Song of Confession: *"Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord"*

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Elder Affirmation Vote

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community CRC

2) Benevolence Fund

Offertory Song: *"Still"*

Children's Message

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: PsH #288 *"Take My Life and Let it Be"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 14: 1-24

Message: **"A Great Feast"**

Prayer of Application

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

\*Song of Response: PsH #309 vs. 1-4 *"Lift Up Your Hearts unto the Lord"*

## **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

The Institution

The Teaching

Prayer/Litany of Thanksgiving

Song: PsH #312 *"Eat This Bread"*

The Invitation

The Distribution of the Elements

*"Who Can Compare"*

*"Once Again"*

Acclamation PsH #309 vs 5 *"Lift Up Your Hearts unto the Lord"*

\*Song of Response: *"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"*

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: *"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"*

**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.**

6:00 pm

Pastor Amanda Bakale

*Pianist: Ashley B*

[\* Please rise, in body or spirit]

## Praise and Prayer

Welcome

\*Call to Worship:

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: O Lord, open our lips,

**People: And our mouths shall declare your praise.**

\*God's Greeting

\*Song of Praise: PsH #244 *"God Himself is With Us"*

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43

Song of Response: *"Be Still (For the Presence)"*

Prayer and Share

Offering: Benevolence Fund

## Hearing of the Word

Song of Preparation: *"As the Deer"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Job 19

Sermon: **'A Conversation with Friends'**

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response: *"There is a Redeemer"*

\*God's Blessing

\*Doxology: PsH #638 *"Praise God, From Whom all Blessings Flow"*

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

Our condolences are extended to **Alice and Ralph V (11)** with the passing away of their sister-in-law, Mrs. Diny R. Mrs. R passed away on Wednesday, February 8, 2017. The family will receive friends at the Drayton Christian Reformed Church 88 Main Street East, Drayton today February 12, 2017 from 2 to 5 p.m. The funeral service will be held tomorrow in the Drayton Christian Reformed Church at 11 a.m. May God comfort all who mourn.

As you may know we've been praying for the **persecuted Sudanese Christians** living in the Muslim district of Khartoum. A number of Christian pastors have been imprisoned and many church buildings have been destroyed. **Aioub G (6)** reported that one pastor has been released, one sentenced to 12 years in prison and two sentenced to 24 years in prison - no explanation given. Further, Aioub reported that another 27 church buildings have been ordered to be destroyed. It is all very disappointing news. Please continue to pray for our Sudanese brothers and sisters.

On a personal note, Aioub's father lives near the war zone and has broken his hip. Now Aioub is working to get his father to South Sudan and from there to Egypt to get medical attention. In order to do this Aioub is hoping to fly to Egypt to help his father. Please pray that this may be possible and that Aioub will, indeed, be able to help his father.

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, its treatment and effects: **Sarah B (8)**, **Denise H (11)**, **John N (3)**, **Claire N**, a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student at Laurentian Hills Christian School. Claire's father **Terry N is a nephew to John and Ruth N**;
- 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; **David and Bethany N (7)** volunteering in Mali
- **persecuted Christians**
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation.

**The church office** will be closed tomorrow morning. It will open at noon, 12:00 p.m.

**Pastor Carel** will be in Grand Rapids this week Monday-Thursday to attend the penultimate meeting of the New Mission Agency Board. This board meeting will be instrumental in the forward movement of the joining of Christian Reformed Home Missions and Christian Reformed World Missions into one agency. On the agenda is the first joint budget, a decision about a new name and logo, and the interview of a candidate for the new Executive Director. Pray for safe travels for delegates from all over the continent and pray for good and clear decision making on the part of the board.

*Congratulations* to following members of our congregation celebrating a birthday in the coming week:



**Feb 14 – Catharina K (13)**

**Feb 18 – Kor H (14)**

**Feb 19 – Ralph V (11)**

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

#### UPCOMING SERVICES

Feb 19	10 a.m.	Pastor John
	6 p.m.	Communities Meet
Feb 26	10 a.m.	Pastor Carel Cadet Sunday
		Pastor John

#### OFFERING SCHEDULE

#### Budget Contributions For February 5, 2017

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus	
Feb 5	10,358	12,743	(\$2,385)	
YTD	66,456	\$91,928	(\$25,472)	
World Renew – David and Jessica O			\$	2,170.30
Redeemer University College			\$	120.00
Race Relations			\$	100.00
Laurentian Hills Christian School			\$	20.00

**This 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.

**Next week our 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. Save the dates of May 26 and May 27 as LHCS will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

*Thank you* for your offerings of \$11,563.45 for World Renew programs received from October to December 2016. Your gifts are making an impact through our World Hunger projects, Free a Family program, Hurricane Matthew response and more. We are grateful for churches that are helping to change the story in Jesus' name for people around the world. Sign-up for our enews at [worldrenew.net](http://worldrenew.net) to learn more about changing the story.

## COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

**Classis Huron** (a grouping of 22 churches from Owen Sound to Orangeville to Kitchener to Exeter and everywhere in between) will be meeting in regular session this Wednesday, Feb. 15, at the CRC in Drayton. The delegates for CCRC are **Pastor John** (also serving as vice-chair), **Ed H** (elder), and **Agnes B** (deacon). On the agenda is an exam featuring Jim Williams from 1<sup>st</sup> CRC in Guelph, for licensure to exhort in classis. Pastor Darren Roorda, Canadian Ministries Director, will be speaking about the new mission and vision statement of the denomination. Owen Sound CRC has sent an overture asking Classis to send an overture to Synod asking that Synod leave the Belhar Confession as an Ecumenical Faith Document. Some time will be spent discussing the "Better Together Project Final Report". This report was the result of a desire on the part of Synod to look into the sharp rise of pastor/congregation separations in the past decade. The report explores ways in which the CRC could be more proactive in avoiding these separations. All that, plus reports by various classical committees and ministries. Pray for the Spirit's leading and guidance at the meeting of classis.

**Small Build Committee Update:** The Small Build Committee has been initiated and is working on updating the ministry needs, a process that began with the previous building committee and the building assessment discussions. More information should become available in the near future as things take shape.

**Engaged Couples: Save the Dates:** CCRC is offering the Marriage Preparation Course to engaged couples on Sundays in April (except for Easter Sunday) following the morning service. This practical course allows you to work through various topics and issues important for married life in a relaxed context with no group sharing.

**Mark Your Calendars! Weekend Pastors' Class - June 23-24:** Our first ever weekend version of the Pastors' Class will take place at Community CRC from Friday evening, June 23, to Saturday evening, June 24. We will cover the same material from our 6 week Pastors' Class offered every October. If you're new to CCRC, want to deepen your faith, or are thinking about making profession of faith, this class is for you! More details to come.

**Do you want to connect with other young adults?** VINE is a hybrid Bible Study-discussion group for Young Adults aged 18-30 at CCRC. This week we'll be talking about mission (through the lens of today's sermon) as well as the Biblical understanding and the CRC's position on homosexuality, and Old Testament versus New Testament Sabbath regulations. We'll be getting together today (Sunday) at 12:15 in the Fairview Mall food court. Carpooling from the church is available. Talk to Matthias M if you have questions or want to get involved.

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



For Boys Ages: 7-13



**Knifty Knitters:** If you love to knit and/or crochet, please join us at the church on Tuesday, February 14 at 9:30 a.m. for another morning of caring through crafting. Visitors are always welcome.



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

**Friendship:** Due to a cancellation last Tuesday, we will enjoy our craft night with Mary-Joyce G this week Tuesday 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: Want to connect and socialize with other moms and women of faith?** Come



out to Coffee Break's Winter Workshops on Wednesday, February 15 at 9:30 am! Workshops options are 1) Wreath-Making, 2) Introduction to CPR for Infants and Children, 3) Trim Healthy Mama Food Freedom, and 4) Making a Meal for Habitat for Humanity Team. Any questions, contact Jen F at [coffeebreak@ccrc.on.ca](mailto:coffeebreak@ccrc.on.ca).

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



**Faith and Hops - Thursday, February 16 @ 5:30-7:30pm:** If you're a 20ish to 30-something looking for a place to connect and deepen your faith, come on out to Faith + Hops at Williamsburg Arms. Once a month we get together for engaging discussion, fried food, and a beverage of your choice. Check out CCRC's Facebook page next week for the discussion topic!

## Youth News

### Student Impact Grades 9-12

**Student Impact** will be having a Bible Study on Wednesday, February 15 from 7-9 p.m. We will be doing the next lesson from "Can I Ask That?"

**Upcoming Event:** On Wednesday, February 22, Student Impact will be having a night of Nerf gun games at the church, from 7-9 PM. Bring any Nerf guns you have; we will provide ammo. Invite your friends for this fun evening.



**REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

visit [www.allontario.com](http://www.allontario.com)

**AOYC Convention:** Registration is open for the All Ontario Youth Convention (AOYC) happening on the May long weekend! The AOYC is open to anyone who is 14 years of age or older as of December 31, 2016. If you are 18 or older, consider becoming involved as a Small Group Leader or another



volunteer opportunity. Teens are given opportunities to grow through dynamic, youth-focused speaking and teaching that challenges each person to impact the communities that God has placed them in. Service opportunities, recreation and relationship building activities, games, intramurals, concerts, and meals add to a full weekend of life-changing experiences. If you register before March 1st, you get a discount on the price. The church pays for \$70 of each youth registered. After you register online ([www.allontario.com](http://www.allontario.com)) put the printed form and the registration fee minus \$70 (cheques made out to CCRC) in Pastor Amanda's mailbox.

#### 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.**

**Faithful Obedience and God's Providence -** Many of us find it difficult to wait for God's timing. Is there anything we can do while we wait, or will that be forcing his hand or stepping outside his will? Join the conversation on Ruth 2 to find out what we can do while we wait for God's plan and timing to unfold. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

#### **The Annual Inter-Classis Safe Church Conference will be held on Saturday, March 4 from 9-3:15 at the Waterloo CRC.**

For many years churches have been sponsoring refugees from different parts of the world. The theme of this conference has to do with refugees and trauma and how that intersects with Safe Church matters. Asmaa C, a refugee to Canada, will be telling "A Refugee Story" for the plenary session. In addition there will be workshops on trauma, forgiveness, insurance questions, and an introduction to the Plan to Protect program. For further information and registration visit:

[www.abc.wmott.ca/scc](http://www.abc.wmott.ca/scc).

#### MISCELLANEOUS

**Couples Weekend Workshop, March 31 - April 2, 2017 in Hamilton, ON.** Are you looking to reconnect with your spouse? Join us for this weekend workshop for couples: Hold Me Tight: Proven Strategies to Strengthen Your Relationship. This workshop is appropriate for couples who want to connect more deeply, want to get "unstuck" from their patterns, are in established or new relationships. For more information and to register, contact Shalem Mental Health at 905.528.0353 or [office@shalemnetwork.org](mailto:office@shalemnetwork.org) or visit [www.shalemnetwork.org/workshop/holdmetight](http://www.shalemnetwork.org/workshop/holdmetight) . If your church is a CAP church, it may be possible to use some CAP coverage to help with the fee, contact us for more information.

