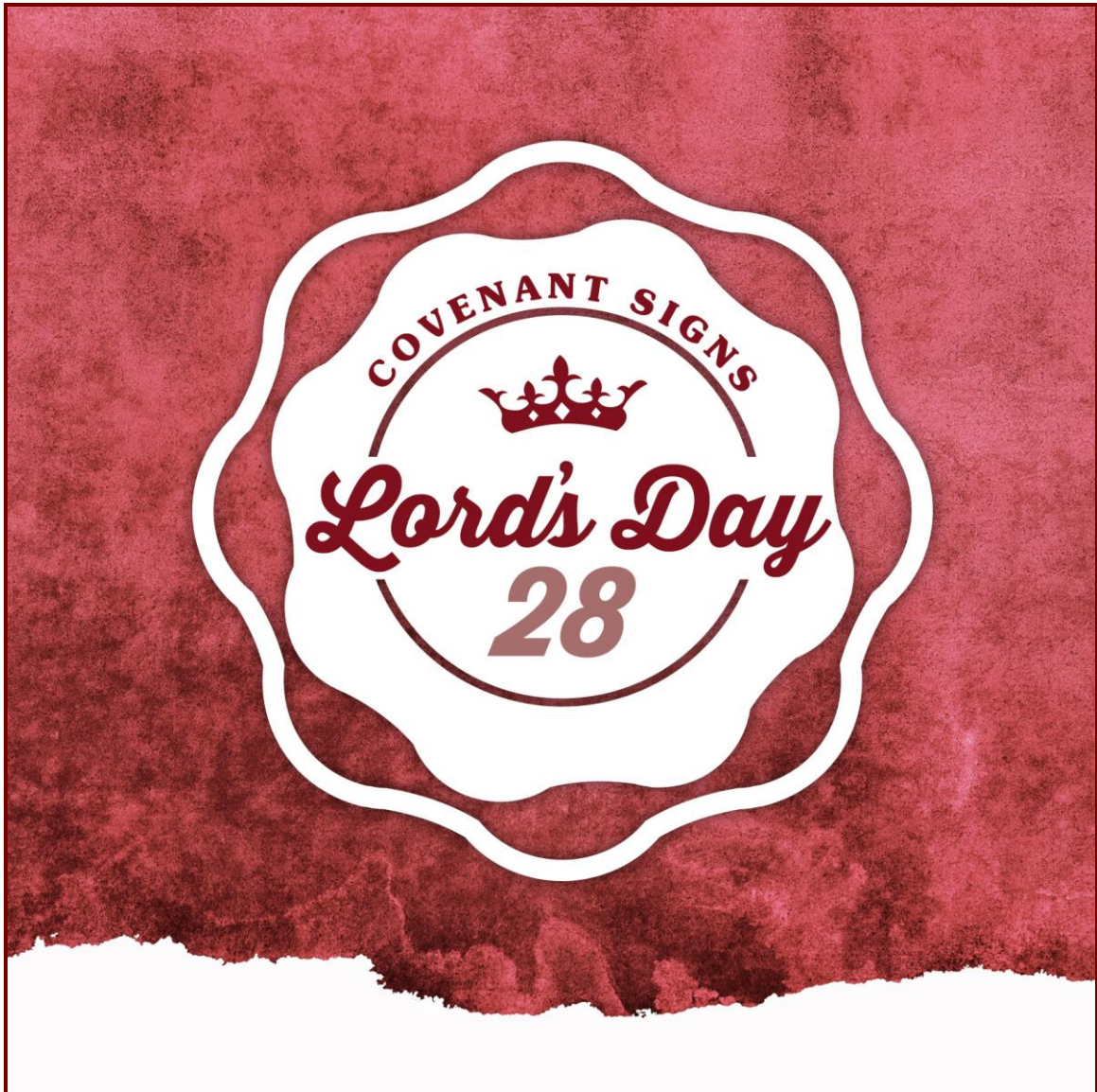


Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario
September 30, 2018



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10:00 a.m.

Pastor Brian Bork/Pastor Betsy DeVries

Elder-in-Charge: Kim T

Pastor Brian Bork serves as the chaplain at both the University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University. Many of us at Community CRC also know him as husband of our own Pastor Amanda. Welcome Pastor Brian!

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: *PsH #307 "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Songs of Praise: *PsH #408 "Rejoice, the Lord is King"*

"The Lion and the Lamb"

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song: *"This I Believe"*

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: *PsH #282 "Break Now the Bread of Life"*

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 28

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 24: 13-35

Sermon: **"All His Gifts"**

Prayer of Application

Response to the Word

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

*Song of Response: PsH #490 *"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church
2) Benevolence Fund

Offertory Song: *"Song of My Father"*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: *"New Doxology"*

**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 p.m.

There is no evening service today

Members have the opportunity to meet in their Communities or Small Groups.
Study material is available in hard copy at the Information Centre or on the church website at www.ccrcc.on.ca (click on the "Communities/Small Groups" tab).

If you do not know what "Community" you belong to, please contact the church office or Pastor Carel.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

We extend our condolences to **Carol W** (3) whose husband, **Glyn**, passed away this past Thursday. Glyn was a son-in-law to **Harriet R** (3) and a brother-in-law to **Sue M** (3). Visitation will be held today, Sunday, September 30 at the Mark Jutzi Funeral Home, 291 Huron Street, New Hamburg. A private family service will take place at a later date. Please keep this family in your prayers.

We also extend our condolences to **Colleen and Andy M** (11) with the passing away of Colleen's sister, **Heather K** this past Thursday, September 27, 2018. Heather was an aunt to **Josh, Sam and Erika S** (11). A private celebration of life will be held at a later date. May the Lord comfort all who mourn.

As announced last Sunday, **Heidi R** has now begun her role as Worship Coordinator at CCRC. Heidi will be introduced to the congregation on October 14. She can be contacted by email or through the church phone number. Please welcome Heidi as she works among us.

Jim and Barb R (6) are currently serving on a needs assessment term with World Renew-Disaster Response Services. They will be working in Hendry/Glades, Florida to assess damage from Hurricane Irma in 2017. They plan to return on the Thanksgiving weekend.

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; **Sandra K** (1);
- those dealing with depression and other forms of mental illness;
- those dealing with cancer, its treatment and effects: **Arend S** (11);
- 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 with Resonate Global Mission in Guatemala
- the staff and leadership at **the Journey** as they are currently without a pastor and are going through a process of discerning God's future for their congregation;
- the persecuted Church;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

Congratulations to the following members celebrating a birthday in the coming week:



Oct 2 – Cristina K (6)

Oct 4 – John D (13)

Oct 5 – Nelly D (2)

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

OFFERING SCHEDULE

Budget Contributions For September 23, 2018 including Pre-Authorized (PAR) Remittance

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus
Sep 23	\$27,658	\$30,584	(\$2,926)
YTD	\$542,041	\$645,246	(\$103,205)
Safe Church Ministry			\$ 1,147
World Renew			\$ 3,525
Benevolence			\$ 1,010
Waterloo Campus Ministry			\$ 40
Laurentian Hills Christian School			\$ 25

Our offering today 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 Sunday our offering is for the Food Bank of Waterloo Region. The Food Bank of Waterloo Region is a charitable organization whose vision is "To channel our community's energy so no one goes hungry." The Food Bank distributes more than 70,000 lbs of fresh, frozen and non-perishable food to food programs in Waterloo Region each week.

Upcoming Food Drive: On October 7, 8, and 14 the Deacons invite the congregation to participate in the annual **Thanksgiving Food Drive** to support the FoodBank of Waterloo Region. A flyer is available in your mailbox the morning or at the information centre with more details.

On Thanksgiving Monday our offering is for World Renew. *"World Renew, compelled by God's passion for justice & mercy, joins communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation. World Renew is the development, disaster response, and justice arm of the Christian Reformed Church."*

UPCOMING SERVICES

Oct 7	10 a.m.	Pastor John
	6 p.m.	No evening service
Oct 8	10 a.m.	Thanksgiving Day Service Pastor Carel
Oct 14	10 a.m.	Pastor John Lord's Supper
	6 p.m.	Communities meet

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Highlights from Administrative Council Meeting of September 25, 2018

- Jeff C from the CCRC go! Steering Committee visited with Council to give an update on the current status of the build project and on some of the changes with respect to the existing building cladding.
- Received and reviewed pastoral staff monthly reports.
- Pastor Carel will begin his short term work on the Abuse of Power committee for CRCNA next week. This committee was the direct result of Synod 2018 and the safe church discussion. Abuse also happens in the church and therefore this committee's work is needed and timely.
- Pastor John will be taking 4 week parental leave in January 2019.

- Pastor John has been asked to serve as Alternate Stated Clerk for Classis Huron.
- Heidi R has begun her role as Worship Coordinator at CCRC.
- Pastor Betsy's last day with us will be November 25.
- Received and reviewed various ministry and committee meeting minutes and reports.
- Deacon's fall food drive will be from October 7 – 14. Details are on the flyer in your mailbox.
- Discussed BOS Board of Stewards request for budget 2019 priorities and direction.
- Office bearer retreat planning is underway for November 10.
- Received and discussed various pieces of correspondence.
- Waterloo Campus Ministry is requesting an office bearer or member of CCRC to serve on their governing board. (Pastor John currently serves also.) Gender diversity would be appreciated.

Upcoming Pastors Class: Are you interested in becoming a member of Community CRC or have recently joined us? Are you sensing a nudge to make profession of faith? Do you want a refresher on who we are as Christians, Christian Reformed folk, and as brothers and sisters here at CCRC? Yes? Then the Pastors' Class is for you!


When: Wednesdays from 7:30-9p.m. at CCRC. We will meet for 6 weeks starting October 17 to November 21.

Next Step: Sign-up through the church office (office@ccrc.on.ca) or on the sign-up sheet at the Information Centre.

Cadets (a club for boys ages 7 – 13) will meet tomorrow, Monday, October 1 at 7:00 pm at the church.

L.A.F.F. (Life After Fifty Five) will meet this Tuesday 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 #2 of King David. Lunch will be provided.

The Knifty Knitters met this past Tuesday at the church and packed up the projects they were working on over the summer for Faith's Orphan in Zambia, Africa. They collected 51 blankets, 42 sweaters, 80 dresses; 103 dolls and bears; 26 baby hats and 4 sweater sets! If you have extra yarn around your house and would like to donate it to this cause, please contact May H.

Friendship News: This past Tuesday evening,  61 people came out for our lasagna and pizza supper - a great start to our new season. This coming Tuesday we start a program at 7:00 pm with a lesson on God creating the world. Mentors, your friend may need reminding with a phone call. Interested in volunteering? Call Pastor Bernie, Derrick G or Colin D.

Coffee Break meets this Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. 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.

Coffee Break: The Coffee Break Ministry is looking for nursery help on the following Dates:

Infant Nursery (0-9 months) October 10th and 17th

Crawler Nursery (Ages 9-18 months) - Each Wednesday until December 12th

For more information, please contact Melodie B.

Impact - to all our High School aged Youth:

It's time to start IMPACT. Our first meeting will be Wednesday **October 3, 2018** at the church. Come check out what this is all about. If you want to visit with your friends for a bit prior to the meeting – please come a bit early as we will be starting at **7 p.m. sharp**.

GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Saviour ages 7-13): GEMS, get ready for a Harvest Party! Come ready for fun, games, and food this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Our club has been growing by leaps and bounds this year. While we did have enough counsellors two weeks ago, we are now in need of two more women to step up into this role. Please speak with Shawna V or Kristin G.

GEMS Fundraiser: Having last minute visitors? Need baked goods for a school event? MacMillan's has you covered. They have a great selection of desserts, appetizers, and soups. With the profit from this fundraiser, you can help our Gems support our sponsored student from the Esther School in Zambia and the GEMS Ministry in Kenya. Order forms are available on the Gems bulletin board. Orders are due

October 11th and will be ready for pick-up October 25th.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon B.

Friday Night Dinners: This Friday is the first Friday in October....and that means FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER!

If you're a young adult at Community CRC, Waterloo CRC, or Waterloo Campus Ministry, then come on out to Pastor Amanda and Brian's house this Friday night. Dinner is served at 6pm, and we aim to wrap up at 8ish so you can head out for your Friday night plans.

Space is limited! Please RSVP to Pastor Brian by Thursday, October 4, so we know how much food to make.

The following ministries are looking for volunteers:

- The Worship Committee
 - Musicians
 - Sound Tech
 - Projectionist
 - Visual Arts Team
- The High School Youth Ministry
 - Youth Leaders
 - Parent Organizer
- Cadets Ministry
 - Counselors
 - Junior Counselors
- Sunday School
 - Teachers (SK, Grade 1)
 - Children's Worship Leaders
- Kitchener Auxiliary
- GEMS Counselors
- Teen Club Leaders
- Nursery Volunteers

Please check out the “Connect, Participate, Serve” bulletin board for more details. Prayerfully consider if you are able to give of your time and talents to become involved in one of these ministries.

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 Deacons bulletin board across from the washrooms for information.

Miscellaneous

New date but same great event! Woodland Christian High School's annual Dessert and Benefit Auction is only 3 weeks away! Mark your calendars now for **Saturday, October 20th, starting at 5:00 pm.** Plan to escape to a wonderful “Fall” themed evening. Invite a friend for a night of Fun, Food, and Fellowship! Call the school for more information.

Classis Huron of the CRCNA

Summary Minutes of the September 19, 2018 session held at Collingwood CRC

Chair Rev. Martin Dam (Stratford CRC) welcomed delegates and following the report from the Credentials Committee, declared Classis constituted. Rev. Victor Laarman (Collingwood CRC) opened with a reading of *Paul's Prayer* from Ephesians 3. Rev. John Vanderstoep (The Bridge, Fergus) then led a time of devotions, focusing on Acts 2:31 and that the establishment of a congregation is in fact somebody's dream becoming a reality. He challenged Delegates to imagine that their community had been chosen for the next church plant in Classis Huron and to consider possible answers to nine questions related to that 'dream'. Delegates had the opportunity to raise their voices in song and Pastor Victor then closed this devotional time with prayer.

Classis heard the examination of Tom Mosterd (Stratford CRC) for approval for Classical Licensure to exhort. Upon completion of the examination and an opportunity for discussion, Delegates approved the request. Pastor Martin led in a time of prayer.

Maynard Wiersma, Executive Director of *Christian Stewardship Services* provided an informative and insightful presentation entitled "How to Spark Generosity" which focused on encouraging stewardship at the congregational level and posing the question "What is your church's response to the Great Commission?"

Following considerable discussion on the recommendation from the Classis Huron Home Missions Team (CHHMT) to approve the *Missional Catalyzer* position, hiring of a suitable candidate, and financing of this position: Delegates approved a motion to table this proposal until the February 2019 session with a view for CHHMT to provide the goals, objectives, accountability, and measurability of the position.

Delegates concurred with the recommendation from AdCom as it pertains to the formal organization of River City Church: to establish an adhoc committee to clarify River City's leadership and membership structures, covenantal theology and how it is applied, and classical ministry support with a view for this adhoc to bring a report along with a formal recommendation to Classis by September of 2019.

Classis approved the proposed budget for 2019 as presented by Treasurer John Bell. Letters will subsequently be issued to each member church with 2019 per member values for both *Classical Ministry Shares* and *Denominational Ministry Shares*.

The Chair declared Executive Session to address the recommendation of Drayton CRC to accept the resignation of Jake Snieder and termination of his status of Commissioned Pastor for Youth due to a crisis of faith and affairs with two women outside of both the Chatham and Drayton church communities. Classis concurred with this recommendation.

Reports received:

- Rev. John Vanderstoep re: *The Bridge* church plant in Fergus and its focus on *Growing Disciples, Developing Leaders, Communities on Mission, and Kingdom Movement*.
 - Rev. Darren Roorda, *Canadian Ministries Director*, provided updates on the Bridge App (@ 60% for uptake), continued measurement of the five components of Journey 2020, and highlighted CRC ministry efforts featured in articles in *Faith Today*. Pastor Darren outlined the process for securing classical reps for the 2019 Canadian National Gathering and Classis Delegates took part in a spiritual discernment exercise in preparation for this event.
 - Atie Ott, *CH Safe Church Coordinator*, requested that the submitted printed report be read/reviewed by Delegates. She also noted: the increased recognition for Safe Church ministry, that more representatives had been secured for the Classis Huron Safe Church Team, and that the *Abuse of Power Committee* is to be established as a post-Synod 2018 action.
 - Amy Baarda, *CH Youth Ministry Champion*, reviewed leadership's required role to listen, support, provide resources/ideas, and encourage youth leadership to reach out. She also provided reminders of the EQUIP conference planned for November 17th and to pray for the annual youth fall retreat occurring at the close of September.
 - Rev. Brian Bork, *Waterloo Campus Ministry* chaplain, shared some of the experiences and realities of campus ministry including the challenge of campus culture, doing ministry, and the dream of increasing ministry capacity with the potential to increase staff. As a member of the CMLT, Pastor Brian shared that five candidates currently receive financial support for seminary studies.
 - Rev. David Tigchelaar (First CRC, Guelph) as a representative of *Guelph Campus Ministry*, shared that the new school year has started with a great deal of hope and holding God's hand of faithfulness with Neil & Virginia Lettinga having been hired to cover the 50% vacancy and to work with current half-time chaplain Sara DeMoor .
 - Synod 2018 delegation: Rev. John Medendorp (Community CRC, Kitchener) reported that both overtures submitted by Classis Huron had been approved in principle and forwarded to the *Council of Delegates* for implementation. He noted that the major areas of conversation had been: membership decline & broken relationship, justice & political engagement, and Safe Church & abuse of power. Delegate Rick DeGraaf encouraged [Classis] Delegates to take hold of the opportunity to serve as a synodical delegate in the future.
- The Chair extended appreciation to Collingwood CRC for hosting. Vice-chair Rev. Vicki Verhulst Cok expressed appreciation to Rev. Martin Dam for his leadership. Followed by a time of prayer, Delegates rose to sing The Doxology. Classis adjourned.

Classis Huron meets next on Saturday, February 23rd, 2019 at Bethel CRC, Listowel.

