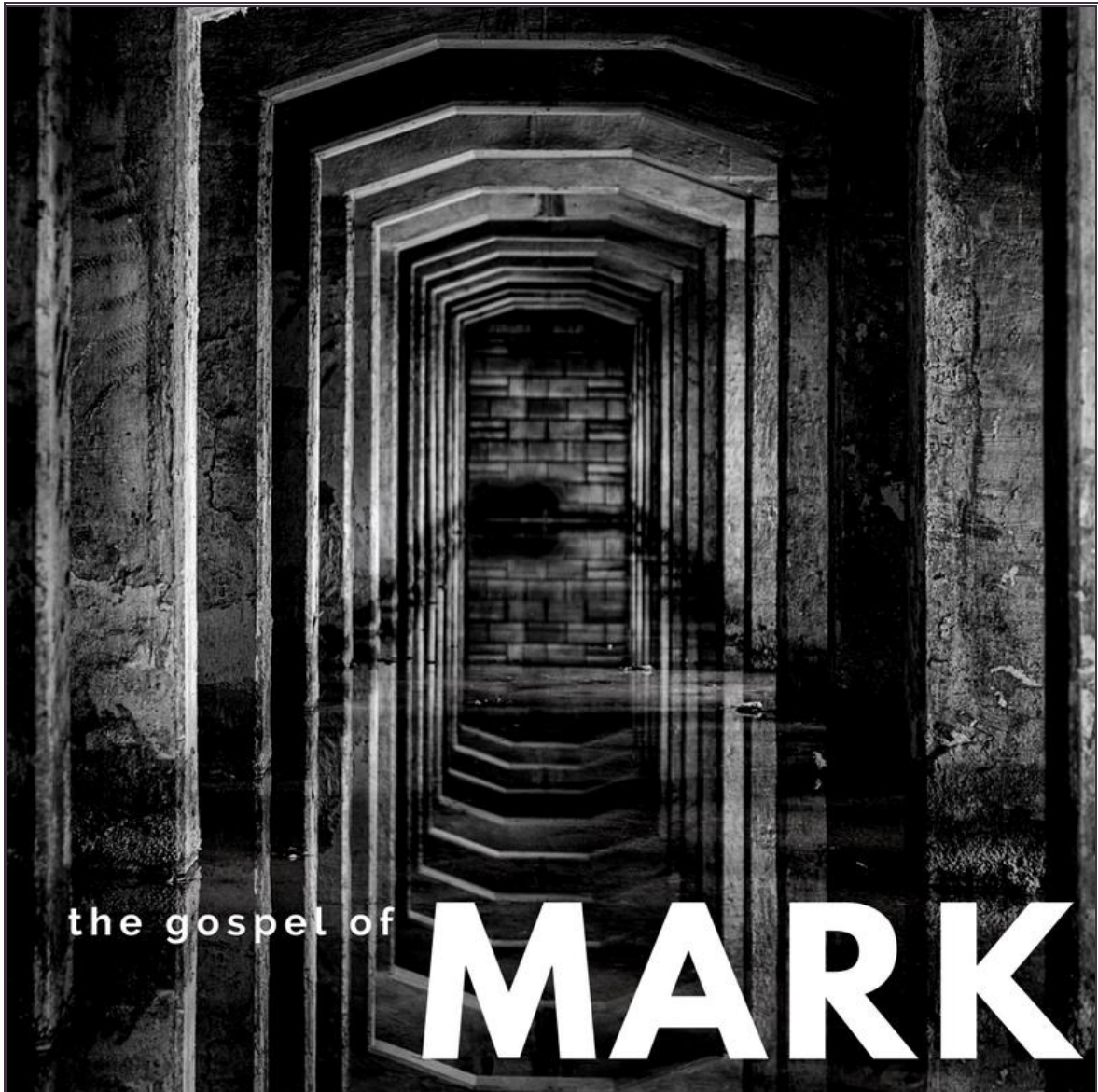


Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario
January 28, 2018



John the Baptist's Death

January 28, 2018
10:00 a.m.
Pastor Carel Geleyse
Elder-in-Charge: Laura D

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: *"O Come to the Altar"*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Songs of Praise: *"That's Why We Praise Him"*

"Be Still (For the Presence)"

"Beautiful Saviour"

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Institution

Prayer of Confession

The Promises of God

Profession of Faith of Emma G and Adam H

Congregational Welcome

*Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Song of Response: *"What a Beautiful Name"*

The Teaching

The Vows

The Baptism of Emma Charlotte H and Nolan David V

Baptismal Prayer & Welcome

Song of Response: PsH 111 vs. 1, 6, 7 *"O Give the Lord Wholehearted Praise"*

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 #327 vs. 1, 3, 5 *“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Mark 6: 1-29

Sermon: **“John the Baptist’s Death”**

Prayer of Application

Response to the Word

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

*Song of Response: *“Man of Sorrows”*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church
2) Ontario Christian Gleaners

Offertory: *“Behold Our God”*

*God’s Parting Blessing

*Doxology: *“We Receive Your Blessing”*

**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 - No Service at Church
Communities/Community Care Groups Meet
Materials can be found on the church website (www.ccrcc.on.ca)
Under the “Communities” Tab or hard copies are available at the Information Centre**

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Congratulations to **Kevin and Amanda V** with the birth of a son. **Logan Kennedy** was born on January 20 and all is well. The Vs are living in Brandon Manitoba but we look forward to celebrating baptism with them in our church on March 25. Praise God for this gift of new life!

Jane V (2) continues her stay in Tarboro, North Carolina where she is serving in her final week with a World Renew Disaster Response team as part of the cooking team for those working on fixing houses after Hurricane Matthew.

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;
- those dealing with depression and other forms of mental illness;
- those dealing with cancer, its treatment and effects: **Shannon B** (7); **Kerri O** (4)
- **Olga S** (11) who remains as a patient at St. Mary's and **Jane D** (14) who continues her stay at Victoria General in London;
- those dealing with broken relationships;
- 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; **Kim H** with Resonate Global Mission in Guatemala; **Hank and Rosario S** volunteering with Resonate Global Mission in Guatemala

- the persecuted Church;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

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



Feb 1 – Teresa R (6)

Feb 2 – Andy V (4)

Feb 3 – Rob K (8)

Feb 4 – LaVonne M (4)

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

UPCOMING SERVICES

Feb 4	10 a.m.	Pastor Amanda Cadets Participate
	6 p.m.	Pastor John
Feb 11	10 a.m.	Pastor John Lord's Supper
	6 p.m.	Communities Meet

OFFERING SCHEDULE

Budget Contributions For January 21, 2018 including PAR Pre-Authorized Remittance

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus
Jan 21	\$26,532	\$30,584	(\$4,052)
YTD	\$54,830	\$56,101	(\$2,271)
Resonate Global Missions			\$ 1,579
Benevolence Fund			\$ 975

This week our offering is for the Ontario Christian Gleaners. *“Ontario Christian Gleaners is an interdenominational Christian organization that seeks to visibly demonstrate God's love and grace by working with volunteers to collect, process, and distribute surplus agricultural produce for the relief of the hungry in overseas nations. They produce a dehydrated soup mix using surplus produce that is non saleable in the North American retail market due to colour, size or shape and use it to produce a nutritious soup mix that is used to feed the hungry overseas.”*

Next week our offering is for the Calvinist Cadet Corps. *“The Calvinist Cadet Corps is an independent (non-denominational) youth ministry organization whose purpose is to provide the local church with ministry programs that will enable them to effectively share Christ's love with boys from their church and community.”*

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

The Information Session regarding Children at the Lord's Supper is next Sunday, February 4 following the morning service. Join Pastor Amanda for a brief conversation that will cover CCRC's position on children at the Table, the CCRC process for welcoming children to the Table, and how you as a parent can walk alongside your baptized child as you discern their readiness to participate in this sacrament.

Highlights from Council Meeting January 23, 2018

- Council met with the Worship Coordinator Search Team. There are currently no new candidates for this position. Council will be undertaking a larger conversation soon on various staffing items.
- Classis Huron Church Visit – Rev. Martin Dam and Rev. Andrew DeGelder visited with Council on behalf of Classis Huron upon Council's invitation. A good and well-rounded discussion took place.
- Jen F, Melodie B, and Melissa H visited on behalf of the Coffee Break program to give an update on this ministry. The program is thriving and there is a need for more volunteers.
- Classical credentials for February 14 meeting were reviewed. Pastor Carel Geleyense (Vice Chair of meeting), Harry O (Elder), and Scott K (Deacon) are CCRC delegates. CCRC will recommend Pastor John Medendorp as a delegate for Synod 2018.
- Pastor and ministry reports were received and reviewed.
- An application from CCRC to Calvin Theological Seminary (CTS) for a seminary student intern to coincide with Pastor Amanda's upcoming maternity leave (June – October 2018) has been acknowledged by CTS.
- Received an update from go! Team re: pledges and schedules. Council will soon direct go! Team to begin permit and site plan applications.
- Safe Church Team has had an information discussion on mental health at a recent meeting. There is also a safe

church conference in Waterloo on March 3, 2018 which all are encouraged to attend.

- Missions Strategy Team is looking into potential mission trips for 2018.
- Office bearer nominations from CCG's will be requested soon.

Refugee Wait Times (A note from Christian Reformed Churches in North America / Canada) Churches across Canada, along with World Renew's Refugee Office, know about the challenges of refugee sponsorship in Canada, especially the long wait times that discourage sponsors and further traumatize refugees. Privately sponsored refugees can often wait, without updates on the progress of their application, for more than 16 months. Our system has become slow and inefficient. Other refugee sponsorship organizations in Canada, like the Mennonite Central Committee, or organizations advocating with refugees, like Citizens for Public Justice, have also seen the effects of wait times and the way this systemic issue undermines the good work being done by churches. Members of Parliament are in their ridings, away from Ottawa for the winter break—this is an excellent time to gather a small group from your church or community to talk with your MP about wait times.

The following ministries are looking for volunteers:

- The Worship Committee
 - Musicians
- The Worship Committee
 - Congregational Representative
- The Kitchen Auxiliary
- The Safe Church Team

- The Missions Strategy Team

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.

Hey VINE Members! There will be NO VINE Meeting this week due to the Community Care Group meetings today. If you have any questions, please contact Matthias M or Trevor B.

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



Friendship meets again on Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. at the church. This week we are starting our new unit, The Spirit Makes Us One: We Are the Church, session one. Derrick will be our storyteller.

Volleyball: All are welcome to join in for fun and non-competitive volleyball this coming **Tuesday, January 30 at 8:30 p.m. and NOT on February 6.** Volleyball will meet again as scheduled on February 20. If you have questions or would like to know more, please contact Adom P or check out our Facebook Page "Volleyball at CCRC".

Coffee Break meets this Wednesday, at 9:30 am 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.

Any questions, please contact coffeebreak@ccrc.on.ca.



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



**Student Impact
High School Youth (Gr. 9 – 12)**

Grab your winter gear and meet us at Chicopee Tube Park this Wednesday evening for a fun night of snow tubing. We'll slide and scream and twist and turn and drink hot chocolate! Can't wait! Drop off (6:45 p.m.) and pick up (9:00 p.m.) will be at the Tube Park. Cost is \$10. Hope to see you there.

Attention Grade 12 Students: Change of Date! You are invited to meet with the youth elders **next Sunday, Feb. 4**. We would like to discuss youth at CCRC and your plans for next year. We will leave the service at the same time the Gr. 4-6 students go out and meet in room 3. Snacks will be provided.

Friday Night Dinner: February 2 @ 6-8pm: Are you a young adult looking for a place to connect over a good meal? Join other young adults from Community CRC, Waterloo CRC, and Waterloo Campus Ministry at Pastor Amanda and Brian's home every first Friday of the month for dinner and conversation. Email Pastor Amanda to RSVP.

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

Kindergarten Information Evening for New JK and SK Students for 2018-2019: Laurentian Hills Christian School, located at 11 Laurentian Drive in Kitchener, will be holding an Information Evening for parents of new Junior and Senior Kindergarten students for the 2018/2019 school year on Monday, January 29th, at 7:00 pm. We offer both full-time and part-time kindergarten programs. You are invited to come and learn about the difference Christian education could make in the life of your child. If you have any questions regarding this information evening, please contact the school office at [519-576-6700](tel:519-576-6700). Check out our web site at www.lhcs.net

Dear Congregation;

As of Tuesday January 23, 2018 the total amount pledged for the go! Building Expansion Project is \$1,023,377.00. Wow....Praise God! This pledge amount is from a total of 130 donors out of a potential +/- 300 donors. The go! building fund is \$177,000.00 away from the \$1.2 million threshold to begin work (project total cost is \$ 2.2 million), and it is expected that another +/- 170 pledge forms will be collected. There are also some members who have made pledges 'in-kind', meaning they are committing time, materials, and resources to the project which is not included in the above amount raised. "In-kind" pledges include things like project management, excavation, concrete, and other services. It has been loosely estimated that these "in-kind" pledges will contribute \$100,000.00 to the project. We feel that \$1.2 million threshold is now well within reach and the go! Finance Committee will now begin calling on those who have not yet submitted a pledge form in order to confirm all of the pledges to this project.

The go! Building Expansion Project was proposed to begin work in spring 2018 and conclude in the fall of 2018 in order to reduce the disruption to CCRC's ongoing ministries as much as possible. In order to begin work in spring 2018, there is much work to be done with site plans and applications for permits with the local municipality that include lengthy lead times, before any dust can be created. If this pre-work is not done in a timely fashion, it is quite likely that the project would be delayed from its intended spring 2018 start date. This would disrupt the schedule further for our regular ongoing ministries, and quite likely increase the cost of the project. Council feels we are now at the point that we need to begin the pre-work submissions and applications so as to not jeopardize the schedule. In addition, some of the original donations received in 2017 were earmarked to be used for "pre-work" purposes if necessary. The payments for this pre-work and application process would not be due and payable until March 2018. Council feels that we will have attained the minimum \$ 1.2 million threshold by that time.

Council feels this project is well thought out, necessary, functional, and prudent for the life of our church; and the congregation voted 86 % in favour of proceeding with this project in October 2017. The go! Steering Committee and the various go! sub committees for this building project have been hard at work since December 2017 designing, reviewing, and planning for this project. It is Council's intention to direct them to proceed with the site plans and permit applications this coming Wednesday January 31, 2018. If there are any members of the congregation who feel strongly against this Council decision, they should advise of their objections in writing to Harry O's mailbox or by email to clerk@ccrc.on.ca by no later than Tuesday January 30, 2018 at 12:00 noon.

CCRC Council