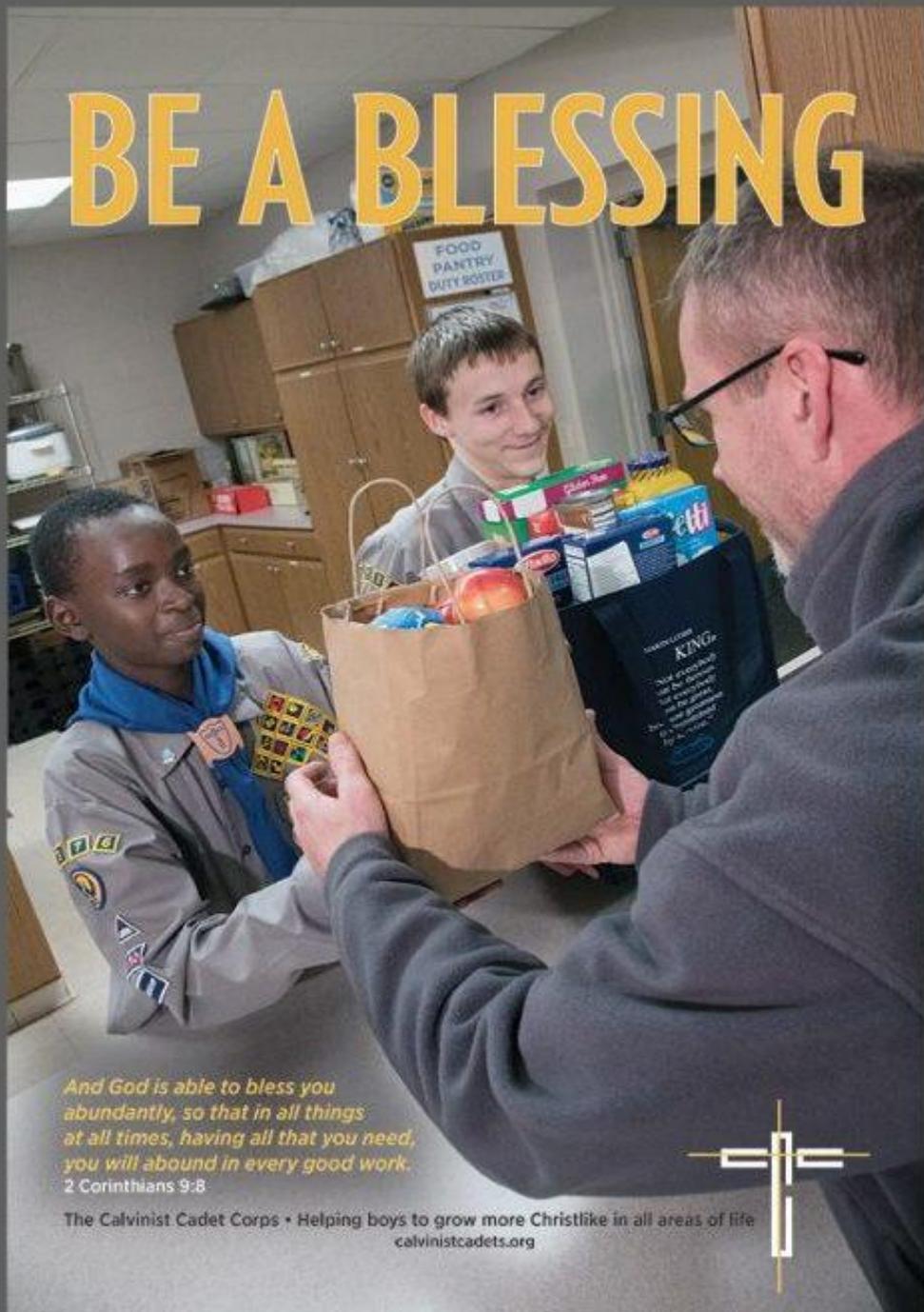


Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario
February 24, 2019

BE A BLESSING



And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.
2 Corinthians 9:8

The Calvinist Cadet Corps • Helping boys to grow more Christlike in all areas of life
calvinistcadets.org



February 24, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Pastor Carel Geleynse
Elder-in-Charge: Chris P

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

*Please note, there is no Sunday School for children in Grades 2 & 3 or Sermon discussion for Grades 4-6.
All children in those grades are invited to stay for the entire service.*

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: *"Everlasting God"*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship: Psalm 117

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Praise: *"Come People of the Risen King"*

"Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down"

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Institution

Prayer of Confession

The Promises of God

The Teaching

Song: PsH #486 vs. 1, 3 *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

The Vows

The Baptism of Everly Jantje D and Lylah Ann S

Confession of Faith

Baptismal Prayer

Children's Blessing

Children ages 3 – Grade 1 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: *"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 105: 1, 5, 10, 19, 24, 30-35

Sermon: **“Be a Blessing”**

Prayer of Application

Response to the Word

*Song of Response: *“We Bow Down”*

Cadets Landmarks

Cadet Litany

Leader: Be a blessing. We have been blessed with riches and talents, which we can use to bless others. “God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” There are many ways we, as Christians, can be a blessing in this world.

Cadets/Counselors: We can bless people by sharing our abundance with them.

Congregation: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Leader: We have received much and we are thankful for this. We respond to God with love.

Cadets/Counselors: Jesus said, “If you love me you will keep my commandments.”

Congregation: “Whoever loves God must also love their brothers and sisters.”

Leader: The world and the communities around us are blessed when they see God’s love shown through each of us, His people.

Cadets/Counselors: God’s love fills us to overflowing

Congregation: “He anoints my head with oil, my cup overflows”

Leader: We are called to live our Christian lives in love, so that the world will know we are Christians by our love.

All: We are blessed to be a blessing!

Cadet Song: PsH #292 *“Living for Jesus”*

Ministry Update: Cadets

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church
2) Calvinist Cadet Corps

Offertory Song: *“Shout to the North”*

*God’s Parting Blessing

*Doxology: *“Go, My Children, With My 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.

There is no evening service today

Members have the opportunity to meet in their Communities or Small Groups today. 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

Congratulations to **Aaron and Lisa D** (9) on the occasion of the baptism of **Everly Jantje!**

Congratulations to **Kevin and Natasha S** (4) on the occasion of the baptism of **Lylah Ann!**

We rejoice with you as we were once again reminded of God’s covenant faithfulness to His people through the sacrament. May the Lord grant you all that you stand in need of, as parents, as you raise your children in the name of the Lord. To God be the glory!

Our condolences are extended to **Dale Q** (1) with the passing away of his wife, **Jean** on Monday, February 18, 2019. Jean passed away at Grand River Hospital at the age of 73. A funeral was held in our church this

past Friday. May the Lord comfort all who mourn.

Our condolences are also extended to **Carl and Wilma S** (14) with the passing away of Carl’s mother, **Jantina S**. Jantina was a grandmother to **Rebecca and James C (Calvin, Liam)** (6) and **Greg and Melodie S (Joshua, Connor, Lucas)** (9). At the time of the printing details were not yet available.

John and Anne D (13) are currently volunteering with World Renew Disaster Response Service in Hammond, Louisiana. They will be on site until March 16 helping repair flood damage that occurred in August 2016. Pray for safety and good health as they minister to those in need.

Joe C (2) will be going to the Special Olympics World's in Dubai and Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Joe, a long-distance runner, has been training hard and is now an even faster and fit athlete! **Heidi V (2)** is thrilled to be going along as Joe's one-to-one support person. There were 109 Team Canada Athletes who qualified at Nationals last summer in 9 different sports! Team Canada will fly together from Toronto on March 7 and return on March 23. The team will be in the UAE one week before the opening ceremonies to allow for the athletes to acclimatize to the warm weather and also get four days of UAE culture learning time. We wish Joe well as he competes and safe travels to Team Canada.

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;
- those dealing with broken relationships;
- those who are unemployed or underemployed;
- **Anthony and Barbara P** with Daystar Ministries on Manitoulin Island;
- the staff and leadership at the Journey
- the persecuted Church;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

UPCOMING SERVICES

Mar 3	10 a.m.	Pastor Carel
	6 p.m.	Pastor John
Mar 10	10 a.m.	Pastor John Lord's Supper
	6 p.m.	Communities Meet

OFFERING SCHEDULE

**Budget Contributions
For February 17, 2019**

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus
Feb 17	\$7,152	\$14,153	(\$7,002)
YTD	\$80,954	\$115,073	(\$34,122)
Benevolence Fund			\$ 1,564
Missionary Support			\$ 305
Woodland Christian High School			\$ 200
Waterloo Campus Ministry			\$ 100
Cdn Foodgrains Bank			\$ 50

Our offering today 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.

Next week's offering will be for the CCRC Refugee Fund in support of the K Family. The money collected in this offering will be used to support the Ks for their initial settlement expenses and during their first year in Canada. Although the K family has not been provided with a timeline for their arrival we are still anticipating that it could

happen with short notice. There is regular communication with the family and so we hope to be prepared as possible when they are finally able to come to Canada. Thank-you to everyone for their generosity to donate household goods and furniture as we now have most items we expect they will need.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Update from the CCRC go! Steering Committee: Praise the Lord! We are pleased that construction has continued to progress well and are excited to share that Phase 1 is 95% complete with work on Phase 2 already underway. By mid-week, we expect the new classrooms will be available for use. We are thankful for the efforts of everyone contributing to this project and we continue to pray for a safe site for those that are working each day here at CCRC.

With respect to how the phasing affects ministries i.e. classroom changeover, movement of supplies etc., each ministry is affected at different phases of construction and thus, Jim S has been reaching out to each ministry at appropriate times. If you have specific questions regarding the ministry you lead, please reach out to Jim directly.

From a financial perspective, we have received \$562,711 towards our expected project costs of \$2,180,000. We appreciate the gracious giving of Community CRC towards the CCRC go! project.

During the week there has been a lot of activity happening at the church. Although our best efforts have been made to not disrupt programs and staff, we recognize

that sometimes there have been accommodations made for inspectors, room choice for meetings etc. As a committee, we are grateful for the patience our congregation has shown during this time.

We will continue to provide updates such as these in the bulletin or email as necessary. In addition, we will continue to add new pictures to our Community CRC website - thanks to Pastor Carel for providing them. If you have any questions, please be sure to ask any one of the Steering Committee Team members - Neil S, Denise H, Jeff C, Gerald R and Jim S or our Site Supervisor Ben K.

Abuse Prevention Training: This week Wednesday, February 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary is a training night for ALL volunteers who have NOT had the Abuse Prevention Training in the fall. Did you know that this training is mandatory in order to serve? If you are unable to attend but need the training, please reach out to your ministry leader to go over the training binder with you. Otherwise contact Paula L to make other arrangements.

TODAY Booklets: The March/April 2019 editions of the Today Devotional Booklets are available at the Information Centre or on the shelves by the front doors. Large print copies were distributed to the mailboxes of members that have. Please, help yourself to a copy. The Korean print copies have been delayed and are expected to be delivered this week.

Cadets (a club for boys ages 7 – 13) will meet tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. at the church.



Knifty Knitters: If you love to knit and/or crochet, please join us at the church on Tuesday, February 26 at 9:30 a.m. for another morning of caring through crafting.



Friendship News: Friendship will meet this Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. at the church.



The Administrative Council meets this Tuesday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

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, inter-generational fellowship and spiritual accountability and renewal. Childcare is provided. Any questions, please contact Jen F.



Impact- this Wednesday night we will be going tubing at Chicopee Tube Park. 1600 River Road E Kitchener. Drop off and pick up will be at Chicopee Tube Park. 7pm-9pm. Bring \$10 to cover some of the cost. We hope to see you there!

GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Saviour a club for girls ages 7-13) will meet this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the church



Friday Night Dinner: March 1 @ 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 amanda@ccrc.on.ca to RSVP.

AOYC 2019 – The All Ontario Youth Convention is an opportunity for highschool-age youth to connect, worship and serve with other youth from across Ontario. This annual event is a highlight for many, and will be held at Wilfrid Laurier University May 17-20. More info is available at allontario.com.

In order to get the Early-Bird rate, you must register on-line on the AOYC site **before March 1. (this week!)** CCRC is also contributing \$50 for our youth who register before April 15. To receive the \$50 bursary, **do not pay online at the AOYC site.** Instead, select the option to pay by cheque when registering, print out the confirmation form, and submit it with your cheque payable to CCRC for the total amount minus \$50 to Steve or Michelle F. When registering online, consider the options to buy a T-shirt and donate \$5. If you have any questions, please talk to an Impact leader or contact Steve F.

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.

Inter-Classis Safe Church Conference - All are welcome at the Annual Inter-Classis Safe Church Conference, happening **this Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 9 - 3:30** at the Waterloo CRC. This year's special guest will be Bev Sterk from Lynden, Washington who spoke passionately at last year's synod about abuse and how to work to prevent it. Other workshops include "Circle of Grace" Abuse Prevention curriculum, policy and legality, cyber-bullying, and detection and prevention of suicide. All ministry leaders (pastors, elders, deacons, youth ministry leaders) and those involved with abuse awareness are urged to attend. For further information and registration visit www.wmott.ca/scc.

Walking Alongside - Youth and Mental Health conference - Registration is now open! Join us Saturday, April 27 (8:15 am – 3:30 pm) at Westdale Reformed Church in Hamilton, ON. Keynote speaker Stephen Doucet Campbell will address mental health challenges faced by youth and give practical ideas to walk alongside them so they can not only endure but thrive. Workshops will address youth and addiction, social media, suicide, and depression. Regular registration fee is \$50. Sign up by March 22 and pay only \$35. Student rate is \$25. Get details and register at bit.ly/walkingalongside. For information, please contact Miriam at mspies@crcna.org.

Shalom Israel, The 'Holy Land' Journey: Pastor Stephen Tamming of Trinity Christian Reformed Church in Goderich, Ontario is planning a guided tour of Israel from November 21-December 1, 2019. This tour

will allow you to experience firsthand the places of the Bible and the land where Jesus lived. During the tour we will go to Capernaum, Sea of Galilee, Jericho, Jordan River, Masada, Ein Gedi, Dead Sea, Caesarea Philippi, Tel Dan, Nazareth, Megiddo, Jerusalem and the Garden Tomb. At each location we will spend time reading scripture and learning how it applies to our lives. You can find more information about this tour by visiting <http://gotourisrael.com>. If you are interested or want more information you can contact Pastor Stephen.

MISCELLANEOUS

Woodland Christian High School Learning Tour: Interested exploring aspects of the Scottish Reformation and the Scottish Highlands this summer? Harvey Goossen, history teacher at Woodland Christian High School is leading a private group to Scotland from July 5-15, 2019. There are a few spots left on this tour. Please contact Harvey at Woodland if you are interested.

