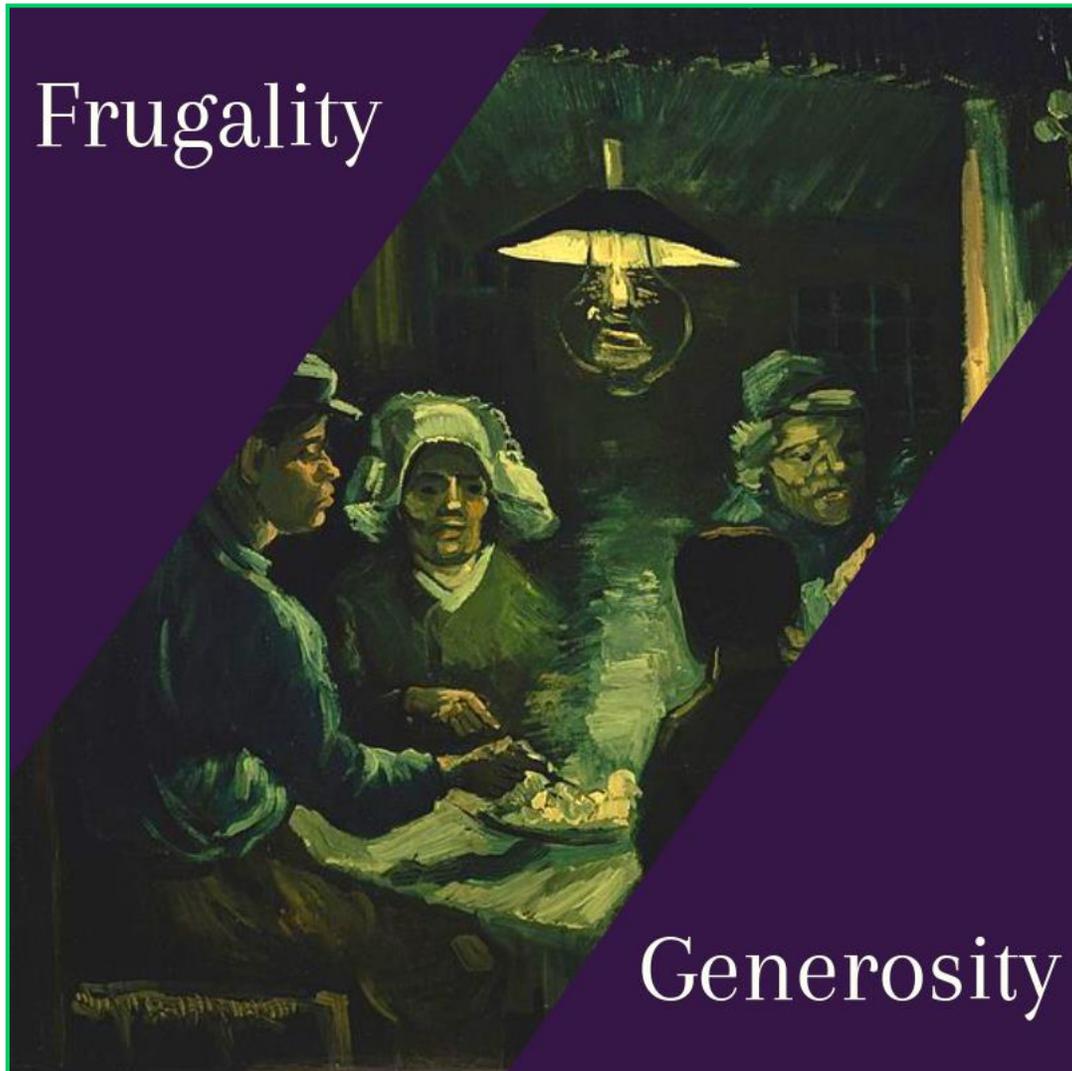


Community Christian Reformed Church  
Kitchener, Ontario  
March 31, 2019



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**10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor John Medendorp**

*Elder-in-Charge: Arno W*

[\* *Please rise, in body or spirit*]

## **Gathering and Greeting**

Gathering Song: *“As the Deer”*

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 42: 1-2

Leader	As the deer pants for streams of water
<b>Congregation</b>	<b>so my soul pants for you, my God.</b>
Leader	My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
<b>Congregation</b>	<b>When can I go and meet with God?</b>
	<i>moment of silent meditation</i>

\*God’s Greeting and Mutual Greeting

\*Songs of Praise: *“Great Are You Lord”*

*“I Give You My Heart”*

## **Confession and Assurance**

Call to Confession

Song: *“Hungry”*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song: PsH #379 *“What Wondrous Love”*

Confession of Faith: The Apostle’s Creed

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: *“Follow You”*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 58: 1-12

Sermon: **“True Fasting”**

Prayer of Application

### **Response to the Word**

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

\*Song of Response: *“Enough”*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church

2) New Ground (formerly Operation Manna)

Offertory Song: *“Your Love Defends Me”*

\*God’s Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: PsH #632 *“To God Be the Glory”*

**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 large room off the gym.**

**6:00 pm**

**Pastor Carel Geleynse**

*Pianist: Irene G*

[\* Please rise, in body or spirit]

### **Praise and Prayer**

Welcome

Call to Worship

\*God’s Greeting

\*Song of Praise: PsH #249 vs. 1,3,4 *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 115

Prayer and Share

Offering: New Ground (formerly Operation Manna)

## **Hearing the Word**

Song of Preparation: PsH #551: 1,4,5 *“Oh, for a Closer Walk with God”*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Judges 17,18

Sermon: **“Self-Serving Religion. Where is Your Heart?”**

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response: *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”*

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

The Institution

The Teaching

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song: PsH #298 *“According to Thy Gracious Word”*

The Invitation

The Communion - the bread is Udi’s gluten, dairy and nut free  
- the juice is non-alcoholic

Response of Praise:

Now to him who by the power at work within us  
is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,  
to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations,  
forever and ever.

—Ephesians 3:20-21, NRSV

**Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength  
and honor and glory and praise!**

—Revelation 5:12, NIV

Prayer

\*God’s Parting Blessing

\*Doxology PsH #627 *“Bless His Holy Name”*

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

Our condolences are extended to the following families who lost loved ones this week:

We mourn with **Jen and Pete D, Marc and Breanna** (2) with the passing away of Jen's mom, **Mrs. Arlene v.** Arlene passed away on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 in her 69<sup>th</sup> year. A funeral was held at the Aylmer Christian Reformed Church yesterday.

We also mourn with **Alice and Ralph V** (11) with the passing away of Alice's brother, **Mr. Henry R.** Henry passed away on March 27, 2019 at the age 90. Henry was an uncle to **Pauline M** (13), **Gloria L** (9), **Mike V** (5), **Annette Z** (7), and **Annette N** (13). A Celebration of Life Service was held yesterday.

May the Lord comfort all who mourn.

**Hetty F** (7), who is recovering from hip surgery in Owen Sound and staying there with her daughter, suffered a bit of a setback requiring more surgery this past Thursday. We give thanks to God for progress thus far and pray for continued healing and patience as Hetty deals with the setback.

**Al D** (3) broke his hip a couple of weeks ago and is presently recuperating at Freeport Hospital. Pray for patience and a good recovery.

**Olga S** (9), living at Lanark Long Term Care, is not doing well at all. Please keep Olga and the rest of the family in your prayers as they once again walk this difficult journey.

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

**You're Invited:** There will be a tea held for **Sandra K's** 85th birthday **today, March 31** from 3-5 p.m. at Forest Heights Long Term Care, (60 Westheights Dr.) in the rec room. Anyone wishing to share in this special occasion is invited.

*Congratulations* to **James and Rebecca C** (6) as they celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Thursday, April 4, 2019. May God continue to bless and strengthen their marriage for many years to come!

**UPCOMING SERVICES**

Apr 7	10 a.m.	Pastor Amanda
	6 p.m.	Communities Meet
Apr 14	10 a.m.	Pastor Carel
	6 p.m.	Pastor John
April 19	10 a.m.	Good Friday Pastor Amanda Lord's Supper

**OFFERING SCHEDULE**

**Budget Contributions  
For March 24, 2019 including Pre-  
Authorized Remittance (PAR)**

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus	
Mar 24	\$35,963	\$30,153	5,809	
YTD	\$173,167	\$217,839	(\$44,672)	
Laurentian Hills Christian School			\$	1,822
Benevolence			\$	950
FACE Fund			\$	202
World Renew – Disaster Relief			\$	100
Mission Support			\$	20

**Our offering today is for NewGround (formerly Operation Manna).** *“As of March 1<sup>st</sup> Operation Manna is now called NewGround! God is always at work. He calls churches to follow Him into their communities to share Christ’s transformational love with each and every person. Cities and neighbourhoods should be impacted and blessed through the social action and thoughtful, cultural engagement of local Christians.”*

**Next week our offering is for World Renew-Refugee Sunday.** This year, 2019, marks the 40th anniversary of World Renew’s refugee program in Canada and this upcoming Refugee Sunday, we invite you to join us in “Celebrating God’s Faithfulness.” But as we celebrate this milestone year, we remember the 68 million forcibly displaced people worldwide. Refugee Sunday is a time to reflect on the heart of God and His compassion for those in search of a home.

**World Renew’s Cyclone Idai Response -** Right now, 2.6 million people in Malawi, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe are facing devastation in the aftermath of Cyclone Idai. World Renew is working to deliver emergency shelter and lifesaving supplies to the survivors affected by the disaster. All donations for this response are eligible to be matched up to 4:1 through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. For more information and to donate, please go to: [www.worldrenew.net/cycloneidai](http://www.worldrenew.net/cycloneidai)

**COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS**

**Church Renovations:** We are entering the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of the renovations which involves the office area. As a result, the church offices are now in the multipurpose room meaning that ministries are unable to use that room. With the mpr out of commission, those who normally had coffee in this room after the morning service are now invited to fellowship and drink coffee in the room off the gym. **All** nurseries are now in their new location in the back hallway.

## Council Meeting Highlights Tuesday March 26, 2019

- Kristin G and Shawna V visited and reported on the 2018 GEMS program. As new co-leaders they are thankful for the opportunity, enthused and energized through the program, and not only are they hoping for more volunteers in 2019 they are also hoping to continue to grow the program.
- Kathy W (Treasurer) and Board of Stewards presented 2018 financial year end information. Which will be included as part of Sunday, April 14, 2019 Congregational Meeting.
- Discussions on teambuilding, staff structure, and transitional planning took place while receiving Pastoral staff report on strengths, weakness, opportunities, and threats with current staff structure. Dave D from CRC Pastor Church Resources will be enlisted as a resource. Classis Hamilton has extended an invitation to CCRC to be part of a Healthy Church conference on Saturday April 13.
- Discussion on vacant worship coordinator position and next steps.
- Received various staff and ministry reports for information.
- Approved a revised and updated Abuse Prevention Policy for CCRC, which now includes a harassment policy.
- Reviewed a list of proposed officebearer nominees.
- Reviewed Congregational Meeting Agenda scheduled for Sunday April 14, 2019 after morning service. **The Agenda for the**

**meeting is in your church mailbox this morning.**

**Abuse Prevention Training:** Attention all volunteers who have not yet had the Abuse Prevention Training in the fall or are looking ahead to Vacation Bible School or other summer programs. Did you know that this training is mandatory in order to serve? The Safe Church Team has recognized that many still have yet to do the training. Therefore, we are offering a training night: **April 24th at 7:30pm in the Church Sanctuary.** Questions? Contact Paula L.

**The next LAFF/Seniors' Trip** is scheduled for Thursday, May 30, 2019. The tour will include stops at the Windmill Country Market and the Alexander Graham Bell Homestead in Brantford. There will also be a coffee break in the morning and a lunch stop at noon. The cost will be the usual \$60.00 per person. Sign up by sending a cheque to Rinze V. Keep in mind that there will not be a refund for a cancellation unless there is a waiting list. Refer any questions to Rinze V by phone or e-mail.

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



**L.A.F.F. (Life After Fifty-Five)** meets this Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the church. Pastor Bernie will lead the group in Lesson #9 of "David". Coffee and Fellowship is at 10:15 a.m. with the meeting to start at 10:45. Lunch will be provided.

**The Knifty Knitters** met this past week and packed up the projects they have been working on over the past number of months. They made 36 sweaters, 95 blankets, 80 dolls, 70 dresses, and donated a number of baby sets, baby hats, washcloths, potholders and miscellaneous items. All donated items are shipped overseas to Faith's Orphans in Zambia [www.faithsorphanfund.org](http://www.faithsorphanfund.org). Thank you to all those who donated of their time (knitting, crocheting, sewing) and/or materials! If you would like to donate yarn or material to this cause, please contact May H.

**Friendship News:** meet this Tuesday night at 7:00 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.



**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: April 5 @ 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.

**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.**

**Classis Huron invites applications** for a part-time two-day a week Mission Catalyzer position. If you are a mission minded, motivated, visionary person who is excited to engage in equipping, encouraging and empowering congregations with the resources and training to further develop mission-shaped ministries both locally and globally, this may be your opportunity. For full job description see position posting at <https://network.crcna.org/church-positions> Resumes will be received at [churonmissioncatalzyer@gmail.com](mailto:churonmissioncatalzyer@gmail.com) until April 18/2019.

**Groundwork: Samson And The Riddle Of Grace** - Samson was born to serve God, and yet he fails over and over again. Sounds familiar? Study Judges 13-16 with Groundwork to see God's grace at work in the life of his imperfect servant and be assured that God's grace is always bigger than our failures. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**You're invited to Redeemer University College's Spring Concert.** Join them on April 12th at 7:30 p.m. for this free event featuring highlights from Redeemer Music students and the concert choir, concert band and jazz

ensemble. For more information, visit [redeemer.ca/spring-concert](http://redeemer.ca/spring-concert).

**Inspirational Women's Conference:** Saturday, April 27th, 2019 at the Meeting House in Oakville, ON. All women are invited for a day of inspiration, worship and fellowship with the theme of **In You. I Am. Enough. My grace is sufficient. 2 Cor. 12:9** Speaker: Megan Fate Marshman, Worship Leader: Brooke Nicholls, Storyteller: Sara Weber. Come and be refreshed and renewed; bring your friends! For more information and to register online, go to: [www.inspirationalwomen.ca](http://www.inspirationalwomen.ca).

**Walking Alongside - Youth and Mental Health conference** - 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. Student rate is \$25. Get details and register at [bit.ly/walkingalongside](http://bit.ly/walkingalongside). For information, please contact Miriam at [mspies@crcna.org](mailto:mspies@crcna.org).

**Shalom Israel, The 'Holy Land' Journey:** Pastor Stephen 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 at [trinity.pastorstephen@gmail.com](mailto:trinity.pastorstephen@gmail.com).

