

Community Christian Reformed Church  
Kitchener, Ontario  
April 15, 2018



**April 22, 2018**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor John Medendorp**

*Elder-in-Charge: Gerald R*

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

### **Gathering and Greeting**

Gathering Song: *"Step by Step"*

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

\*Songs of Praise: *"I Want to Be Like Jesus"* (GEMS)

*"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"*

### **The Sacrament of Baptism**

The Institution

Prayer of Confession

The Promises of God

The Teaching

The Vows

The Baptism of Julia Rose B, Jasmine Aioub G, Elliot John H

Baptismal Prayer

Song of Response: *"This is Amazing Grace"*

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: *"Thy Word"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 John 2: 1-11

Sermon: **"In His Steps"**

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 #264 *"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"*

GEMS Ministry Update

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church  
2) GEMS Girls Club

Offertory Song: *"Freedom Song"*

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: *"Agnus Dei"*

**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.**

**Reminder: High School Youth Ministry Brainstorming Session FOR YOUTH!** Join Pastor Amanda immediately after the morning service TODAY in Classroom #1 for a 30 minute brainstorming discussion on what high school youth ministry looks like here at CCRC.

*PS. There will be donuts!*

**6:00 pm - No Service at Church**

**Communities/Community Care Groups Meet**

**Materials can be found on the church website ([www.ccrcc.on.ca](http://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*

Our condolences are extended to **Dorothy O** (14) and **John and Tina O and their children, Megan, Jocelyn and Kelton** (13) with the passing away of Dorothy's brother, **Mr. Samuel D.** Mr. D passed away on Sunday, April 15, 2018 at the age of 80. A funeral service was held this past Friday in Elmira.

**Don F** (8) was admitted to Grand River Hospital on April 10 and is still there as doctors seek to find out what is ailing him. Pray for healing and an abiding sense of God's presence. At the time of writing it was not known when he would be allowed to return home.

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 which can be so debilitating and with which many people suffer privately;
- those dealing with cancer, its treatment and effects: **Shannon B** (7);
- **Olga S** (11) who remains as a patient at St. Mary's until alternative housing can be arranged;
- 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 persecuted Church;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation.

*Belated Congratulations* to **Wilma S** (6)



who celebrated her birthday on April 16 and to **Bill P** (14) who celebrated his birthday on April 18.

*Congratulations* to **Katherine H**

(6) who celebrates her birthday on April 24 and to **Alice V** (5) who celebrates her birthday on April 27. May they all experience God's richest blessings in the coming year and as they celebrate their birthday!

### OFFERING SCHEDULE

#### Budget Contributions For April 8, 2018

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus
Apr 8	10,080	12,758	(2,679)
YTD	210,480	232,093	(21,613)
April 15 – no offering due to storm			0
Christian School Foundation			\$ 1,682
Calvin Seminary			\$ 50
Cdn Foodgrains Bank			\$ 50
Friendship Ministries			\$ 40
Benevolence Fund			\$ 10
Centre for Public Dialogue			\$ 10

**This week our offering is for the GEMS Girl's Club.** GEMS is an acronym for Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior. GEMS Girls' Clubs is a place to belong, and at club, girls are welcomed into a vibrant community of mentors and peers who genuinely care about them. GEMS is an exciting, safe environment for girls to learn about God, His Word, and His world.

**Next week our offering is for World Renew – Refugee Sunday.** Since 1979, World Renew has been working with churches and the Canadian public to sponsor and help resettle refugees. Through World Renew's Refugee Office, Christian Reformed Churches and other church partners in Canada have had the opportunity to welcome refugees and assist them as they resettle.

yourself to a copy of their newsletter at the Information Desk.

**COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS**

**The Spring Congregational Meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, April 29 immediately following the morning service.** The agenda for the meeting is available in your church mailbox this morning. Additional copies of the agenda are available at the Information Centre. All members are invited and encouraged to attend to keep informed with the happenings at the church.

**Scheduling Change:** Due to the cancellation of the worship services this past Sunday, The Friendship Group will be participating in the morning service on May 6.

**UPCOMING SERVICES**

April 29	10 a.m.	Pastor Amanda Spring Congregational Meeting following the service
	6 p.m.	Pastor John
May 6	10 a.m.	Pastor Amanda Friendship Group Participates
	6 p.m.	Communities Meet

**The 2018 Church Directory** is in your mailbox this morning. While every effort was made to ensure accuracy, mistakes can be made. If you notice that your contact information is incorrect, please let me know as soon as possible and so I can put a correction in the bulletin. Thank you.  
Donna V.

**MISSIONARY CORNER**

We received an update from **Anthony and Barbara P** who work with Daystar Native Outreach on Manitoulin Island. Their newsletter includes reasons for prayer and praise and an update on the construction work being done there. Please help

**Congregation E-mail Listing:** This past Saturday evening an email was sent from the church office to the entire congregation indicating that the worship services were cancelled for Sunday (April 15). If you did NOT receive this email but would like to receive congregational updates on a regular basis, please send a note to the church office ([office@ccrc.on.ca](mailto:office@ccrc.on.ca)) indicating that you would like to be included on the contact list.

**Today Booklets:** The May/June 2018 edition of the Today Devotional Booklet is available today. Large Print copies are in the mailboxes of members who have requested them. Regular print copies are available at the Information Centre or on the shelves by the front doors. Please help yourself!

**Dive into Doctrine:** Youth and adults (grades 6 and up) are invited to join us every **Wednesday from April 18 to May 16** in the sanctuary for our intergenerational catechism class on the Belhar Confession. This Wednesday, all members (even kids!) are invited to join us for the Blanket Exercise, an interactive exercise that helps us understand the experience of Indigenous peoples in North America. This exercise requires removing shoes and standing/walking for about 45 minutes (if this is a barrier to participation please alert the office so that arrangements can be made). Fellowship and refreshments begins at 7, devotions in the sanctuary at 7:15, and the exercise at 7:30.

**Knifty Knitters:** If you love to knit and/or  crochet, please join us at the church on Tuesday, April 24 at 9:30 a.m. for another morning of caring through crafting. Visitors are always welcome.

**Council** meets on Tuesday, April 24 at the church at 7:30 p.m.

**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   
**Coffee Break Small Groups**

and renewal. Childcare is provided. Any questions, please contact [coffeebreak@ccrc.on.ca](mailto: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. This is the final meeting of this ministry year. 

### **Teen Club Grade 7 & 8**

It's the final countdown! Our last event of the year is coming up...quickly! Friday April 27th, we'll meet here at the church from 7:00-9:00. It's a Star Wars themed night, since May the Fourth is coming up! Come dressed up as one of your favorite characters if you'd like. There will be games and food...as in a BBQ!! Bring an appetite and hang out with the friends you've made & hung out with this year. The leaders will be there to get some great games going. They'll wrap things up with you and connect one last time!! See you there!!! RSVP by emailing us at [youth@ccrc.on.ca](mailto:youth@ccrc.on.ca)

### **Student Impact (Gr. 9 – 12)**

Thanks to everyone who came out this past Friday for our regular season year end celebration. But we're not done! We have some fun off-site social activities planned for the summer so that you can stay connected and have fun with your friends. The first will be May 9th. We are planning on getting together for a dinner and movie night. We will meet at Swiss Chalet on Ira Needles Boulevard to enjoy a meal together and then we plan to walk over to the

theatre to see The Avengers: Infinity war! Keep your eye on the bulletin, Instagram and text for all the details.

**Friday Night Bible Study** will meet this Friday April 27 at 7:30 at the home of Richard and Ina D. Please let Richard or Ina know if you can or can't make it.

#### 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.**

**Justice, Heroes, And Jesus** - The pervasive nature of injustice can make our efforts to seek justice feels insignificant. Join Groundwork in studying Isaiah 1:11-17, Hebrews 7:23-8:2, Matthew 5:1-12, and Ephesians 1:18-23 to find confidence in our pursuit of justice by recognizing Christ as prophet, priest, and king. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

#### **The Banner - Keep the Conversation Going!**

The once-a-year appeal for The Banner, the monthly magazine of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, is in your mailbox this morning. The Banner is delivered free of charge to every household in the CRC in print and online. To keep the conversation going look for the annual appeal in your mailbox or give online now at:

[www.thebanner.org/donate](http://www.thebanner.org/donate)

#### MISCELLANEOUS

**Camp Shalom Summer Staff** - Camp Shalom is looking for summer staff. If you love Jesus and like working with kids or individuals with special needs, then this might be for you. Work outdoors, with great people, while making a meaningful impact on campers' lives. All positions are paid and you must be 17 before Dec. 31st, 2018. Visit [www.countrysidecamp.com](http://www.countrysidecamp.com) to apply.

