



May 6, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Amanda Bakale

Elder-in-Charge: Arno W

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: *"Friendship Song"*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

All: Serve the Lord with gladness!

Leader: Come into his presence with singing!

All: Know that the Lord, he is God!

Leader: It is he who made us, and we are his;

All: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Songs of Praise: PsH #241 *"This is the Day"*

PsH #401 *"Oh, How Good is Christ the Lord"*

"I Am the Church"

Friendship Litany

Lord, we gather as chosen people, holy and dearly loved.

Clothe us with compassion and kindness.

We gather as chosen people, forgiving grievances we have against each other as you have forgiven us.

Clothe us with humility and gentleness.

We gather as chosen people bound together in perfect unity.

Clothe us with patience and love.

May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts and clothe us with the virtue of love that we may always be thankful. Amen.

Song of Dedication: PsH #601 *"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"*

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: *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

Dramatic Presentation: Stone Soup

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 7-11 (NirV)

Meditation

Prayer of Application

Response to the Word

Children in Grades 4-6 are invited to participate in their weekly sermon discussion. This is the final discussion for this season.

*Song of Response: *"Bind Us Together, Lord"*

Prayer and Share

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church
2) Friendship Ministries Canada

*Song of Dedication: *"They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love"*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: *"The Circle Song"*

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

Shannon B (7) received the good news that her recent surgery was successful and she has been declared cancer free! There are still 6 chemo treatments needed and then it is over! Praise the Lord! May the Lord allow the B family to move into a more "normal" way of life.

Lani C (2) was admitted to Grand River Hospital with some health concerns last Sunday. Pray for God's continued grace in Lani's life and that she may be able to return home soon.

Janette W (13) underwent successful surgery this past Monday and is now recovering at home.

Marjo M (14) underwent knee replacement surgery in one of her knees this past week and came through it all successfully. She is now recovering at home.

Jenny O (8) underwent hip surgery this past week which was needed as the result of a fall. The surgery went well and she is now recovering at home. Please call before visiting.

Margaret M (13) was admitted to Grand River Hospital this past Tuesday. She has been experiencing some health challenges of late and she is presently under observation and testing to see what the problem may be.

On April 27, John O, the brother of **Peter O** (5), underwent emergency surgery for an abscess in his spine. The abscess compressed his spinal cord and may have damaged it; he is currently paralyzed, and he faces a long and uncertain recovery. Please pray for John and his family as he recovers from the surgery and prepares to undergo what will likely be a lengthy rehabilitation.

Refugee Update: Last Sunday we were reminded that we are sponsoring another refugee family but did not know when they would be interviewed by the Canadian embassy or even when they might be coming to Canada. Well, word was received this week that the **K** family have an interview scheduled for June 11. The family has 15 days to notify the embassy that they will be attending this interview. Pray that the proper connections can be made so that the Ks can attend the interview and have the proper documentation.

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;
- **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

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



May 6 – Minnie H (11)

May 7 – Rinze V (6)

May 11 – Jerry F (14)

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

UPCOMING SERVICES

May 13	10 a.m.	Pastor Carel Lord's Supper
	6 p.m.	Pastor John
May 20	10 a.m.	Rev. Greg Sinclair Affirmation Vote for Officebearers
	6 p.m.	No evening service due to the long weekend

Next week during the morning service we will be celebrating the sacrament of Communion. The Council of Community CRC invites believers of all ages to the table, following a public profession of faith. If you desire to come to the table but have not made profession of faith, please let a pastor or elder know so we can begin the conversation.

OFFERING SCHEDULE

Budget Contributions For April 29, 2018

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus	
April 29	11,655	12,758	(1,103)	
YTD	254,655	288,194	(33,539)	
World Renew – Refugee Sunday			\$	3,469
GEMS Girls Club			\$	50
Waterloo Campus Ministry			\$	20

Our offering today is for Friendship Ministries. The mission of Friendship Ministries is to provide resources that support faith formation and congregational inclusion with individuals with intellectual disability. Their vision is for people with and

without intellectual disability growing deeper in their relationship with God and with each other in community together.

Next week our offering is for Back to God Ministries International. For more than 75 years, Back to God Ministries International has claimed media to fulfill Christ's Great Commission to preach the Gospel and disciple believers. As the media ministry of the Christian Reformed Church of North America, Back to God Ministries International partners with other churches in North America and around the world to announce God's good news.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Communities/Community Care Groups: Today is the last Sunday where there is no regularly scheduled evening worship service allowing instead for Communities and Community Care Groups to meet. But just because there are no more set aside Sundays for gathering that does not mean that Communities ought to wait for September to meet again. Please consider ways to gather throughout the summer. There are a number of suggestions for discussion or activities in the material for today (found in hard-copy at the Information Centre, or on the church website at ccrc.on.ca under the "Communities" tab). Take a look and encourage your Community to keep in touch.

Church Library News: Further to the announcement made by the go! Team at the congregational meeting last Sunday that the church library will be closed during the

renovation project, please be advised that our last date for being open is next Sunday May 13, 2018. This will allow for all borrowed items to be returned by May 27, 2018 and to give time for the library to be packed up by June 1. So please check your shelves for any long outstanding items and return them as soon as possible. Also, thank you to those who have offered to help pack up the library, we will keep you posted.

As a committee we are working on a plan to open a mini-mobile library for at least Phase I of the renovation project. Stay tuned for further details!

Annual Church Grounds Clean-up: Calling all able-bodied volunteers! It's time to spruce up our church grounds after the onslaught of winter. There's raking and weeding to do, plus trimming and sweeping, etc. Many hands make light work, so if you can help, bring a leaf rake, and gardening tools. We'll start Saturday, May 12 at 9:00 am till noon, and then again Tuesday May 15 at 9:00 am. Please contact Bernie D if you will be coming. Coffee and donuts will be your treat!

Knifty Knitters: If you love to knit and/or
 crochet, please join us at the church on Tuesday, May 8 at 9:30 a.m. for another morning of caring through crafting. Visitors are always welcome

The Consistory and Diaconate will meet this Tuesday evening at 7:30pm at the church.

Dive into Doctrine: Youth and adults (grades 6 and up) are invited to join us every **Wednesday until May 16** at the church for our intergenerational catechism class on the Belhar Confession. This week, we will be looking at the theme of RECONCILIATION from the Belhar Confession, Article 3. We will also be hearing from Bernadette Arthur who is the Race Relations Coordinator in Canada for the CRCNA. Reflecting on the reconciliation story of Jacob and Esau, we will explore what reconciliation might look like in our culture and society. Fellowship and refreshments begins at 7, devotions at 7:15, and the exercise at 7:30.

Thank you to all our volunteers and attendees who made Coffee Break such a blessing this past year. Coffee Break is done for the summer and will resume again in September. We will be meeting each Wednesday morning at the Country Hills Playground (100 Rittenhouse Road) around 9am - 11ish. This is a great opportunity to invite friends or neighbours who may be interested in what Coffee Break is all about. Stay posted on our Facebook page: CCRC Coffee Break for updates on social events throughout the summer.

Student Impact - Dinner and movie night - Friday May 11. Please note the date change. We will be meeting at Swiss Chalet on Ira Needles Blvd and then walking over to Landmark theatre to watch Avengers - Infinity war. We are going to be reserving a block of seats so we will need you to RSVP **by Tuesday May 8** so that we can make sure that everyone has a ticket, and that we can all sit together in the theatre. RSVP by

email to youth@ccrc.on.ca. We won't know the exact show times until closer to the date, so keep an eye on your email and Instagram account for exact drop off and pick-up times.

Looking ahead: Friday June 1st we will be going to Grand River Rocks from 7-9pm for a guided rock climbing evening. You don't need any experience rock climbing to attend as we will have experienced guides show us everything we need to know. For those who have done some rock climbing already, Grand River Rocks has a variety of climbs to keep you challenged! Bring \$10 to cover part of the cost and a water bottle. Mark it on your calendar, and let's have some fun together.

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.

The Fruit Of Love - Most of us desire and long for love in our lives, not just a romantic love, but a satisfying love. Join Groundwork as we study 1 John 4:7-11 to learn about a lasting love that satisfies our deepest needs, a fruit and gift of the Holy Spirit in the life of a Christian. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Climate Change: Why it matters and what we can do about it? Friday, May 25 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Waterloo CRC: Do you know why many scientists are worried about the future of the world's climate? Why are so many governments still reluctant to act on this issue? What does the Bible have to say about our responsibility as Christians? What does the future hold for our children and grandchildren? What more you can do about it? Climate change is a growing factor in many crises today – from hunger and poverty to wars and forced migration. Dr. Henry Brouwer, Emeritus Professor of Chemistry and Environmental Science, Redeemer University College, will speak on climate change. Bring your questions and your curiosity. (Henry Brouwer serves as a member of the Climate Witness Project of the Christian Reformed Church. For more info, see crcna.org/CWP.)

MISCELLANEOUS

Spring into action for Christian Education: Woodland Christian High School invites you to participate in our annual *Nurture the Vision – Spring Fund Drive*. During this coming week volunteers from your community will be contacting friends of Woodland to ask for financial support. Your gifts have helped Woodland to provide excellent Christian high school education for over **40 years!** Donations help young people in your community and keeps the cost of that education affordable for as many families as possible. When you are called, please give to this important annual drive. If you have any questions or wish to make a donation, please contact **Brian & Lisa E**, the Fund Drive Coordinator in Kitchener/Waterloo or visit our school website for online giving options: www.woodland.on.ca. Thank you for your prayerful support.

Looking for childcare this summer? Please check the job posting on the bulletin board by the gym and the toddler and 2 year old nurseries for a possible contact.

