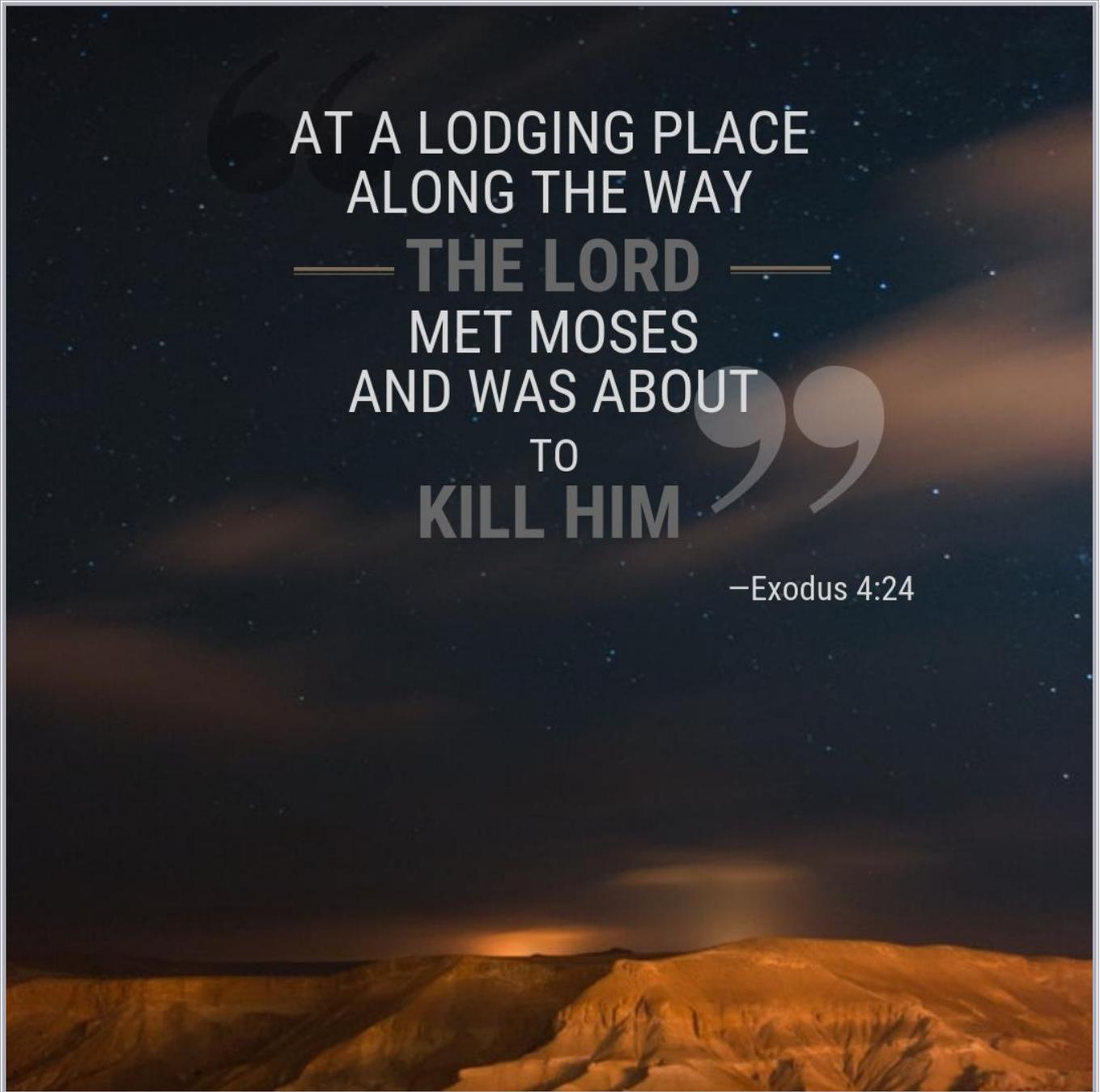


**Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario
November 4, 2018**

“
AT A LODGING PLACE
ALONG THE WAY

— **THE LORD** —
MET MOSES
AND WAS ABOUT
TO
KILL HIM”

—Exodus 4:24



November 4, 2018
10:00 a.m.
Pastor Betsy DeVries
Elder-in-Charge: Darlene B

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: *"Holy"*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Songs of Praise: *"Your Grace is Enough"*

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

Song of Confession: PsH #257 *"O Christ, the Lamb of God"*

Assurance of Pardon

Song: *"This I Believe"*

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: *"God, We Sing Your Glorious Praise"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Exodus 4: 24-26

Sermon: **"A Bridegroom of Blood"**

Prayer of Application

Response to the Word

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

*Song of Response: *"This Holy Covenant Was Made"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church
2) World Renew – World Hunger

Offertory Song: *“Christ is Risen”*

Song of Dedication: *“Behold Our God”*

*God’s Parting Blessing

*Doxology: *“Threefold Amen”*

**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

Pastor John Medendorp

Pianist: Joyce D

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

Praise and Prayer

Welcome

Call to Worship

*God’s Greeting

*Song of Praise: PsH #486 *“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 24

Song of Response: PsH #410 *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

Prayer and Share

Offering: World Renew – World Hunger

Hearing the Word

Song of Preparation: PsH #427 *"Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Joshua 24: 1-28

Sermon: **"The Covenant at Shechem"**

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: PsH #408 *"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: PsH #635 *"Glory Be to the Father"*

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Congratulations to **Aaron and Lisa D** (9) with the birth of a daughter. **Everly Jantje** was born on October 28, 2018 and all is well. Praise God for this gift of new life!

We pray for the following families who lost loved ones this past week. May the Lord comfort all who mourn:

Our condolences are extended to **Annette and Peter Z** (7) with passing away of Annette's father, **John S.** Mr. S passed away on Thursday, November 1 in his 89th year. John was a grandfather to **David and Dana Z and their children, Leah, Natalie and Landen** (7) and a brother-law to **Alice and Ralph V.** (11) The family will receive friends at Drayton CRC (88 Main Street) tomorrow, Monday, November 5 from 7-9 p.m. A Celebration of Life will be held at the church on Tuesday November 6 at 11:00 a.m.

Our condolences are extended to **Ray and Kristin S** (3) and their family, as well as **Chris and Danielle S** and their children **Fiona, Ethan and Micah** (3) with the passing away

of Kristin and Chris' father, **John S.** Mr. S passed away on Friday, October 26, in his 86th year after a lengthy illness. A memorial service was held this past Tuesday at Covenant CRC in Woodstock.

Lynda J (14) is quite ill and is presently in the Intensive Care Unit at Grand River Hospital. Pray that the Lord may be gracious and pray for recovery.

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: **Arend S** (11)
- 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** as they are currently without a pastor and are going through a process of discerning God's future for their congregation;
- the persecuted Church;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

Denominational Statement on the Pittsburg shooting (abridged) – October 30, 2018

In the wake of the tragic and horrific mass shooting at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on October 27, 2018, we mourn.

We mourn the wanton destruction of life through weapons and violence. We mourn the rising rates of anti-Semitic attitudes and actions, the increase of hate crimes in our communities, and in particular the persecution of people on the basis of their religious beliefs. We mourn that fear is on the rise, because everyone's safety is threatened through actions like these.

As Christians, we believe that all people bear the image of God. Any act of hate or violence, any attitude of xenophobia or bigotry, any words of exclusion or racism stand in contrast to our deepest beliefs.

We call on church members to follow the calling of Christ to break down walls of hostility -- whether based on political affiliation, religious faith, or ethnic background -- by reaching out in meaningful friendship toward people who are different from them.

We resolve to ensure that the CRCNA works ever more diligently toward interfaith friendships, antiracist relationships, and the

cultivation of peace and justice in each of our communities.

For the full statement please see: <https://www.crcna.org/news-and-views/statement-pittsburgh-shooting>

Congratulations to the following



members celebrating a birthday in the coming week:

Nov 5 – Arend S (11)

Nov 6 – Dorothy O (13)

Nov 7 – Peter S (2)

Nov 9 – Ben M (14)

Nov 10 – Barb R (6)

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

Congratulations to the following couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in the coming week:

Johan and Helena C (2) will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on November 6, 2018.

Peter and Annette Z (7) will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary next Sunday, November 11, 2018.

May God continue to bless and strengthen their marriage for many years to come.

OFFERING SCHEDULE

Budget Contributions For October 28, 2018

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus
Oct 28	\$8,587	\$12,758	(\$4,171)
YTD	\$608,404	\$726,863	(118,459)
Resonate Global Mission			\$ 1,452
Benevolence			\$ 100
Waterloo Campus Ministry			\$ 40
Disability Concerns			\$ 10

Our offering today is for World Renew - World Hunger: In communities where poverty is prevalent, men, women, and children often struggle to grow enough food, lack access to clean water, fight to rebuild after a disaster, and experience injustice. Through your contributions, you are helping those in need gain new skills and knowledge to improve their lives.

Next week our offering is for Back to God Ministries International. *“Back to God Ministries International aired its first radio program in December 1939 on one station in Chicago. From that small beginning, BTGMI has grown into a media ministry that reaches out in ten major world languages, and employs a vast array of media methods: from radio to the Internet, from broadcasts reaching millions to one-on-one Bible studies.”*

UPCOMING SERVICES

Nov 11	10 a.m.	Pastor Cecil V/Pastor Carel Lord’s Supper
	6 p.m.	Communities Meet
Nov 18	10 a.m.	Pastor John
	6 p.m.	Pastor Carel

Next week (November 11) we will be celebrating the sacrament of Communion in the morning service. The Council of Community CRC invites believers of all ages to the table, following an age and ability appropriate 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.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Update from the CCRC go! Steering Committee:

Dear congregation,
Praise the Lord! We are so excited that construction has begun and we are able to proceed full steam ahead with the CCRC go! Project. Since having approval to move forward, work has happened according to plan and moving along well. Progress has been made on less visible items such as gas line relocation and preparations for a new sprinkler system. Other items that are more visible include framing and structural steel construction for the additions with water service adjustments and grading coming soon. We are expecting the new additions to be water tight shortly with work on the inside to follow. A large display of the construction plan has been mounted on a

board for the congregation to view in the gym.

We are thankful that everything has begun smoothly and continue to pray for a safe site for those that are working each day here at CCRC.

Earlier we communicated to Ministry leaders that we expected the switchover for classrooms would be in the early December timeframe. With the delay in beginning construction, we now expect that to happen at the end of January. This means that there will be no change in classroom use until end of January and we will continue to communicate on classroom changes at that time. The following remains the same as previously communicated:

- The gym will continue to be available for use during construction
- Washroom facilities and kitchen will still be available during this time
- Nursery will be available the entire time during the renovation and will not be relocated until the new nursery area is complete

From a safe church perspective, we need to remind everyone that only authorized persons are allowed in work areas. Construction areas will be closed off through the use of doors and other manners, but we do ask that everyone respect the signage. Construction areas are not a safe place and we as a church are only insured for those authorized to be on site - those who have a license and appropriate safety equipment. We will continue to provide updates such as these in the bulletin or email as necessary. 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.

Treasurer: The Board of Stewards is looking for a member of the congregation to fill the position of Church Treasurer. An accounting designation is preferred for this position but the board will also consider candidates with a strong financial understanding and background. Please contact Chris d if you are interested in helping out in this capacity.

Attention all Ministry Volunteers! Do you still need to complete CCRC's Mandatory Volunteer Training? Did you miss the 3 sessions offered earlier this fall? Then feel free to join us for ours! Coffee Break is hosting an additional session of this **Volunteer Mandatory Training this Wednesday, November 7th starting at 9 a.m.** Volunteers serving in any Ministry who still require this training are welcome attend. Child Care is provided. For more information contact Melodie B. If there are volunteers in the church that still require the training but are unable to attend this session, please contact Paula L to make other arrangements.

This holiday season at CCRC, Operation Christmas Child boxes will not be available. The deacons will provide an electronic version or typed hard copy of the grounds for this decision. Some alternative gift giving ideas from our own denomination are the Ministry to Seafarers in Montreal and World Renew's Gift Catalog. In the Community we have Stuffin Stockings and Adopt a Family. Please contact your deacon.

GEMS and Cadet Breakfast Fundraiser and Pine Car Derby. Come Join CCRC Gems and Cadets for a pancake breakfast and a friendly race competition on November 17. Breakfast is 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. Races start at 10 a.m.

Everyone is welcome. Price for breakfast is by donation.

Advent Help: The Visual Arts Team is looking for help with decorating and the setting up of Christmas trees for Advent. We are hoping to set up on Monday November 26th starting at 9:30 a.m. If you can help that would be much appreciated!!! Come for as long as you are able. Thanks in advance for your help!!! Please contact Annette S if you have any questions.

Cadets (a club for boys ages 7 – 13) will meet tomorrow evening from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the church.

Knifty Knitters: If you love to knit and/or crochet, please join us at the church **this Tuesday, November 6, at 9:30 a.m.** for a morning of caring through crafting.



Friendship News This past Tuesday we learned about the work that God calls us to as His image bearers. Lots of fun too with our costumes! This week we welcome Waterloo CRC Friendship Club, and we will enjoy an audio-visual presentation on the beauty of creation.

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, fellowship and renewal. Childcare is provided. Any questions, please contact coffeebreak@ccrc.on.ca

Impact (High School Youth): Big Group meeting on Wednesday - starting at 7 p.m. and ending 8:30 p.m. Parents - if you are not getting e-mails from Marian Z and would like

to be on the list - please forward her your e-mail address.

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.



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.

Family Faith Formation Tip - Make prayer part of your everyday life with a family prayer bulletin board. Post lists titled "Things we're thankful for," "Things we're worried about," "People who need our prayers," etc. Add to your lists after school or at bedtime, then pray together about all your joys and concerns. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

Enjoy A Benefit Concert Hosted By Three Choirs - Crescendo, Men of Note, and Men of Praise are performing together and hosting a benefit concert at Maranatha Christian Reformed Church, 735 Frontenac Crescent, Woodstock, on Saturday November 17, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. Come and enjoy an evening of music with us! There will be a free-will offering to support the work of The Lighthouse.

LHCS Dutch Cheese and Christmas Goodies Once again, Laurentian Hills Christian School (LHCS) will be ordering European cheese, chocolate letters, croquettes and many

other goodies just in time for Christmas! (Although we have had issues with the cheese delivery this past 2 years, the cheese quotas were increased and we do not anticipate any issues this year). This is a great way to purchase a special gift for someone or yourself. Please place your order form, along with payment, in the mailslot of Sharon M or Elaine A by **Sunday, November 11, 2018** or to the school office by Monday, November 12, 2018. Order forms may be found on the bulletin board across from the washrooms. Orders will be ready for pick-up on Friday, November 30th from 2:30-4:00 pm in the LHCS kitchen.

Woodland Christian High School invites you to Heritage Day – A day honouring grandparents and special friends who help their students grow in Christ. Come and see what is happening at Woodland, visit students in class, worship together and enjoy lunch. Chapel will include the choir, band and dramatic readings. Coffee and refreshments are begin at 9:15 a.m. with the program starting at 10:00 a.m. For more information please email the school office at office@woodland.on.ca or call 519-648-2447. (1058 Spitzig Road, Breslau).

Procedures for getting a Police Vulnerable Sector Check

One of the responsibilities of volunteering with minors or vulnerable adults at Community CRC is to have a Police Vulnerable Sector Check completed and submitted to the office. This check is to be renewed every 5 years. We do this as a means of reducing risk and also for the protection of our participants and volunteers. A number of volunteers need to have the process done but are not sure how to go about it. Please read through the following instructions to complete this task.

If you are a resident of the Waterloo Region, please consider the following points as you follow through with the police check:

- 1) You can now apply online at www.wrps.on.ca. Click on *records – police checks* and scroll down to *police record checks*. Select either *ONLINE* or *ONLINE Records Check* and under the *Type of Request* select ***Vulnerable Sector Check***. When filling out the required fields, be sure to select *Volunteer* under *Reason for Request* so that you are charged the correct fee of \$10.
- 2) Once notified that the check is ready you can pick up the completed form at the police station at 200 Maple Grove Rd. or any station you have indicated on your application form.
- 3) You personally need to be present to pick up the completed form. Take two pieces of personal identification (one picture ID) and \$10. (At the Maple Grove Rd. Station cash, debit or credit card are accepted.)
- 4) When filling out the application form it is helpful to put down **all** the volunteer positions applied for whether at the church or elsewhere. This will allow you to use the Check at more than one organization and saves you doing multiple checks.
- 5) You can also by-pass the online wait by going directly to the Maple Grove Police Station in person. It is possible for most people to have it processed while you wait. Please be aware that if you have the

same birthdate as a registered sex offender you will probably need to be finger printed. (Done at the Maple Grove Police Station)

6) Put the completed original form in a sealed envelope in the Church Office Mail Box along with the receipt for cash paid.

7) Once the receipt for cash paid is handed in you will be reimbursed by way of your church mailbox.

8) Please be assured that the results of the Police Check will be held in the strictest confidence.

9) If **fingerprinting** is required (it is required if your birthday falls on the same day as someone on the sex offender registry) you will be asked to make an appointment.

10) If you are asked to make an appointment for fingerprinting please contact the church office in order to obtain a letter confirming that you are a volunteer at CCRC. This will waive the \$30 charge for the fingerprinting.

11) Once the fingerprinting process is finished you may pick up your Vulnerable Sector Check at the Maple Grove Police Department and return it to the church office in a sealed envelope along with the receipt for cash paid.

12) Just for your information, once the police are finished with your fingerprints, we are told that they shred them and not kept on file.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Church Office at 519-743-9482 or send an email to office@ccrc.on.ca.

Thank you for doing your part to help us keep everyone safe!

The Safe Church Team

As a resident of the Region of Waterloo, you can request a police check at any of the following divisions:

134 Frederick Street – open 24 hours

176 Hespeler Road – open 24 hours

45 Columbia Street East – open 24 hours

150 Maple Grove (the Police Reporting Centre) – open M-F 7:30am - 7:00pm – cash, debit or credit

Note: For those living outside the Region of Waterloo, you can request a police check at your local detachment of the OPP.