



Wallaceburg Christian Reformed Church

PASTOR: Tim Leferink

www.wallaceburgcrc.com

phone link: 519-627-2323

APRIL 26, 2026

**April 26, 2026
GEMS SUNDAY**

10:00 am: Pastor Tim Leferink

Welcome and Announcements

Song: LUYH #526 **Come, Now Is the Time to Worship**
Gathering BY God's Grace

*God Calls Us Into Worship:

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

**For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

—Psalm 100, NIV

*Opening Prayer

* God's Greeting

*Praising Our God

Song: LUYH #598 **You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)**

GEMS Girls Tell Their Story

GEMS Litany

Bible Verses: Matthew 14:22-33

Song: LUYH #361 **Because He Lives**

Prayer with the Children (*children ages 3 – grade 2 leave for Sunday School*) -

Song of Preparation: **You Are My All in All**

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 7:7-9

Sermon: "Bravery, God's Way"

*Song of Response: **Goodness of God**

Offering: GEMS Girls Club

Going WITH God's Grace

Congregational Prayer

*Blessing

*Closing Song: LUYH #947 **We Receive Your Blessing**



A warm and special welcome to the **GEMS Girls** and their families who are with us this morning to celebrate **GEMS Sunday**.

A warm welcome to all those who are joining us in worship today.

We are so glad you are here!

May we have a blessed day as we praise our awesome God!

~~~~~

**PRAYER:** If you would like someone to pray with you, Pastor Tim and/or the Officiating Elder will be at the front of the sanctuary after each service.

**OFFICIATING ELDER:**

April 26: Glen Lubbers  
May 10: Jim Kraayenbrink

May 3: Gary DePooter  
May 17: Wayne Vandendool

**OFFERINGS:**

April 26: GEMS

Deacons: Judy Vandendool and Fred Kraayenbrink

May 3: WCS Tuition Assistance

Deacons: Wilf Allaer and Jeff DePooter

May 10: Refuge Right to Life

Deacons: Kaley Bergsma and Judy Vandendool

May 17: Reframe Ministries

Deacons: Fred Kraayenbrink and Wilf Allaer

**THIS WEEK'S OFFERING: Today, Sunday, April 26 is GEMS Sunday!** It's not easy being a girl today amidst culture's problems, pitfalls, and pressures. You want her to feel confident, secure, and loved—for who she is. For over 60 years GEMS has provided relevant resources to equip moms, mentors, and ministry leaders understand the challenges girls face today. GEMS will equip you to help your girl embrace the Truth that she is loved by God—no matter what. Your gift will help support this wonderful program!!

**NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING:** Next week, **May 3**, our offering will be in support of the local Christian School. **Wallaceburg Christian School** has set up a tuition assistance program to financially assist those parents who believe it is best for their children to be taught in a Christ-based education system but have difficulty meeting the financial obligation to do so. All monies collected will go to this program specifically. Any enquiries about this program can be addressed by contacting: [admin@wallaceburgchristianschool.com](mailto:admin@wallaceburgchristianschool.com) or by calling 519-627-6013

**Bible Study:** The **Bible Study** on the book of **Hebrews** meets this week **on Tuesday, April 28st at 7 pm** at the church.

**FAMILY CIRCLE:** Continue to pray for all of our seniors, those who suffer illnesses, and those who are lonely or shut-in. May they feel God's presence in their lives and may He bring healing.

**Ladies Bible Study:** The **Ladies Bible Study** on **Micah—Hear and Hope in God's Word** meets again tomorrow **Monday, April 27th at 7 pm**. All ladies are welcome!

**SAFE CHURCH:** Council is seeking a new Safe Church Co-Ordinator. Please prayerfully consider serving in this role. For more information please speak to Diane Maguire or Wayne Vandendool.

**Church Yard Clean-Up Day:** You're invited to join us on **Saturday, May 23 at 9:00 AM** as we work together to spruce up the church, inside and out. Many hands make light work! Enjoy refreshments and fellowship as we serve together.



**BIT'S:** The year of 60 continues!

Last weekend we were visiting with family in the Collingwood area. It was a very simple idea of rest, meeting with the grandkids and maybe popping in on my sister for a coffee. It turned out to be a little different. There are schemers in my midst!

Along with the main schemer (Karen), they planned a 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party for me because we couldn't meet in February. It was a great time of getting together with my brother and sister, with both my children and of course, the grandkids. It was a beautiful time of connection and joy!

Looking back on the weekend now, I realized that the surprise birthday party was exactly what I needed. Not only was it good to reconnect, it was a reiteration of the love that my family has for me. I suppose I was running a little low, but now my heart is full. God is good!

**COUNCIL NOMINATIONS:** Council is presenting the following nominees for Elder and Deacon. Please keep the nominees in your prayers as they prayerfully consider their call to be an Elder or a Deacon.

The congregation will have the opportunity to affirm the entire slate of Elder and Deacon nominees on Sunday, May 3rd.

**Elder:** Dick Bulsink, Wayne Dykema, Bernard Kraayenbrink, Rob Kraayenbrink, Shawn Lubbers

**Deacon:** Bill DePooter, Tara Feddes, Chad Lubbers, Gerald Lubbers, Jillian Lubbers, Mikki Meyer, Ed Van Gelder

**COMMUNITY MEAL:** Join us **Tuesday, April 28 at 5 pm** for our **FREE Community Meal**.

We will be serving chicken, potatoes, vegetables, rolls, dessert, and refreshments. Come out and make the many that join us from the community feel welcome! All are welcome!!

**Kids Corner Devotions:** How Do We Care for God's World? - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "How Do We Care for God's World?" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Discover how amazing God's world is and why it matters how we treat it. Learn simple ways you can enjoy the outdoors, care for nature, and help keep our world clean and beautiful! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's Earth Day collection.

**TODAY DEVOTIONALS:** The May / June Today Devotionals are available on the table by the office. Please feel free to take copies.

**Chatham First CRC** is celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary of our existence in Chatham and as the first established CRC in Ontario. We invite former members and anyone interested to attend an Open House Reception at our church on Sat. May 9th between 1-3 p.m. and a Commemorative Worship service on Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in our church sanctuary. We look forward to seeing you there.

**SOUP & BUN SUNDAY:** Next Sunday, **May 3 is Soup & Bun Sunday**. If you are able, bring your favourite pot of soup to church and plan to stay for lunch after the service. Refreshments, buns, and dessert will be provided. All are welcome to join us for lunch.

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS**

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU;

THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE SHINE ON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU;

THE LORD TURN HIS FACE TOWARD YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE.

NUMBERS 6:4-26

April 26 ~ Laila MacKenzie

April 26 ~ Olivia Lam

May 2 ~ Nicole DePooter

The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.  
*Psalm 126:3*

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Abuse often thrives in silence and secrecy. This week educate yourself on what healthy relationships and safe church practices look like. Share a resource with a friend or ministry leader. Awareness is one step toward healing, justice, and prevention. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

**Congregational Assistance Plan (CAP)**

**Shalem Mental Health Network** provides professional faith-based counselling services to our church through the CAP ministry. CAP usage is confidential and available to all congregants, at no cost for the first 6 sessions. To book an appt, or for more info, please call Shalem directly at: **905-528-0353**, **1-866-347-0041**, or text **289-335-3543**,

### VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

| DATE                               | 26- APR              | 3 - MAY                  | 10 - MAY               | 17-MAY                 |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Sunday School Ages 3-5</b>      | Dana L               | Dana L                   | Dana L                 | Megan D                |
| <b>Sunday School Grades 1-3</b>    | Amanda V             | Amanda V                 | Amanda V               | Alie P                 |
| <b>Sunday School Grades 4-8</b>    | Lucas D              | Lucas D                  | Lucas D                | Lucas D                |
| <b>Nursery</b>                     | Shawn L<br>Valerie K | Cassandra H<br>Jillian L | Nicolina B<br>Jim K    | Talia V<br>Denise T    |
| <b>Roamer</b>                      | Rob K                | Bill D                   | Wayne D                | Jim K                  |
| <b>Greeter</b>                     | GEMS                 | Bernard &<br>Karlene     | Dick &<br>Carolyn      | John & Erica           |
| <b>Coffee Set-up/<br/>Clean-up</b> | Dick & Carolyn       | Jeff & Denise            | Henry & Tonda          | Jeff & Lisa            |
| <b>Scripture Readers</b>           | GEMS                 | John 10:11-30<br>Mikki M | Pastor Chuck<br>Wilson | Pastor Chuck<br>Wilson |
| <b>VIDEO</b>                       | Connor               | Lauren                   | Larissa                | Colin                  |
| <b>CAMERA</b>                      | Kyle                 | Ashton                   | Colin                  | Weston                 |
| <b>SOUND</b>                       | Jim                  | Casey                    | Edmund                 | Jim                    |

