



Devote yourselves to
prayer, being watchful
and thankful.

Colossians 4:2

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10:00 am: Mr. Randy Van Stempvoort


Welcome and Announcements
Gathering BY God's Grace
*God Calls Us Into Worship
*Opening Prayer and Greeting
*Praising Our God
Songs: LUYH #567 **"Here I Am to Worship"**
LUYH #574 **"How Great Is Our God"**

Growing IN God's Grace
Confession and Assurance
Song of Assurance: LUYH #691 **"Amazing Grace"**
God's Will for our Lives
Prayer with the children (children ages 3– 5 leave for Sunday School)

Song of Preparation: LUYH #762 **"Ancient Words"**

Scripture: Acts 2:42-43 and Colossians 4:2
Message: "Devoted to Prayer"
*Song of Response: LUYH # 896 **"Listen to Your Children Praying"**
Offering: Teen Challenge

Going WITH God's Grace
Congregational Prayer
*Blessing
*Closing Song: LUYH #938 **"My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"**

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A warm and special welcome to **Mr. Randy Van Stempvoort** who is with us  
this morning to lead us in worship.  
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!  
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OFFICIATING ELDER:
August 24: Gary DePooter August 31: Jim Kraayenbrink
September 7: Wayne Vandendool September 14: Nick Dykema

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.

OFFERINGS:

August 24: Teen Challenge
Deacons: Kaley Bergsma and Jeff DePooter
August 31: Teen Challenge
Deacons: Judy Vandendool and Fred Kraayenbrink
September 7: Chatham Kent’s Women’s Centre
Deacons: Wilf Allaer and Kaley Bergsma
September 14: WCS Tuition Assistance
Deacons: Jeff DePooter and Judy Vandendool

THIS WEEK & NEXT WEEK’S OFFERING: This week August 24 and next week August 31, the collection is for **Teen Challenge:** Who We Are: Helping people overcome addiction every day
Teen Challenge Canada is a 12-month, faith-based, in-residence drug and alcohol rehabilitation program, for adults 18+, that is part of a network of over 19 Teen Challenge Centres across Canada and more than 1,400 worldwide.
The program has a strong faith-based approach and offers spiritual, academic and vocational training that helps equip individuals to return to society as responsible citizens.
Our mission is to demonstrate God’s love by helping individuals become free from substance addiction and equipping them to live full and meaningful lives.
For more information about this program, check out their website at: <https://www.teenchallenge.ca>

Thrive Faith Formation Tip: In the book Unsettling Truths, theologian and professor Soong-Chan Rah writes: “Repentance is not just sorrow and confession, it is the turning around of wrong behavior towards right and just action. Repentance from sinful corporate behavior therefore requires systemic change.” Write down how you are going to pair your acts of repentance from “sinful corporate behaviors,” like racism, with acts of systemic change this week. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Kids Corner Devotions: School -- Do It With All Your Might - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “School -- Do It With All Your Might” at www.kidscorner.net. A new school year can feel exciting and a little scary, and that’s okay! Whatever you do—learning, helping, or being kind—do your best like you’re doing it for God, and he’ll help you along the way. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Kids Corner Bible Story Podcast Series.

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

Dan Thomas ~ August 24
Irene Kraayenbrink ~ August 25
Jamie Lyn Lubbers ~ August 26
Jacob Vancoillie ~ August 27

Every good and perfect gift
is from above, coming down from the
Father of the heavenly lights,
who does not change like shifting
shadows.
James 1:17

September SAVE the Dates:
• **September 7th**—Baptism of Rory Jacob Lubbers
• **September 20:** Ministry Kick Off BBQ
• **September 21:** chili /soup lunch after church to
meet with Rebecca Reeves from ministry shares



MIT’S BIT’S: This week, my grandson turns 6 years old. Yes, young Tim enters grade school this fall!
I can remember my first days at school. I really didn’t want to be there. I don’t recall kicking and screaming, but I do know that it was not a great experience for me. But my first-grade teacher was so kind. Her name was (and is!) Alice DeKleer. She guided me through those first days of school, showing me that it wasn’t so bad, that I could do the things other kids were doing, and I guess, most of all, that I belonged there. I suppose that’s the model that we need to follow as we welcome new people. We need to show them that the church isn’t some elite, members-only club. Welcoming people means greeting them with smiles, not expecting anything from them, and thanking them for being here. It’s about showing them that Jesus loves them, with whatever they’re dealing with, right now. They don’t have to reach a certain level of holiness before Jesus can step into their lives. Those that come should feel welcomed enough that they can join in the worship service. They can sing along with the rest of us. If they have kids, the kids are welcome in Sunday School and/or nursery. They are welcomed to our fellowship time following the service too. All of this opens up the door for them to belong. It’s not belonging to *us*, per se. It’s belonging to the body of Christ. We have the opportunity to take the apprehension away of someone walking through the doors of the church. Mrs. DeKleer did this for me in grade 1. We can do it for others here too!

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

DATE	24– AUG	31– AUG	7– SEPT	14– SEPT
Sunday School Ages 3—5	Casey D Dave F	Volunteers Welcome	Megan D	Megan D
Sunday School Grades 1-3	N/A	N/A	Amanda V	Amanda V
Nursery	Chad L Linda L	Nursery Unlocked	Beth L Torey D	Jordan L Joyce D
Roamer	Bill D	Wayne D	Jim K	Fred K
Greeter	Dick & Carolyn	John & Erica	Bill & Olga	Ed & Trish
Coffee Set-up/ Clean-up	Wayne & Joyce	Fred & Valerie	John & Erica	Jim & Lucia
Scripture Readers	Randy Van Stempvoort	Acts 19:1-20	Acts 28:17-31	Pastor Chuck Wilson
VIDEO	Avah	Lauren	Dan	Connor
CAMERA	Connor	Ashton	Kyle	Colin
SOUND	Casey		Jim	Casey

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**,

