



“Sir,’ the man replied,  
 ‘leave it alone for one more  
 year, and I’ll dig around it and  
 fertilize it. If it bears fruit next  
 year, fine! If not, then cut it  
 down.”  
*Luke 13:8,9*

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**DECEMBER 28, 2025**

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**10:00 am: Pastor Tim Leferink**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Opening Song of Praise: LUYH# 559 **Ten Thousand Reasons**

**Gathering BY God’s Grace**

\*God Calls Us Into Worship:

\*Opening Prayer and Greeting

\*Song of Praise: LUYH# 451 **When Peace Like a River**

**Growing through God’s Grace**

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

\*Profession of Faith: **Apostles Creed**

\*Song: **He Will Hold Me Fast**

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

Song of Preparation: LUYH# 537 **Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord**

**Scripture Reading: Luke 13:6-9**

**Sermon: “Leave It Alone”**

\*Song of Response: LUYH# 859 **Be Thou My Vision**

Offering: Knox Food Pantry

**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 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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 : **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.  
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**OFFICIATING ELDER:**  
 December 28: Gary DePooter                      January 1: Jim Kraayenbrink  
 January 4: Wayne Vandendool                 January 11: Nick Dykema

**OFFERINGS:**

- December 28: Knox Food Bank  
Deacons: Kaley Bergsma and Jeff DePooter
- January 1: Open Doors  
Deacons: Fred Kraayenbrink and Wilf Aller
- January 4: Open Doors  
Deacons: Kaley Bergsma and Jeff DePooter
- January 11: ReFrame Ministries  
Deacons: Fred Kraayenbrink and Wilf Allaer
- January 18: Right to Life  
Deacons: Kaley Bergsma and Jeff DePooter

**THIS WEEK'S OFFERING: Today, December 28th** our offering will support a local Foodbank; the Knox Presbyterian Foodbank and Soup Pantry. Days of operation are:

**Knox Soup Cellar**  
Wednesdays @ 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.  
**Knox Cellar Pantry**  
Thursdays from 10:30 A.M to 11:30 A.M.

Please feel free to pass this information on to someone you feel may benefit from this wonderful service.

**NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING: New Year's Day and next Sunday, January 4** our offering is for **Open Doors (Canada)**, an organization that works in over seventy countries, supporting Christians who suffer because of their faith in Jesus. They provide Bibles, training, support for victims of violence and disaster and much prayer support for suffering Christians. One of the greatest challenges to Christians living under oppression is isolation – from God's Word and from the Body of Christ.

I Corinthians 12:26 says, "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together." More information can be found at:

<https://www.opendoorscanada.org/>



**FAMILY CIRCLE:** Our Christian condolences are extended to **Jeff and Denise Tessier** and their family with the loss of Jeff's mom, **Helen Jones**. May God's loving and comforting arms uphold you at this difficult time. 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.

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - As one year ends and another begins, pause for a time of taking spiritual inventory with your family, friends, or on your own. Ask questions like these: Where did we see God this year? Where did we resist growth? Where do we feel God is calling us next? Consider writing a prayer of release and a prayer of commitment to guide your transition into the new year. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

**RECEIPTS:**

Budget Dec 14 + 21 = \$5030.00  
 Indwell Sarnia = \$1077.30  
 Cdn Foodgrains Bank = \$100.00  
 Chatham Hope Haven = \$100.00  
 NeighbourLink = \$100.00  
 Mission Montreal = \$1184.20  
 Salvation Army = \$200.00  
 Knox Food Pantry = \$100.00

**NOVEMBER Bridge App Summary:**

Budget = \$4910.00  
 Cdn Foodgrains Bank = \$360.00  
 Chatham Hope Haven = \$120.00  
 NeighbourLink = \$360.00  
 WCS T/A = \$300.00  
 Voice of the Martyrs = \$200.00  
 Total = \$6250.00



**MIT'S BIT'S:** The last Sunday of 2025! Amazing, isn't it? I hope this year was especially good for you. In these last remaining days of the year, I would like us all to take a little extra time to bow our heads in prayer. It's simple. Give God an extra 5 minutes until January 1.

What do we pray for? First of all, *thank* the Lord for this year. I know it wasn't ideal for all of us. Some of us have had some particular struggles this year. Nonetheless God was (and is!) with you. He has sustained us all throughout the year. If you were looking for it, you could experience His grace, and even if you were in a bad space, He was still blessing you! Next pray for His way in the world. Our world's situation is not the greatest, to say the least. Pray that God would cause the leaders of the world to understand His will and ways, and to follow Him.

Pray that God would be with the church. That the worldwide church would be indeed be the hands and feet of Jesus, acting with compassion and being vigilant for the Word of God. Pray for the local church that we may be a light in a world that needs to see light. Pray for courage to stand up against injustice and to be an advocate for the less privileged.

And pray for those whom you love. Your families, your extended families, your church family are included in this prayer. There are so many needs within our families that we often can't keep track. It would almost be impossible to keep track of our church family's needs and our extended family's needs too. Yet we all need prayer.

If we pray for all this as we close out 2025, we may begin to see a great start to 2026. However it works we will draw closer to God.

**Thank You for Giving!** - Thank you for sharing God's love with people experiencing need in the World Renew offering this season. Your gift is providing help and hope for families who are facing poverty, disaster, and crisis today. Do you want to give to show love to our global neighbours as we enter the New Year? You can go to [worldrenew.ca/gifts](http://worldrenew.ca/gifts) Thank you for renewing hope with us!

**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

December 28 ~ Glen Lubbers  
 January 1 ~ Darlene Kraayenbrink  
 January 3 ~ Kade DePooter

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

**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,**

**SAVE THE DATE:** We will be celebrating the **75th Anniversary of Wallaceburg CRC on July 11 and 12, 2026** at our church. Plans are in motion for an exciting weekend. Save the date cards are available on the table by the mail slot to hand out to family and friends. Please invite those who were once part of our congregation to join us in celebrating God's faithfulness to us!

**Kids Corner Devotions: New Year. New You.** - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "New Year. New You." at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Start the new year with more than just fresh goals—let God's Spirit make you new from the inside out! His gifts of love, joy, peace, kindness, and more will help you shine like Jesus wherever you go. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

DATE	28- DEC	1- JAN	4- JAN	11-JAN	18-JAN
<b>Sunday School Ages 3-5</b>	Tara F	No Sunday School	Tara F	Beth L	Beth L
<b>Sunday School Grades 1-3</b>	Linda L	No Sunday School	Linda L	Tonda G	Tonda G
<b>Sunday School Grades 4-8</b>	Lucas D	No Sunday School	Lucas D	Lucas D	Lucas D
<b>Nursery</b>	Dana L Wayne D	Nursery Unlocked	Travis L Ashley H	Lucia K Lisa D	Chad L Alie P
<b>Roamer</b>	Jim K	Matt F	Rob K	Bill D	Wayne D
<b>Greeter</b>	Cyril & Alie	Fred & Valerie	Jeff & Denise	Rob K Rita H	Glen L
<b>Coffee Set-up/ Clean-up</b>	Bill & Olga	Gerald & Linda	Al & Judy	Matt & Tara	Gary & Shirley
<b>Scripture Readers</b>	Luke 13:6-9 Valerie K	Ephesian 3:20,21	Matt 5:14-16 Summer/Eli	Romans 12:1-2 Mikki M	Acts 1:8, Matt 28:18-20 Jillian L
<b>VIDEO</b>	Larissa	Lucia	Lauren	Kyle	Connor
<b>CAMERA</b>	Colin		Ashton	Connor	Kyle
<b>SOUND</b>	Edmund	Jim	Casey	Edmund	Jim

