

"Jesus said to them, 'Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'"

John 6:32-33



Fourth Sunday in Lent

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MARCH 15, 2026

**March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday in Lent**

10:00 am: Pastor Tim Leferink

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song of Praise: LUYH #590 vs.1,2,3,4,8 **Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

Gathering BY God's Grace

*God Calls Us Into Worship

*Opening Prayer and Greeting

*Song of Praise: LUYH #574 **How Great Is Our God**

Growing through God's Grace

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

*Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Q&A 125.

Q.

What is the fourth petition?

A.

Give us today our daily bread.

That is:

Provide us with all our bodily needs

so that we may acknowledge

that you are the only fountain of all good,

and that our care and labour,

and also your gifts,

cannot do us any good without your blessing.

Grant, therefore, that we may

withdraw our trust

from all creatures

and place it only in you.

*Song: LUYH# 175 **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

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

Song of Preparation: **Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus**

Scripture Reading: John 6:25-40

Sermon: "The Plate for the Bread of Life"

*Song of Response: LUYH# 699 **Like a River Glorious**

Offering: Teen Challenge

Going WITH God's Grace

Congregational Prayer

*Blessing

*Closing Song: LUYH# 953 **Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God**



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!

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.

LENT: As we go through Lent, let us reflect on the cross. Each week, another part of the cross will be brought into the church. During this part of the service, we'll take a moment to pause and ask ourselves "What have I done to build this cross and put Christ there?" Consider your heart. Consider your actions. And then consider the amazing wonder of Jesus giving up His life for you.

OFFICIATING ELDER:
 March 15: Wayne Vandendool March 22: Nick Dykema
 March 29: Glen Lubbers April 3: Gary DePooter
 April 5: Jim Kraayenbrink April 12: Wayne Vandendool

OFFERINGS:
 March 15: Teen Challenge
 Deacons: Kaley Bergsma and Jeff DePooter
 March 22: Knox Food Bank
 Deacons: Fred Kraayenbrink and Wilf Allaer
 March 29: Calvin Seminary
 Deacons: Jeff DePooter and Kaley Bergsma
 April 3: Salvation Army
 Deacons: Wilf Allaer and Fred Kraayenbrink
 April 5: Salvation Army
 Deacons Kaley Bergsma and Jeff DePooter

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING: Today, **March 15th**, 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>

Bible Study: The **Bible Study** on the book of **Hebrews** kicks off this **Tuesday at 7:00** at the church. Study books are available on the table near Lucia's office. Hope to see you there!

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING: **Next week**, March 22nd, your 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.



MIT'S BITS: "I don't know where you stand on the world situation..."
 These days, that statement is the massive can opener for a giant can of worms! So many different viewpoints pop into mind immediately (at least for me), and if we're not careful, we can be overrun with certain views that can keep our heads spinning for weeks.

We Christians have a steadfast faith in our Lord. It's the grounding that we all need to bring ourselves back to every time we engage in discussions about the world situation. It's far from a copout. We don't try to avoid issues or downplay the importance of such things. Instead we hold on tight to the rock-solid reality that God indeed does have it all within His control. This helps us to not go stir-crazy when we read headlines we don't agree with. Knowing God has it in the palm of His hands gives us that assurance that He is very aware of the ongoings in the world today and will be with His loved ones throughout it all. As Psalm 18:2 says: "*The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*" God is over and above all. This knowledge grounds us in His steadfastness. God's got it! Glory be to Him!

FAMILY CIRCLE: Please pray for **Kim Vancoillie** as she is dealing with a painful nerve condition and waiting on further medical care. Continue to keep **Fred Kraayenbrink** in your prayers as he recovers from his eye surgery. Please keep **Don Crowe** in your prayers as he is undergoing testing. 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CO-ORDINATOR: Council is looking for a new Sunday School Co-Ordinator to begin in September, as Tara Feddes has expressed her desire to step down from this position. We sincerely thank Tara for her faithful work and dedication to the Sunday School Ministry.
 If you feel called to serve in this role or would like more information, please speak with Tara or Jim Kraayenbrink.

COMMUNITY MEAL: Join us for our **Community Meal** on **Tuesday, March 17th at 5 pm.** We will be serving chicken, potatoes, vegetables, buns, dessert, and refreshments. Come out and help make the many that join us from the community feel welcome. All are welcome!

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

March 15 ~ John Lubbers
 March 16 ~ Derrek Griffioen
 March 17 ~ Kaley Bergsma
 March 19 ~ Megan Johnston

"Be on your guard;
 stand firm in the faith;
 be courageous; be strong.
 Do everything in love."
1Corinthians 16:13,14

Council News from March 11, 2026

1. Classis Church Visitors have been invited to attend the next Council meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2026. Pastor Nate Vandenberg from Chatham First Christian Reformed Church and Elder George Flikweert will be visiting. If anyone has praises, questions, or concerns they would like to share with the church visitors, please contact Pastor Nate at revnabendend@gmail.com.
2. Council adopted the **Procedure for Election of Office Bearers by Lot** and is asking the congregation to submit nominations for **2 Elders and 1 Deacon**. Retiring Elders are **Jim Kraayenbrink** and **Wayne Vandendool**, and the retiring Deacon is **Fred Kraayenbrink**. Please prayerfully consider who may be gifted for these roles. You are encouraged to speak with those you nominate and share the gifts you see in them for this work. Signed nominations may be given to any member of council or placed in the council mailbox. A table is provided at the end of the bulletin for your convenience. Nominations must be submitted before the next council meeting on **Wednesday, April 8, 2026**.
Please note: nominations are not limited to the four spaces on the form in the bulletin.
3. Council thanks Nick and Marianne Dykema for their nine years of faithful service on the Counting Committee. We are grateful for their dedication and commitment. We also thank Al and Judy Foster for being willing to take on this role and serve in this capacity.
4. Council approved renewing the agreement to serve as an emergency evacuation site for Fairfield Park if an evacuation becomes necessary.
5. The next Council Meeting is April 8, 2026.

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**UNPLANNED:** On Friday March 27, please come out to support Right to Life Chatham Kent to view the screening of "UNPLANNED" at Wallaceburg Christian Reformed Church beginning at 7:00 p.m. This event is the prelude to the Right to Life banquet, coming up in April.

**YOU'RE INVITED:** With thankfulness and praise to God for guiding us through 75 years, **Strathroy East CRC** will be celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Saturday, March 28, 2026: Open House 1-4 pm; Sunday, March 29, 2026: 9:30 am Celebration Service followed by refreshments & fellowship. Everyone is invited to join us.

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - The New Testament Gospels all include the account of a woman who interrupts a dinner party and pours out a precious perfume to anoint Jesus (Matt. 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-50; John 12:1-8). The disciples are offended at the intrusion. Jesus calls it a fitting tribute to his love, and a preparation for the way he will lay down his life. This week be mindful of incidents that interrupt your plans, or of individuals who intrude on your time and space. See each one as a divinely orchestrated opportunity to reorient your attention to the Savior who poured out his life for you. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

**Kids Corner Devotions: Jesus Cried** - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Jesus Cried," at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Everyone has big feelings, and learning to notice how others feel helps us be kinder friends. Just like Jesus, we can listen, care, and show love when someone is sad or happy. Prepare for Easter with all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like Kids Corner's Lent Devotional.

**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

| DATE                            | 15- MAR                | 22- MAR                  | 29- MAR                     | 3-APR               | 5-APR                       |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Sunday School Ages 3-5</b>   | Karen L                | Karen L                  | Karen L                     | No Sunday School    | Nicolina B                  |
| <b>Sunday School Grades 1-3</b> | Tonda G                | Tonda G                  | Tonda G                     | No Sunday School    | Olga D                      |
| <b>Sunday School Grades 4-8</b> | Lucas D                | Lucas D                  | Lucas D                     | No Sunday School    | Lucas D                     |
| <b>Nursery</b>                  | Scott L<br>Olga D      | Judy F<br>Wayne D        | Bernard K<br>Kaley B        | Torey D<br>Derrek G | Rob K<br>Joyce D            |
| <b>Roamer</b>                   | Matt F                 | Rob K                    | Bill D                      | Wayne D             | Jim K                       |
| <b>Greeter</b>                  | Shawn & Beth           | Cyril & Alie             | Al & Judy                   | Fred & Valerie      | Jeff & Denise               |
| <b>Coffee Set-up/Clean-up</b>   | Jim & Lucia            | Bernard & Karlene        | Bill & Olga                 | Gerald & Linda      | Al & Judy                   |
| <b>Scripture Readers</b>        | John 6:25-40<br>Rita H | Matt 26:36-46<br>Linda L | Genesis 18:1-8<br>Valerie K | Luke 9:51-62        | Matt 12:38-42<br>Summer/Eli |
| <b>VIDEO</b>                    | Colin                  | Kyle                     | Connor                      | Larissa             | Lauren                      |
| <b>CAMERA</b>                   | Weston                 | Connor                   | Kyle                        | Colin               | Ashton                      |
| <b>SOUND</b>                    | Edmund                 | Jim                      | Casey                       | Jim                 | Edmund                      |

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