

"Going a little farther,
he fell with his face to the
ground and prayed,
'My Father, if it is possible,
may this cup be taken from me.
Yet not as I will,
but as you will.'"
Matthew 26:39



Fifth Sunday in Lent

Wallaceburg Christian Reformed Church

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Fifth Sunday in Lent**

10:00 am: Pastor Tim Leferink

Welcome and Announcements

Building the Cross Moment

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 #549 **O Praise the LORD, for It Is Good**

Growing through God's Grace

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

*Profession of Faith

**During his whole life on earth,
but especially at the end,
Christ sustained in body and soul
the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race.
This he did in order that,
by his suffering as the only atoning sacrifice,
he might deliver us, body and soul,
from eternal condemnation,
and gain for us God's grace,
righteousness, and eternal life.**

—Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 37

*Song: LUYH #661 **Just a Closer Walk with Thee**

Prayer with the Children (*children ages 3 – 5 leave for Sunday School*)

Song of Preparation: LUYH #738 **Jesus, All for Jesus**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:36-46

Sermon: "The Cup for the Wine of Salvation"

*Song of Response: LUYH #157 **Meekness and Majesty**

Offering: Knox Food Bank

Going WITH God's Grace

Congregational Prayer

*Blessing

*Closing Song: LUYH #770 **In Christ Alone**

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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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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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**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:**

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| March 22: Nick Dykema      | March 29: Glen Lubbers    |
| April 3: Gary DePooter     | April 5: Jim Kraayenbrink |
| April 12: Wayne Vandendool | April 19: Nick Dykema     |

**OFFERINGS:**

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  
 April 12: Canadian Foodgrains Bank  
 Deacons: Fred Kraayenbrink and Wilf Allaer

**THIS WEEK'S OFFERING:** Today, 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.

**NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING:** Next week, March 29<sup>th</sup> the offering is for our denomination **Calvin Seminary** which is a Reformed seminary that is globally recognized for its theological richness. They embrace a holistic form of education that attends to the character, spiritual and vocational formation of students.

**FAMILY CIRCLE:** Please continue to keep **Kim Vancoillie** in your prayers as she is dealing with a painful nerve condition. Continue to keep **Jeff Tessier** in your prayers as he continues to wait for a kidney transplant. 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.

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



**MIT'S BITS:** If you know me, then you know that I like to have my ducks in a row. I really thrive when things are planned out. Just ask anyone on the Worship Committee! They work so hard to make sure that all of the arrangements that we planned for seasons like Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter are in place.

I'm not talking about micromanaging. It's not that the plans have to all fall perfectly into place. It's more about not being overwhelmed to the point that any detail will catch me off-guard because there was too much in place. There's lots of room for minor changes and last-minute adaptations when you have the whole thing planned. But even then, it takes organizing to make sure that everyone involved is doing their thing, when their supposed to. I simply want to take this space to thank everyone for their involvement in the services of late. Whether you are reading, carrying, building, setting up, or instructing our willing volunteers; whether you are behind the scenes or upfront and center; whether you helped in the planning or just doing a little bit, you are helping others see what God is doing! It's not about any one of us. But it's about us all moving as one to do our best to bring worship to our God. Thank you again!

**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.

**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.

**CHURCH VISITORS:** Classis Ontario Southwest 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 [revnabend@gmail.com](mailto:revnabend@gmail.com) or at 416-889-8025.

**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 26 ~ Edmund Lam

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*

**FEBRUARY Bridge App Summary:**  
 Budget = \$5020.00  
 WCS T/A = \$400.00  
 U-Turn Ministries = \$85.00  
 Calvinist Cadet Corp = \$85.00  
 Chatham Kent Hospice = \$275.00  
 Total = \$5865.00

**RECEIPTS**  
 Budget March 8 & 15 = \$3560.00  
 Voice of the Martyrs = \$1078.10  
 Teen Challenge = \$1528.60  
 Knox Food Pantry = \$100.00

**COUNCIL NOMINATIONS:** Council 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.*

**Ladies Bible Study:** A Ladies Bible Study is starting this Monday, March 23 at 7 pm. We are studying Micah – Hear and Hope in God’s Word. All ladies are welcome!

**SOUP AND BUN SOCIAL:** All ages are welcome to come and enjoy our monthly Coffee Fellowship Event which will include soup and buns. We will meet at 11:30 for lunch and listen to a presentation by Arlene Patterson from the Lambton Seniors Advisory Committee. Please invite your friends and neighbours to join us on Friday, March 27 at 11:30am. at Living Hope CRC, 1281 Exmouth Street, Sarnia. We would like to know how many will attend in order to prepare enough food so please RSVP to: Susan Schouten ph. #(519) 383-0434 or Carolyn Nienhuis ph. #(519) 383-0448. (Please note: suggested donation of a minimum of \$5 per person is requested to cover expenses.)

**OPEN DOORS:** This month we Pause to pray for Leila\*, from the Southern Philippines. Leila is a young woman who is at risk of being disowned by her family or forcibly married because she refuses to renounce her faith in Jesus. Leila comes from a Muslim religious background. After her family discovered her faith, she was barred from going to church and forced into a school for religious re-education. To Leila’s father, her continued devotion to Jesus is not just a personal choice; it is a public wound to the family’s honour. To correct this perceived shame, the family has now threatened to send Leila away to be forcibly married. Can we pause to pray for Leila? Pray that Leila would be comforted as her family-in-Christ around the world pray for her. Pray that Leila would not be forcefully married and that she may remain in her city, where she can access fellowship. Pray for Leila’s father, that he would be moved by her steadfast love and that he may soften towards his daughter and the gospel.

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - This is the final week of Lent. Next week is Holy Week, during which Christians will mark the end of Jesus’ journey to the cross. Those final hours of Jesus’ life were extremely lonely, as Jesus was abandoned by family, friends, and even his heavenly Father. As Jesus’ disciples today, we share in this suffering—but we are never alone. Colossians 3 describes the diverse community of believers, exhorting us to “bear with each other” as we support one another in faith. This week read and reflect on Colossians 3:11-14, and make time to connect with and encourage members of your church community. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

**Kids Corner Devotions:** The Not-So-Triumphal Entry - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “The Not-So-Triumphal Entry,” at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Ever wonder why Jesus chose to ride a donkey? By selecting a donkey, he declared that he was there to get to work—God’s work—and he wasn’t threatening anyone. Donkeys aren’t flashy. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC’s Lent and Easter Collection.

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

| DATE                               | 22– MAR                  | 29– MAR                     | 3 – APR             | 5-APR                       | 12-APR               |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Sunday School Ages 3–5</b>      | Karen L                  | Karen L                     | No Sunday School    | Nicolina B                  | Nicolina B           |
| <b>Sunday School Grades 1-3</b>    | Tonda G                  | Tonda G                     | No Sunday School    | Olga D                      | Olga D               |
| <b>Sunday School Grades 4-8</b>    | Lucas D                  | Lucas D                     | No Sunday School    | Lucas D                     | Lucas D              |
| <b>Nursery</b>                     | Judy F<br>Wayne D        | Bernard K<br>Kaley B        | Torey D<br>Derrek G | Rob K<br>Joyce D            | Megan D<br>Makenna L |
| <b>Roamer</b>                      | Rob K                    | Bill D                      | Wayne D             | Jim K                       | Fred K               |
| <b>Greeter</b>                     | Cyril & Alie             | Al & Judy                   | Fred & Valerie      | Jeff & Denise               | Rob K<br>Rita H      |
| <b>Coffee Set-up/<br/>Clean-up</b> | Bernard &<br>Karlene     | Bill & Olga                 | Gerald &<br>Linda   | Al & Judy                   | Matt & Tara          |
| <b>Scripture Readers</b>           | 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 | Matt<br>Weverink     |
| <b>VIDEO</b>                       | Kyle                     | Connor                      | Larissa             | Lauren                      | Colin                |
| <b>CAMERA</b>                      | Connor                   | Kyle                        | Colin               | Ashton                      | Weston               |
| <b>SOUND</b>                       | Jim                      | Casey                       | Edmund              | Jim                         | Casey                |

|            | NAME OF CONFESSING MEMBER | FOR ELDER | FOR DEACON |
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