

"Offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness."

Romans 6:13b



Third Sunday in Lent

Wallaceburg Christian Reformed Church

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10:00 am: Pastor Tim Leferink

Welcome and Announcements

Building the Cross Moment

Opening Song of Praise: LUYH# 500 LORD, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name

Gathering BY God's Grace

*God Calls Us Into Worship: Psalm 51:3-6

*Opening Prayer and Greeting

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

Witnessing God's Grace through Baptism

Children's Message

Baptism of Makenna Joan Marie Lachance

*Song: LUYH# 859 Be Thou My Vision

(children ages 3 – grade 2 leave for Sunday School)

Scripture Reading: Romans 6:1-14

Sermon: "The Font for Baptism"

*Song of Response: LUYH# 688 How Vast the Benefits Divine

Offering: Voice of the Martyrs

Going WITH God's Grace

Congregational Prayer

*Blessing

*Closing Song: LUYH# 947 We Receive Your Blessing

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A warm and special welcome to friends and family of **Spencer and Mazenzy Lachance** who are with us to celebrate the baptism of **Makenna Joan Marie Lachance**.



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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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.

The verse for this Sunday is: "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." - Revelation 1:8

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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:

March 8: Jim Kraayenbrink March 15: Wayne Vandendool
March 22: Nick Dykema March 29: Glen Lubbers

OFFERINGS:

March 8: Voice of the Martyrs
 Deacons: Wilf Allaer and Fred Kraayenbrink
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

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING: Today, **March 8th** the offering will be in support of "**The Voice of the Martyrs**" which continues the legacy of Pastor Wurmbbrand, (author of "Tortured for Christ") in raising a voice for persecuted Christians around the world.

It is sometimes hard for Christians in Canada to understand that persecuted Christians do not want us to send all of our funds directly overseas! They urge us to publicize their plight, to tell their stories, to urge governments to intervene on their behalf and to share their prayer requests with Christians in Canada. One of our core values as a mission is to serve the persecuted Church according to its wishes and needs, and not according to our own predetermined strategies.

Just as Pastor Wurmbbrand left Romania at the command of underground Church leaders to be their voice, we are fulfilling the command of today's persecuted Church as we share their stories in our monthly newsletter, in books, on the Internet and through television and radio. Join us in raising awareness of the persecuted Church today! For more information, visit their website at: <https://www.vomcanada.com/aboutvomc.htm>

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING: Next week, **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>

FAMILY CIRCLE: Congratulations to **Nick and Paige Kraayenbrink** with the birth of their beautiful baby boy **Liam James Kraayenbrink**. Congratulations also to the proud grand parents **Jim and Lucia Kraayenbrink**. Congratulations to **Dick and Carolyn Bulsink** with the birth of a new grandson to love **Benjamin William Ryks**. Proud parents are **Matt and Deanna Ryks**. We give thanks and praise to God for the beautiful gifts of new life. 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.



MIT'S BITS: Well, it's spring!

I saw my first robin today! I was working on my computer in the office, with the door to the sanctuary open. Right there is the exit to the outdoors. Through that door, I heard a familiar sound. The robin! I had to go out and take a look. Yep, he was there in the tree, chirping away, doing his robin thing.

In my estimation, the robin was giving praise to God for the day. Does he consciously know that he is praising God? Maybe not. But he *is* doing his robin thing, which is exactly what God made him to do.

When I look at the wildlife, both flora and fauna, and see how everything grows in its own way, I am reminded that everything praises God when it does what He made it to do. So the tulips, when they bloom, they are praising God. When the coyotes howl in the night time, they are doing what they were made to do. When the rainclouds unload their precious rain on the land, it's exactly how God wanted it.

So what were you made to do? How are you praising God every day? This is something we all must think about. I believe when we use our gifts in our daily activities, we are giving praise to God. When we gather in worship, we have the special privilege of bringing our praises to Him, through song, listening, reading and giving. God has made us. Give Him the glory He deserves!

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The **Annual Congregational Meeting** is coming up this **Tuesday, March 10th at 7:30 PM**. The information package for the meeting is available in your mail slot. Included in the package is the Agenda, 2025 Congregational Meeting Minutes, Proposed Budget for 2026, Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss, and Investment details. The reports from ministries and committee was sent by email. All are encouraged to attend.

World Day of Prayer 2026: Join us for the World Day of Prayer on **Friday, March 13, 2026, at 2 PM**, hosted at Knox Presbyterian Church, located at 251 Duncan Street in Wallaceburg. This year, we honour the theme, "**The Women of Nigeria**," and hear their stories, struggles, and triumphs. Following the service, enjoy **light refreshments and fellowship**. A free-will offering will be collected to support the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada. With open hearts, we welcome everyone to come and find solace in the theme, "I Will Give You Rest: Come."

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 9 ~ Nick Kraayenbrink
March 10 ~ Zach Vancoillie
March 12 ~ Fred Kraayenbrink
March 13 ~ Kolson Lubbers

RECEIPTS

Budget Feb 22 & Mar 1 = \$3055.00
Mission Montreal = \$570.50
Chatham Kent Hospice = \$622.50

February E-Transfer Totals:

Budget = \$3302.00
WCS T/A = \$435.00
U Turn Ministries = \$279.00
CDN Foodgrains Bank = \$600
Chatham Kent Hospice = \$95.00
Cadets = \$95.00
Total = \$4806.00

Women's IF: Gathering Conference: Friday, March 27. This will be a one-night event starting at 6 pm and ending around 9:30 pm. The event is for women of all ages and we encourage you to bring a friend. There will be worship time, streamed in speakers from the IF: gathering event, as well as supper and snacks. Please register by **March 10** to get the early bird price of \$25 after that it is \$30 and registration will close March 13th. You can register by going to the church website and following the registration link on the top of the home page. If you have any difficulty or have questions email Michelle Weverink at m.mweverink@gmail.com

Kids Corner Devotions: Lent: Washing Stinky Feet - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Lent: Washing Stinky Feet" at www.kidscorner.net. In John 13, Jesus washed his disciples' feet—a humble act of service that surprised everyone. He demonstrated that love isn't just about words; it's about doing for others, even in unexpected ways. Prepare for Easter with all the great content at kidscorner.net, like Kids Corner's Lent Devotional.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

DATE	8- MAR	15- MAR	22- MAR	29-MAR
Sunday School Ages 3-5	Amanda V	Karen L	Karen L	Karen L
Sunday School Grades 1-3	Amanda V	Tonda G	Tonda G	Tonda G
Sunday School Grades 4-8	Lucas D	Lucas D	Lucas D	Lucas D
Nursery	Dana L Dave F	Scott L Olga D	Judy F Wayne D	Bernard K Kaley B
Roamer	Fred K	Matt F	Rob K	Bill D
Greeter	Matt & Tara	Shawn & Beth	Cyril & Alie	Al & Judy
Coffee Set-up/ Clean-up	John & Erica	Jim & Lucia	Bernard & Karlene	Bill & Olga
Scripture Readers	Rom 6:1-14 Tonda G	John 6:25-40 Rita H	Matt 26:36-46 Linda L	Genesis 18:1-8 Valerie K
VIDEO	Lauren	Colin	Kyle	Connor
CAMERA	Ashton	Weston	Connor	Kyle
SOUND	Casey	Edmund	Jim	Casey

