



**” JESUS ANSWERED,  
 ’I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND  
 THE LIFE. NO ONE COMES TO THE  
 FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME. IF YOU  
 REALLY KNOW ME, YOU WILL KNOW  
 MY FATHER AS WELL. FROM NOW ON,  
 YOU DO KNOW HIM AND HAVE SEEN  
 HIM.”**  
 John 14:6,7

**Wallaceburg Christian Reformed Church**

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**MAY 24, 2026**

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

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Choosing of the New Officebearers by Lot**

Opening Song of Praise LUYH #553 **How Great Thou Art**

**Gathering BY God’s Grace**

\*God Calls Us Into Worship

\*Opening Prayer and Greeting

\*Song of Praise: LUYH #495 **Come, All You People, Praise Our God**

**Witnessing God’s Grace through a Pentecost Reflection**

Scripture reading: Acts 2:1-12

Pentecost Poem

Video: “Fire Still Falls”

\*Song: LUYH #695 **And Can It Be**

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

Song of Preparation: LUYH #613 vs.1 **Come to the Saviour Now**

**Scripture Reading: John 14:1-14**

**Sermon: “I AM The Way, the Truth and the Life”**

\*Song of Response: LUYH #603 **Shout to the Lord**

Offering: Chatham Hope Haven

**We Prepare Our Hearts to Receive the Lord’s Supper**

Preparation Litany

**Going WITH God’s Grace**

Congregational Prayer

\*Blessing

\*Closing Song: LUYH #543 **Now Thank We All Our God**

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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:**

May 24: Nick Dykema  
 June 7: Gary DePooter

May 31: Glen Lubbers  
 June 14: Jim Kraayenbrink

**OFFERINGS:**

May 24: Chatham Hope Haven  
Deacons: Jeff DePooter and Kaley Bergsma  
May 31: Mom's Baby Cupboard—James Street Ministries  
Deacons: Judy Vandendool and Wilf Allaer  
June 7: Mission Montreal  
Deacons: Fred Kraayenbrink and Jeff DePooter  
June 14: Knox Food Bank  
Deacons: Kaley Bergsma and Judy Vandendool

**THIS WEEK'S OFFERING: Today, May 24** the collection will be for **Chatham Hope Haven.**

This is a project of "New Beginnings Ministry and their mission is to offer a short-term, safe refuge to those experiencing homelessness and precarious housing in Chatham- Kent. More information can be found at their website: <https://www.chathamhopehaven.com>

**NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING:** Next week, **May 31st** the collection will be for **James Street Ministries ~ Mom's Baby Cupboard.** James Street Ministry operates a free community baby cupboard for mothers in need in Wallaceburg, Walpole Island and the surrounding area. The cupboard is open on the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon at St. James Anglican Church. Families can pick up formula, diapers, wipes, clothing and other essentials, and are encouraged to bring their own bags. The program runs out of Steinhoff Hall at 719 James Street.

**BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG:** Right to Life Kent is putting on the Baby Bottle Boomerang campaign for Refuge Pregnancy Centre once again this year. Baby bottles are available in the church hallway for pickup. 100% of the donations from the bottles support the Refuge Pregnancy Centre in Chatham ([www.refugechatham.ca](http://www.refugechatham.ca)). This fundraiser runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day, so please return the filled bottles before or by June 21st. Visit [www.RefugeChatham.ca](http://www.RefugeChatham.ca) to learn more about Refuge's work, or [www.LifeInMotionChatham.ca](http://www.LifeInMotionChatham.ca) to learn more about how to be involved in our community through Right to Life Kent.



**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.

**SAFE CHURCH:** Council is seeking a new Safe Church Co-Ordinator. Please prayerfully consider serving in this role. For more information please speak to Diane Maguire or Wayne Vandendool.

**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*

Adelynn Lubbers ~ May 24  
Lucas DePooter ~ May 25

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

**April Bridge App Totals:**  
Budget = \$5520.00  
Salvation Army = \$450.00  
Canadian Foodgrains Bank = \$600.00  
Resonate Global Mission = \$25.00  
GEMS = \$145.00  
Total = \$6740.00

**RECEIPTS**  
Budget May 3 & 10 = \$2225.00  
WCS Tuition Assistance = \$1186.50  
Refuge = \$804.15  
Chatham Hope Haven = \$100  
Mom's Baby Cupboard = \$100  
Gems = \$5



**MITS BIT'S:** The past couple of weeks have been full of ups and downs. Karen and I have heard from so many people – in our past and present churches – who have so many significant events taking place right now.

We were visited by a couple who were part of our lives in our Collingwood days. They had just sold their farm and are figuring what life will look like for them. We heard of the sudden passing of daughter-in-law, Hayley's brother to suicide. We learned of the passing of a friend from Lucknow who had a massive heart attack. With each of these we felt the struggles these events have on their loved ones. And that's on top of the different struggles that members in our congregation are going through right now!  
But then last Sunday, I had the privilege of officiating the marriage of Karen's niece and her man. The afternoon event was picturesque, overlooking the distant city of Hamilton from the Niagara Escarpment. The venue was beautiful. The food was exquisite. The evening was without fault, it seemed. For us, this was the necessary pick-me-up that we so desperately needed. We mourn with them. We laugh with them. Our lives are connected. This is the way of the Christian. As Romans 12:15 commands, *"Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn."* When it comes down to it, this is what Christian love looks like. It truly is a privilege to join others in the walk of life. It's not always easy, but it is edifying to know that in this life we are intimately joined as brothers and sisters in Christ.

**LORD'S SUPPER BOOKMARKS:** There are 'Welcome to the Lord's Table' bookmarks available on both tables in the hall, please feel free to take one. They include prompts to use this week to help prepare our hearts for the celebration of the Lord's Supper next week.

**75th ANNIVERSARY:** Please keep the weekend of July 11 &12 open for the **75th Anniversary Celebration of Wallaceburg CRC!**

We have an exciting weekend planned. Open house is from 1-4pm at the church (bouncy castles and facepainting, etc for kids included.) Catered supper is at 6pm,(tickets required) followed by a program in the sanctuary. Sunday morning will be a special celebration service. Tickets are available!! Contact Erica Lubbers @519-360-0796 for details. Tickets are \$35 per adult & \$15 for children 11 and under. You can pay cash, cheque, or e-transfers to [wrc75th@gmail.com](mailto:wrc75th@gmail.com). Check out the Wallaceburg CRC Facebook page for updates and news.

**75th Anniversary Coloring Pages:** Its time to turn in your coloring pages. Please return all coloring pages to Amanda Van Gelder's mail box as soon as possible.  
**CHURCH HISTORIC ARTIFACTS:** The 75th Anniversary Committee is looking for any historic artifacts that people may have that they can borrow for the anniversary weekend. They are specifically looking for original gems (busy bees) and cadets uniforms, baptismal gowns from the 50s-80s and any wedding/church attire from pre-1970s. Please contact Amanda Van Gelder (226-627-1528) if you have anything that they can borrow for the 75th celebration.

**WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT:** Sue Hoogendam and Wayne Vandendool will be united in marriage on May 30, 2026 at 3 PM at the Wallaceburg Christian Reformed Church. May God bless them as they begin their married life together.

**CUSTODIAN:** Council is looking for someone to fill in as Custodian while Jamie is on maternity leave beginning at the end of July. For more details, please speak with Wayne Vandendool or email the office.

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Today we celebrate Pentecost, the festival when Jesus' promise to send his Spirit to all believers was fulfilled (Acts 2:1-41). This is a great time to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church. For ways in which you can celebrate as a family or with friends, download God's Big Pentecost Story: A Celebration for Families ([DwellCurriculum.org/Home](http://DwellCurriculum.org/Home)). Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

**Kids Corner Devotions: Stephen: Things Get Tough** - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Stephen: Things Get Tough" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Learn how to be brave and keep trusting Jesus even when others are unkind. Discover that Jesus is always with you, giving you strength and reminding you that you are never alone. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the Bible Story coloring pages available on the KC activities page.

**Groundwork: God Redeems** - The biblical theme of redemption is unique to Christian theology and sets Christianity apart from other religions. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 12:1-5, Ephesians 1:3-11, Galatians 2:20-21, and Ephesians 2:1-5 to trace God's story of redemption from Genesis to the ultimate sacrifice of our Savior Jesus Christ and talk about living redeemed lives as we go about our daily lives. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Calling all men!** Join Martin Mans, Hope Canadian Male Choir and the Urker Mans Formatie for an all men's sing along on Monday June 29 at Redeemer University, 777 Garner Road East, Ancaster, starting at 6:00 pm. Free will offering will be collected with proceeds going to Sycamore Centre in Ingersoll. Reserve your spot at [www.hopecanadianmalechoir.com](http://www.hopecanadianmalechoir.com). For inquiries, please email [hopecmcfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:hopecmcfundraising@gmail.com)

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### VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

| DATE                               | 24- MAY                   | 31 - MAY               | 7- JUNE                 | 14-JUNE                 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Sunday School Ages 3-5</b>      | Megan D                   | Megan D                | Cassandra H             | Cassandra H             |
| <b>Sunday School Grades 1-3</b>    | Alie P                    | Alie P                 | Tara F                  | Tara F                  |
| <b>Nursery</b>                     | Erica L<br>Karlene K      | Jamie L<br>Kaley B     | Tonda G<br>Lisa D       | Amber L<br>Mikki M      |
| <b>Roamer</b>                      | Fred K                    | Matt F                 | Rob K                   | Bill D                  |
| <b>Greeter</b>                     | Bill & Olga               | Ed & Trish             | Irene K<br>Tina F       | Matt & Tara             |
| <b>Coffee Set-up/<br/>Clean-up</b> | Wayne & Joyce             | Fred & Valerie         | John & Erica            | Jim & Lucia             |
| <b>Scripture Readers</b>           | John 14:1-14<br>Jillian L | John 15:1-17<br>Cori D | John 8:12-20<br>Henry G | John 10:1-11<br>Joyce D |
| <b>VIDEO</b>                       | Kyle                      | Connor                 | Lauren                  | Larissa                 |
| <b>CAMERA</b>                      | Connor                    | Kyle                   | Ashton                  | Colin                   |
| <b>SOUND</b>                       | Casey                     | Edmund                 | Jim                     | Casey                   |

