

Wallaceburg Christian Reformed Church

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10:00 am: Pastor Tim Leferink

Welcome and Announcements
Opening Song of Praise: **Revelation Song**

Gathering BY God's Grace
*God Calls Us Into Worship
*Opening Prayer and Greeting
*Song of Praise: **Cornerstone**

Growing through God's Grace
Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon
*Profession of Faith and Preparatory for the Lord's Supper
*Song: LUYH#840 **Behold the Lamb**
Prayer with the Children *(children ages 3 – grade 3 leave for Sunday School)*

Song of Preparation: LUYH#227 vs.1,2 **He Is Lord**
Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22
Sermon: "Disciples – A New Community"
*Song of Response: **Holy Forever**
Offering: Thrive (Chaplaincy Ministry)

Going WITH God's Grace
Installation of Our New Deacon
Congregational Prayer
*Blessing
*Closing Song: LUYH#489 vs.3 **By the Sea of Crystal**

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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.

OFFICIATING ELDER:
November 15: Gary DePooter
November 22: Glen Lubbers
November 29: Wayne Dykema
December 6: Nick Dykema

OFFERINGS:
November 15: Thrive (Chaplaincy Sunday)
Deacons: Chad Lubbers and Kaley Bergsma
November 22: Resonate Global Mission
Deacons: Jeff DePooter and Wilf Allaer
November 29: WCS Tuition Assistance
Deacons: Kaley Bergsma and Chad Lubbers

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING: Today, **November 15th**, your offering will support **Thrive—Chaplaincy Sunday**. Today we recognize and celebrate the work of the 90+ chaplains of the CRC. These specialized ministers bring the presence of God into institutional settings, such as prisons, hospitals, hospice, long-term care, counseling centers, industrial and workplace settings, and military installations. Learn more about Thrive and their work with chaplains at: crcna.org/Chaplaincy

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING: Next week, **November 22** your offering will support **Resonate Global Mission**. Resonate isn't just a metaphor for our work, it's a picture of the future we pursue. People all over the world are hungry to hear about the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and it is our mission to live and share that good news.
The Christian Reformed Church has a rich history of sending missionaries, planting churches, engaging students through campus ministry & international schools, and a passion for fulfilling the great commission. Through this transformational work, we amplify Christ's love in every direction.
Together, we can reach across cultural barriers and forge partnerships within new communities of faith both here in North America and around the globe. Thank you for your prayers and support as we pursue this mission together.

FAMILY CIRCLE: Congratulations to **Levi and Kaley Bergsma** with the birth of their beautiful baby boy **Callan Reid Bergsma**. Congratulations also to the proud grandparents **Gary and Shirley DePooter**. We give thanks to God for the beautiful and precious gift 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.

BIBLE STUDY: The Bible Study on the Songs of Songs continues this Tuesday at 7 pm. 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

Makenzy Lachance ~ November 16
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Kylee Tessier ~ November 20
Lainey Lubbers ~ November 21

COMMUNITY CAROL SING: Mark your Calendar. We will be hosting the Community Carol Sing this year on **Tuesday, December 8 at 7 pm**. We will have a number of Churches and Choirs coming out to kick-off the Christmas season in song. All are welcome. Refreshments to follow.

I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with Thanksgiving.
Psalm 69:30

MITS BIT'S: Recently, Karen and I got to spend some time seeing the sights in and around the Finger Lakes in upstate New York. We witnessed some spectacular views, being up close and personal with several waterfalls, around Ithaca. This could only mean one thing: climbing hills.
Now, the state parks try to make it easy for people to traverse the water features. They put stairs along Buttermilk Falls. But how many steps? I asked AI and even it didn't know! Along the way we stopped for one of our many breathers, just gazing into the falls themselves and the formations they left behind. We had considered taking a bridge across the falls at that time so that we could walk down the other side. While we were stopped a lady came by – someone who knew the park well. She said that we were more than ¾ the way to the top and to not stop, if we had the ability. We heard her advice and continued along the way, climbing more stairs, seeing more of what God has given us. And we were blessed as a result. Sometimes what we need is a little encouragement to keep going. Left to ourselves, we probably would have taken the shorter path and made our way back to the car. But with this kind lady's help, we understood our real position, that it wasn't that much farther; and that we would get to see some more amazing sights.
We were tired by the end of the day. Tired, but satisfied. Exhausted but blessed. And to be honest, we took the elevator when we got back to the hotel! But we give thanks that a stranger, who had nothing to gain, gave us some encouragement to move on. Have you listened to those who are encouraging you lately? You might just to see something amazing, if you do.

PICKLE BALL: Wallaceburg CRC Pickle Ball has started again. Join us Wednesday nights at 7pm.

COMMUNITY MEAL: Join us for our **Free Community Meal** on **Tuesday, November 17 at 5 pm.** We will be serving chili, hotdogs, caesar salad, garlic bread, dessert and refreshments. Come out and help make the many that join us from the community feel welcome. All are welcome!!

CHRISTMAS IN NOVEMBER! Come Celebrate the Joy of the Season!
The congregation is warmly invited to join us on **Sunday, November 29th**, as we kick off the Advent season with a special **Christmas Dinner and Candlelight Service!**
Dinner will begin at 5:00 p.m., followed by a Candlelight Service at 6:00 p.m. The service will include Christmas carol singing, a special drama presented by the children, and a time of reflection as we remember the greatest gift God has given us—His Son, Jesus Christ. We look forward to a wonderful evening of food, fellowship, and celebrating the beginning of this special season together. Please join us! Everyone is welcome!

Open House at Sparrow Home: Have you heard about Sparrow Home? Do you have questions? Stop by to see where expectant and new mothers will be welcome – a home where they can experience hope and healing and encounter Christ. Come and meet our new Executive Director – Jenn Bennett, chat with our Board of Directors, tour the home and enjoy refreshments and Christmas treats. This will take place on Wednesday, November 25, 2026 between 7 pm and 8:30 pm at Sparrow Home, 438 London Road (parking on Watson St). Come on out! Whether you are just curious or would like to join in this work as we prepare to open - we would love to meet you! http://www.sparrowhomesarnia.com/

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - The Faith5 framework is a simple five-step faith formation practice that your family or household can do together. First, share your highs and lows of the day. Then read a Bible verse or story together. Talk about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows, pray for one another's highs and lows, and bless one another. Try this practice with your family, spouse, or roommates this week. Check out Faith5.org for more. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Council News from November 11, 2026

1. Kaley Bergsma is stepping down from her role as Deacon as she begins her maternity leave. Bill DePooter, who was affirmed by the congregation last Sunday, will complete the remainder of her term. Bill will be installed as Deacon this Sunday.
2. Council thanks Kaley for her faithful service and wish her God's blessings during this special time. We also thank Bill for his willingness to serve.
3. In accordance with the three-year salary agreement with Pastor Tim, he will receive a 2% salary increase. Council also approved extending the same 2% increase to all other church employees, effective January 2027.
4. All Committee and Ministries are asked to make their requests known to the Finance Committee for the 2027 Budget by Sunday, December 12th. The Finance Committee members are: Gary DePooter, Olga DePooter, Rob Kraayenbrink and Denise Tessier.
5. The next Council Meeting is Wednesday, December 9, 2026.

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