



**September 7, 2025**

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

**Welcome and Announcements**  
Opening Song of Praise: LUYH# 492 **Come, Thou Almighty King**  
**Gathering BY God's Grace**  
\*God Calls Us Into Worship  
\*Opening Prayer and Greeting  
\*Song of Praise: **God of Wonders**


**Baptism of Rory Jacob Lubbers**  
Baptismal Litany  
**Apostles Creed**  
\*Song: LUYH# 559 **Ten Thousand Reasons**  
Prayer with the Children (*children ages 3 – grade 2 leave for Sunday School*)

Song of Preparation: LUYH# 743 **O God, You Are My God**  
**Scripture Reading: Acts 28:17-31**  
**Sermon: "Acts – Gospel Victory"**  
\*Song of Response: LUYH# 512 **Now with Joyful Exultation**  
Offering: CK Women's Centre

**Going WITH God's Grace**  
Congregational Prayer  
\*Blessing  
\*Closing Song: **Who You Say I Am**

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A warm and special welcome to the family and friends of  
**Chad and Dana Lubbers** who are with us to celebrate the baptism of  
**Rory Jacob Lubbers.**  
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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**OFFICIATING ELDER:**  
September 7: Wayne Vandendool      September 14: Nick Dykema  
September 21: Glen Lubbers      September 28: Gary DePooter

 **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.

**OFFERINGS:**

September 7: Chatham Kent’s Women’s Centre  
Deacons: Wilf Allaer and Kaley Bergsma  
September 14: WCS Tuition Assistance  
Deacons: Jeff DePooter and Judy Vandendool  
September 21: Resonate Global Missions  
Deacons: Fred Kraayenbrink and Wilf Allaer  
September 28: Canadian Foodgrains Bank  
Deacons: Kaley Bergsma and Jeff DePooter

**THIS WEEK’S OFFERING:** This morning, our offering to be collected will be in support of the “Chatham-Kent Women’s Centre” on Sandy Street in Chatham. They are a resource to women with any question, any time of the day or night. They provide Emergency Shelter and 24 -hour crisis/help lines to women and children in crisis. Programs and all services provided can be found on their website: ckw.ca

If you know of a woman who is being abused or you think she is being abused, call for information that will help you and her. 24-hour crisis hotline: 519-354-6360 or 1-800-265-0598

**NEXT WEEK’S OFFERING:** **Next Sunday, September 14, 2025**, the offering will support our local Christian School. The monies collected will fund the school’s Tuition Assistance program, which is a fund to help those struggling with meeting the annual tuition. Your support is appreciated.

**SAFE CHURCH:** On **Tuesday, September 16 at 6pm** our **Annual Safe Church education** is planned for ALL ministry leaders, volunteers, and Council members. This year our education will focus on recognizing signs of abuse, scenarios with discussion for appropriate response to abuse allegations and a short quiz. Pizza and refreshments will be offered during the education session. Volunteer profiles and assistance to apply for Police checks will also be available to complete.

**PULPIT SUPPLY:** Pastor Tim has a classical appointment at Chatham Grace next Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Chuck Wilson will be with us to lead our service. Pastor Chuck is a retired Pastor from Bethel Pentecostal Church.

**COUNCIL MEETING:** Council meets this Wednesday, September 10 at 7 pm.

**COMMUNITY BBQ:** Save the date! Our **Ministry Kick-off Community BBQ** is coming up on **Saturday, September 20 at 11:30 am**. We will be looking for volunteers to help make salads on the Friday and people to help set up and serve on Saturday. If you are able to help, please speak to any member of the Hospitality Committee. It will be a great opportunity to connect and share God’s love to those in our community.

<p><b>BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS</b> 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. <i>NUMBERS 6:4-26</i></p> <p>Lauren DePooter ~ September 9 Olga DePooter ~ September 10 Gary DePooter ~ September 12</p>	<p><b>AUGUST 2025 E-Transfer Summary:</b> Budget = \$4040.00 Salvation Army = \$240.00 Teen Challenge = \$1377.00 Total = \$5,657.00</p> <p><b>RECEIPTS:</b> Budget August 24 &amp; 31 = \$2500.00 Teen Challenge = \$1830.30 St Vincent de Paul = \$40.00 Salvation Army = \$60.00 Open Doors = \$40.00</p>
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**MIT’S BIT’S:** Time to get back at it!  
It happens to me every September – I get apprehensive with an overwhelming sensation of a mountain of things to accomplish. As the summer ebbed away and the new church season began, I once again saw a calendar starting to fill. Meetings, church events, and special Sundays, all colour-coded and set neatly into place on the calendar are reminders that we are starting a great deal of work. Church is back in season! But then, I am reminded that God has it. As I mentioned to the kids in a short children’s message last Sunday, God’s got this. All we really need to focus on is the next step. The journey up and over the mountain ahead doesn’t begin with a great leap. It starts with one foot in front of the other.

Any, and every, journey starts like this. Our journey into the next church season is no different. We take one step at a time, edging closer to the goal each day. This raises the question, “What’s the goal?” Our goal should be to honour our Lord through the faithful act of sharing His character with the people around us. We do this through the various activities of the church. It’s nice to take a break from the rigorous journey every now and then. But it does feel good to stretch out and begin the walk once again.

**The Truth Project:** Join us this fall for The Truth Project.  
***Be Transformed By The Renewing of Your Mind***  
The Truth Project is a ground-breaking small group curriculum on the Biblical worldview. This video-based home Bible study is the starting point for looking at life from a biblical perspective. Join Dr. Del Tackett, as he takes you through 13 engaging video lessons on the relevance and importance of living the Biblical worldview in daily life, featuring insights from biblical experts like R.C. Sproul, Os Guinness and Gordon Pennington. Starting early October on Tuesday nights.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Mom to Mom is starting on September 10, 2025 at the **Dresden CRC!** This program is for women of all ages - new moms, seasoned moms, and everyone in between. It will run from 9-11 AM every other Wednesday. Childcare will be available for children under the age of 4. We are looking forward to a great year! Please call/text Janna Dieleman at 519-301-3824 or e-mail [jfdeweerd@gmail.com](mailto:jfdeweerd@gmail.com) if you are planning to attend so we know approximately how many ladies to prep for. A calendar is available upon request. There will be hard copies available at our first meeting as well. Drop ins are also welcome!

**Happy Grandparents Day!** - Today we celebrate grandparents! On this special day, consider how you might extend your legacy—whether by setting up a trust or including a charitable gift in your will. If you haven’t taken that step yet, the CRC offers resources to guide you. Learn more about planned giving at [crcna.org/foundation](http://crcna.org/foundation).

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - A new school season has begun. The rhythms and activities of a new school year can make it challenging to include space for God in your everyday family life. One way you can do that is by reviewing the “highs and lows” of your day, giving thanks for God’s many blessings and asking for God’s presence in the midst of hard situations. See Everyday Family Faith ([FaithAliveResources.org](http://FaithAliveResources.org)) for more ways to make time for God with your family. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

**Campus Ministry Announcement:** Thank you for your faithful support of Campus Ministry. Rick Van Manen is the new CRC Campus Minister at Western. You can reach him at [rpvanmanen@gmail.com](mailto:rpvanmanen@gmail.com) and 647-533-5965 or meet him on campus.

**Kids Corner Devotions:** Praying for Our Enemies - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Praying for Our Enemies” at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). In Matthew 5, Jesus preaches the Sermon on the Mount. He wanted people to know how to treat one another and show love the way he loves. He even wants us to show love and kindness to those we think of as our enemies because God cares about and provides for everyone. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the classic “Liz and Friends” podcast!

**Groundwork:** Living as Citizens of God's Kingdom Now - We’ve learned that Jesus brought God’s kingdom near -- so near, in fact, it’s within us. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 6:9-13, Romans 14:17, Micah 4:1-5, Matthew 25:35-40, Philippians 2:5-8, Acts 2:42-47, Revelation 11:15, and 1 Corinthians 15:58 to learn what it means and looks like for us to live in God’s kingdom here and now, even when we can’t fully see it. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

| DATE                                | 7– SEPT                     | 14– SEPT                    | 21– SEPT                    | 28– SEPT                      |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday School<br/>Ages 3—5</b>   | Megan D                     | Megan D                     | Megan D                     | Lucia K                       |
| <b>Sunday School<br/>Grades 1-3</b> | Megan D<br>(class combined) | Megan D<br>(class combined) | Megan D<br>(class combined) | Jillian L                     |
| <b>Sunday School<br/>Grades 4-8</b> | Lucas D                     | Lucas D                     | Lucas D                     | Lucas D                       |
| <b>Nursery</b>                      | Beth L<br>Torey D           | Jordan L<br>Joyce D         | Derrek G<br>Cori D          | Dave F<br>Olga D              |
| <b>Roamer</b>                       | Jim K                       | Fred K                      | Matt F                      | Rob K                         |
| <b>Greeter</b>                      | Bill & Olga                 | Ed & Trish                  | Irene K<br>Tina F           | Matt & Tara                   |
| <b>Coffee Set-up/<br/>Clean-up</b>  | John & Erica                | Jim & Lucia                 | Bernard &<br>Karlene        | Bill & Olga                   |
| <b>Scripture<br/>Readers</b>        | Acts 28:17-31<br>Rita H     | Pastor Chuck<br>Wilson      | Malachi 3:6-15<br>Diane M   | Galatians 6:6-10<br>Valerie K |
| <b>VIDEO</b>                        | Dan                         | Avah                        | Kyle                        | Larissa                       |
| <b>CAMERA</b>                       | Kyle                        | Connor                      | Dan                         | Colin                         |
| <b>SOUND</b>                        | Jim                         | Casey                       | Edmund                      | Jim                           |

