

GEMS Sunday

Walk on Water



“Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; He is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commandments.”

Deuteronomy 7:9

**Mount Hope
Community CRC**

MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

April 26, 2026 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Pastor Joel Bootsma **Music:** Linda Geerts

(please stand if you are able)

Welcome & Announcements - Verse of the Month - Colossians 3:1 **Frank Buwalda**

GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE

- * God's Greeting & Opening Prayer
- * Call to Worship (Litany)
- * Song of Praise: **"Who You Say I Am"**

GROUNDING IN GOD'S GRACE

Time of Confession (Litany)
Song of Confession: **"My Lighthouse"**
Words of Assurance
Song: **LUYH #743 "O God, You Are My God"**
Children dismissed for Children's Ministry

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:22-33
Message: "Stepping Out to Trust Our Faithful God"
Song of Response: **"Goodness of God"**
Prayer: Church Family and Community

GOING TO SERVE

- Offering: **Budget & GEMS**
- * Sending (Litany)
 - * Benediction
 - * Closing Song: **LUYH #947 "We Receive Your Blessing"**

Thank you for joining us this morning!

We welcome all who join us this morning in worship. **Pastor Joel Bootsma** will lead us in worship and **Linda Geerts** will lead us in music ministry. We especially welcome our GEMS Girls and their families as we celebrate GEMS Sunday today. They are invited to stay for a special lunch following the service. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **GEMS**. You are reminded that you can also donate through the "Give" function on the Bridge App, as well as e-transfer to **accounting.mhccrc@rogers.com**. We hope that you will join us following the service in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

To view this service from home, you can do so by watching via livestream on our website: mounthopcommunitycrc.org, or from our YouTube Channel: [Mount Hope Community Church](#). Those members who have the Bridge App, can view the service directly on the app, by using the "YouTube" icon on the main page.



We are accessible for those with hearing impairment. If you are hard of hearing, please go to the back sound booth and speak to an attendant for an assistive device or instructions on how to connect to the hearing loop.

Children's Ministry

Nursery is available for children ages 0 - 3. Please sign your children in before the service. The nursery is located as soon as you enter the Fellowship Hall, on the left.

Sunday School is available weekly for children ages 3 years to 9 years old. Students will be dismissed to their classes during the service.

Church Family

Jean Postma continues to stay and receive physiotherapy at Hagersville Hospital. It has been a slow process and improvement is slow as a result. Please continue to pray for Jean as she recovers.

Birthdays/Anniversaries this week: We congratulate the following members who will celebrate their birthdays or anniversaries this week. May you be blessed and have a special day with your family and friends. **May 2 - Julie Winter (80th Birthday)**

Announcements

BIBLE STUDY – Well, sorta. A study of the pages in between the Old Testament and New Testament. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday nights, from **7:30pm** to about **8:30pm**, from **April 22** through **May 13**. Tea will be on – come out for a time of learning, discussion, and fellowship.

Church Spring Clean Up - Saturday, May 2nd: *Many hands make light work!* There is some clean up and small jobs that need to be done in and around the church building. The COA Committee is hoping that you can help out! On **Saturday, May 2nd**, from **9:30 a.m.—noon**, we plan to have a

Spring Clean Up here at the church. Refreshments will be provided. There is a **Sign-Up Sheet** at the Bulletin station, please let us know if you are able to come on out. If you have questions, please connect with Frank Buwalda. Thank you!

Community Announcements

Flamborough Calvary CRC is hosting a Technology Talk with Brett Ullman. They would love to have you join them, **Tuesday May 12 @ 7:30 p.m.** at their church, for a talk with our youth on technology.

Shalom Invitation: Pastors & Pastoral Caregivers & Children of Elderly: Support Through the Ages **April 29th at 7:00 pm** – Grimsby Auditorium You are invited to attend an evening exploring conversations that relate to supporting one another through the ages! The topics to be explored will help you navigate change with our aging community, ie., navigating family anxiety and communication styles, honouring our elderly with their experience of change, how to have conversations with family members, including grandchildren and more! Please contact us to register at giving@shalommanor.ca or call 905.945.9631 ext. 1173. Please see your church bulletin board for a poster with more information.

Seniors Day - Grandparents and senior members of our community are invited to HDCH's Seniors' Day **Thurs May 7, 9am-12:30pm**. Enjoy the program, visit classrooms, and stay for a hot lunch. To RSVP for the luncheon, visit hdch.org/events/seniors-day or contact Leanne at 905-648-6655 x 104, lwrench@hdch.org by April 29.

Spring Play Performance - HDCH presents, Arsenic and Old Lace **April 30, May 1-2**. Recommended for ages 12 and over. Tickets are \$15 each. Discounted rates are offered for groups of immediate family members. A Super Fan Ticket has a reduced fee for admission to all three performances. Tickets are available at the door and in advance from our box office: hdch.org/events/spring-play-performance.

Kick off your golf season and support children around the world who are eager for a Christ-centred education at **EduDeo's golf tournament**. Join us at The Oaks of St. George Golf Club, Paris, ON on **May 29, 2026**, for an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start. Register as a team or as an individual. Your registration includes a grab-and-go breakfast and BBQ lunch. **Register today at: edudeogolf.com.**

CRC Announcements

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: How Do We Care for God's World? - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "How Do We Care for God's World?" at www.kidscorner.net. Discover how amazing God's world is and why it matters how we treat it. Learn simple ways you can enjoy the outdoors, care for nature, and help keep our world clean and beautiful! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Earth Day collection.

Groundwork: Understanding the Purpose of God's Law - After emphatically teaching that salvation comes by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, Paul explores the contrasting paths of legalism and freedom in faith. Join Groundwork as we study Galatians 3-4 to hear Paul's encouragement to stay focused on Christ, to embrace our identity as God's children, and to find our unity as believers in Christ. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Groundwork 15th Anniversary - Groundwork is celebrating its 15th anniversary! For more than 15 years now, this radio show and podcast has been digging into the richness of God's Word as the foundation for our lives. Come celebrate God's faithfulness with us! Register online at reframeministries.org/events

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Abuse often thrives in silence and secrecy. This week educate yourself on what healthy relationships and safe church practices look like. Share a resource with a friend or ministry leader. Awareness is one step toward healing, justice, and prevention. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

The Banner

Writers Wanted - The Banner is looking to expand its network of news correspondents - freelance writers paid per story to report on assignments from every corner of the Christian Reformed denomination. If you love stories, are curious to ask church leaders about how and why they do things, and are willing to train and learn, our news editor would love to hear from you: news@thebanner.org. (If you are an experienced writer, all the better! Just mention that in your email.)

Indigenous Ministry

On-the-Land Learning Opportunity - The Indigenous Ministry of the CRC invites you to On-the-Land Learning, an immersive experience rooted in relationship and Indigenous teachings. Respond to the TRC Calls to Action by stepping onto the land to listen, learn, and pursue reconciliation. Join us in London on May 9, Six Nations on May 23, or London on June 27. Register at: crcna.org/indigenous/resources/land-learning

Calvin Theological Seminary

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Turkey and the Seven Churches of Revelation - October 9-19, 2026, visit ancient sites connected with Paul's First, Second, and Third Missionary Journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu

Jesus Walks on the Water

During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. Matthew 14:25 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV)



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DOUBT
SAVE
BOAT
WATER

WAVES
SINK
WIND
ALONE

Volunteer Schedule

Date	April 26	May 3	May 10
Welcome	Frank Buwalda	Anita Moelker	Shae Knevel
Music	Linda Geerts	Praise Team	Bruce Vander Molen
Congregational Prayer		John Demik	
Open / Close	Marlene Knevel	Doug & Eileen Nagtegaal	Frank & Sandi Buwalda
Coffee Duty	Len & Anita Moelker	Doug & Louise Dekker	John & Trish Demik
Sound	Josh Knevel	Frank Buwalda	Rebecca Bootsma
Streaming Overhead	Meagan Demik Louise Dekker	Rebecca Bootsma Rebecca Bootsma	Henk Van Tuyl Henk Van Tuyl
Nursery	Anita Moelker Kristen Roth	Alyssa Tisch Maegan Demik	Marlene Knevel Eileen Nagtegaal

If you are unable to fulfill one of your scheduled duties, we ask that you please find your own replacement. Thank you.

Church Calendar

Tuesday, April 28

7:00 p.m. - Consistory Meeting

Wednesday, April 29

7:30 p.m. - Bible Study

Thursday, April 30

12:00 noon - Bulletin Announcements due

Saturday, May 2

9:30 a.m.- noon - Church Spring Clean Up

Sunday, May 3

10:00 a.m. - Pastor Joel Bootsma

Offering: Budget & Hamilton Right to Life

SCHEDULED OFFERING COLLECTIONS

May 10 - Budget & Beginnings

May 17 - Budget & Canadian Cancer Society

May 24 - Budget & Life Water Canada

May 31 - Budget & Ministry of Seafarer's

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Our Mission Statement

“To glorify God as a vibrant community of disciples that actively and joyfully serve one another and our community.”

Vision: Grounded, Growing, Going

Grounded: Through our Reformed tradition, we are rooted in the nourishing soil of God’s Word and the saving grace of Christ

Growing: We are becoming more Christ like and Spirit filled as God works in our hearts and minds to grow closer to Him

Going: Out of gratitude to God for his work in us, we seek to bear fruit by being the hands and feet of Christ to each other and our community