

Power Of Love In You!” at www.kidscorner.net. School is back, and that means new adventures, new challenges, and lots of chances to grow! Even in frustrating moments, you can choose kindness, patience, and love. Remember, you’re never on your own, and you can make a big difference in your school every single day! Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at <https://kidscorner.net/app>.

Groundwork: Hear God's Voice: A Warning Against Unbelief - When we feel weary and under pressure, the author of Hebrews urges us to hear God’s voice and resist the temptation to drift away from our faith. Join Groundwork as we study Hebrews 3-4:13 to discover how history and community can help us hear God’s voice, keep us securely anchored in our faith when we’re tempted to drift, and find God’s promised Sabbath rest. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Jesus learned from the mistakes of God’s people. He copied the playbook on radical curiosity from the Father. And instead of coming in like a superhero, Jesus entered into humanity by wrapping himself in human flesh and moving “into the neighborhood” (John 1:14, The Message). As you reflect on the humble way Jesus came into the world, think about someone you might normally avoid or people who are excluded in your community. How can you show the love of Christ to those people this week? Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Other

McMaster University Students - University is about more than classes. It’s about finding your people, asking big questions, growing in your faith, and making memories that last. All Things Fellowship is McMaster University's CRC Campus Ministry—a place to build authentic friendships, enjoy great food, explore faith, and have fun along the way. Whether you're in first year or finishing your degree, there's a place for you here. First All Things Fellowship Night Thursday, Sept. 10th. Join us for games, laughs, great conversations, and the chance to meet some incredible people as we kick off a new year together. Welcome BBQ Sunday, Sept. 20th. Come hungry, bring a friend, and enjoy an evening of food, community, and a glimpse of what All Things is all about. Follow us for updates, upcoming events, and encouragement throughout the year. Everyone is welcome. We'd love to meet you! Dr. Michael D. Fallon fallonm@mcmaster.ca. / Instagram [allthingscrc_mcmaster](#).

GEMS Regional Gathering - Woodstock, Ont. - Ontario GEMS leaders are invited to gather in Woodstock on **Saturday, September 19**, for a day of encouragement, training, and fellowship. Connect with leaders from across the province, explore new GEMS resources, and gain practical ideas for discipling girls in your church and community. Come be refreshed and equipped for another year of ministry. Learn more and register at gemsgc.org

World Renew

2026 Cambodia Discovery Tour - World Renew invites you on a journey to explore Cambodia! Grow in your understanding of World Renew’s work from communities already leading change, while experiencing the history, traditions, and culture of Cambodia. Join us from November 6-16, 2026 and come discover what God is doing in Cambodia. Registration is limited. For more information and to register, visit: <https://bit.ly/cambodia2026info>

August 16, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Joel Bootsma

Musician: Linda Geerts



We welcome all who join us this morning especially to our visitors who are here for the baptism of Vivian Demik, daughter to Alex & Maegan Demik. We also welcome **Rev. Jeff Klingenberg** who will do the baptism of his grand daughter. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **HDCH**. 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:

mounthopecommunitycrc.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 in your children before the service. The nursery is located as soon as you enter the Fellowship Hall, on the left.
Sunday School is finished until September. There are colouring activities for the children at the Sanctuary entrance, and the younger children are welcome to attend the nursery before or during the service.

Church Family

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. **August 20 – Justin Liddicoat**
Our condolences go out to **Henk and Rita Van Tuyl** with the passing of Henk’s youngest brother, John this past Tuesday, August 11th. The visitation and service took place on Friday and Saturday. Please keep the Van Tuyl family in your prayers.

Order of Service

Welcome & Announcements - Verse of the Month: Ephesians 4:2 **Frank Buwalda**

GATHERING BY GOD’S PRESENCE

- * God’s Greeting & Opening Prayer
- * Opening Song: **LUYH #516 “Bless the Lord, O My Soul”** (x2)
- * Call to Worship
- * Song of Praise: **LUYH #672:1,2,3,4 “O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God”**

GROUNDING IN GOD’S GRACE - BAPTISM

The Institution
The Promises
The Instruction
Prayer
The Vows
The baptism of Vivian Rose Demik
Song: **LUYH #770 “In Christ Alone”**
Prayer

GROWING IN GOD’S LOVE

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:1-17
Sermon: “What Are You Even Talking About?”
Song of Response: **LUYH #746 “Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”**
Prayer: Church Family and Community

GOING TO SERVE

- Offerings: **Budget and HDCH**
- * Sending
 - * Benediction
 - * Closing Song of Praise: **LUYH #608 “Salvation Belongs to Our God”**

Upcoming Events

August 17 – August 30 – Pastor Joel on Vacation
Thursday, August 20
12:00 noon - Bulletin Announcements due
Sunday, August 23 (Lord’s Supper)
10:00 a.m. – Rev. Ralph Koops
Offering: Budget & Redeemer University

Scheduled Offerings

August 30 – Budget & EduDeo
September 6 – Budget & Christian School Assistance Fund
September 13 – Budget & Shalom Manor & Gardens
September 20 – Budget & Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Volunteer Schedule

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

Date	August 16	August 23	August 30
Welcome	Frank Buwalda	Sandi Buwalda	Shae Knevel
Music	Linda Geerts	Anne te Grotenhuis	Monica Mudde
Congregational Prayer		John Demik	Henk Van Tuyl
Open / Close	Buwalda’s	Nagtegaal’s	Shae Knevel
Coffee Duty	Doug & Louise Dekker	Eric & Alyssa Tisch	Neil & Kristen Roth
Sound	Josh Knevel	Rebecca Bootsma	Frank Buwalda
Streaming	Henk Van Tuyl	Mark Demik	Meagan Demik
Projection	Henk Van Tuyl	Marlene Knevel	Louise Dekker
Nursery	Louise Dekker	Maegan Demik	Anita Moelker
	Rebecca Bootsma	Eileen Nagtegaal	Kristen Roth

Announcements

On Vacation: Pastor Joel will be on vacation from **August 17 – August 30th**. If a pastoral concern comes up during that time, please contact your district elder or the church office. Jennifer Brennan, our bookkeeper is also on vacation from **August 17 – August 21st**. Thank you.

Fall Fair & BBQ: We are hosting our Community Fall Festival and Barbeque on **Saturday, September 12** from **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** We need volunteers to help run this event, so this morning you will find a volunteer sign-up form in your mailslot, as well as at the welcome station. Please prayerfully consider helping us out and fill out the form and place them in Marlene’s mailslot by **August 30th**.

2027 Church Directory: It is once again the time of year when we have to submit our information for the new Directory. Please review what is presently in the 2026 Directory and let me know by **Thursday, August 27th** if you wish anything to change. Thank you, Marlene

CRC Announcements

ReFrame Ministries
Kids Corner Devotions - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “A New School Year: God’s