

when it's not easy. Maybe it's all of these and more! Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at <https://kidscorner.net/app> Other

Groundwork: Jesus is the High Priest Who Meets Our Needs - Do you ever feel alone, like no one can understand what you're going through? Join Groundwork as we study Hebrews 4:14-7:28 to learn about the high priest Melchizedek. Together, we'll see how the author of Hebrews draws a connection between Melchizedek and Jesus to help us better understand the extent to which Jesus truly understands, cares for, and meets our needs. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was curious about the racial climate in the United States in the 1960s. Growing up in the segregated South troubled and inspired him for a better vision of an America that lived out the true meaning of its creed that all people are created with equality and dignity. How might the Lord be nudging you to reach out to someone with curiosity this week? What simple act can you do this week to move toward love, unity, and a celebration of diversity? Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

World Renew

Field to Table Dinner for Asia - Join us for an evening of delicious Asian cuisine and inspiring conversation with Faye Yu, World Renew's Country Director for Laos. Faye will share how God is working through local communities and faithful partnerships to bring hope, opportunity, and lasting change. Peter Timmerman, our Canadian Executive Director, will also share reflections on World Renew's work. Join us on Thursday, September 10, 2026, 6:00–7:30 PM at the World Renew Canada office, 3475 Mainway, Burlington, ON. Reserve your spot at worldrenew.org/events (select "Field to Table" and click "Register Here").

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 [allthingscsrc_mcmaster](https://www.instagram.com/allthingscsrc_mcmaster).

Single, 21 year old, female Mohawk student looking for a single room to rent for the school year, starting in September. Please contact vanderwal.a.2005@gmail.com or text me at 519-502+7885.

August 23, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Ralph Koops

Musician: Anne te Grotenhuis



We welcome all who join us this morning. Pastor Joel is on vacation, and **Rev. Ralph Koops** will lead us in worship. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **Redeemer University**. 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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...). 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 25 – Doug Dekker** (63rd Birthday) **August 26 – Meagan Demik** (23rd Birthday) **August 30 – Adam & Amanda Jay – 1st Year Wedding Anniversary**
We are so shocked and saddened by the sudden passing of **Alida Zantingh** on Wednesday after being hit by a car. We pray for her family as they process this and mourn her passing. **John Verschoor's** health is failing, and we pray for his family as they take care of him. They are trying to get him into hospice care.

Order of Service

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

GATHERING BY GOD’S PRESENCE

- * God’s Greeting & Opening Prayer
- * Opening Song: **LUYH #529:1,2,4 ‘Gather Us In’**
- * Call to Worship
- * Song of Praise: **LUYH #343 “Blessed Be Your Name”**

GROUNDING IN GOD’S GRACE

Time of Confession
Song of Confession: **“He Will Hold Me Fast”**
Words of Assurance
Song: **LUYH #256 “They Will Know We Are Christians”**
Prayer: Church Family and Community **John Demik**

GROWING IN GOD’S LOVE

Scripture Reading: Genesis 6:1-11; Matthew 24:36-44 (Text: Matt 24:37-42)
Sermon: **“When Jesus Returns”**
Song of Response: **LUYH #613 “Come to the Saviour Now”**
The Lord’s Supper

GOING TO SERVE

- Offerings: **Budget and Redeemer University**
- * Sending
 - * Benediction
 - * Closing Song of Praise: **LUYH #482 “Soon and Very Soon”**

Upcoming Events

August 23 – August 30 – Pastor Joel on Vacation / Marlene on Vacation
Wednesday, August 26
8:00 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast
Thursday, August 27
12:00 noon - Bulletin Announcements due / Directory Changes
Sunday, August 30
10:00 a.m. – Rev. Bart Velthuisen
Offering: Budget & Edu Deo Ministries

Scheduled Offerings

September 6 – Budget & Christian School Assistance Fund
September 13 – Budget & Shalom Manor & Gardens
September 20 – Budget & Canadian Foodgrains Bank
September 27 – Budget & Neighbour to Neighbour (Hamilton)

Volunteer Schedule

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

Date	August 23	August 30	September 6
Welcome	Sandi Buwalda	Shae Knevel	Mark Demik
Music	Anne te Grotenhuis	Monica Mudde	Walt Haveman
Congregational Prayer	John Demik	Henk Van Tuyl	Len Moelker
Open / Close	Nagtegaal’s	Shae Knevel	Van Tuyl’s
Coffee Duty	Eric & Alyssa Tisch	Neil & Kristen Roth	John & Trish Demik
Sound	R. Bootsma	Frank Buwalda	Josh Knevel
Streaming	Mark Demik	Meagan Demik	Jack Demik
Projection	Marlene Knevel	Louise Dekker	Jack Demik
Nursery	Maegan Demik	Anita Moelker	Shae Knevel
	Eileen Nagtegaal	Kristen Roth	Sandi Buwalda

Announcements

On Vacation: Pastor Joel will be on vacation until **August 30th**. If a pastoral concern comes up during that time, please contact your district elder. Marlene will also be on vacation from **August 24 – August 30th**. Please email any church announcements to the office email as usual. 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, please remember to fill in your volunteer sign up form you received last week (extra copies at Welcome Station) by **August 30th** and place them in Marlene’s mailslot. Thank you.

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: A New School Year: What Can I Offer? - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “A New School Year: What Can I Offer?” at www.kidscorner.net. Choose the best ways this school year to show love to God. Maybe it’s by helping a classmate, working hard in school, or **being kind**