

# **Exeter Christian Reformed Church**

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## Sunday, January 12, 2025

Worship: 10am

Pastor Jay Crossen

Musicians: Michelle, Sylvia, Marion, Shawn, Shaun, Orrin, Al, Josh

## **God Gathers Us in His Presence**

Words of Welcome

- \* Call to Worship
- \* Songs: Lord Most High LUYH 593
- \* God's Greeting
- \* Song: It Is Well

## **God Renews Us In His Grace**

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance

Song: Lord, I Need You

#### God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message and Song: In Christ Alone Children age 3 – Grade 6 are dismissed for Sunday School Prayer of Illumination Scripture: Luke 12:22-34

Message

Song: Still

## God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering – Children of the Promise

## Offertory: Breathe

## God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

- \* God's Sending and Blessing
- \* Song: The Blessing

\* Indicates to please stand if you are able

LUYH stands for Lift Up Your Hearts (the red song book in the pews)

## **Gathering for Worship**

**LARGE PRINT** copies of the Lift Up Your Hearts hymn book are available for use during worship. They are located on the bookcase in the foyer next to the administrator's office. Large print copies of songs not in LUYH are available from the ushers.

<u>Nursery and Sunday School</u> programs will be available during the church service for those parents who wish their children to participate. We have classes for children aged 3 – Grade 6. Children will be dismissed during the worship gathering. The Education Committee, Sunday School, and Nursery, with the support of Council, have developed a plan to safely care for your children.

#### Upcoming Services:

<u>January 19</u>: Pastor Rick DeGraaf leads the service <u>January 26</u>: Pastor Jay leads the service <u>February 2</u>: Pastor Jay leads us as we celebrate the Lord's Supper

Exeter CRC strives to be a healthy community. If you are feeling unwell in any way join our worship gathering on-line. We continue to worship together as a community of God's people. <u>YouTube:</u> <u>https://bit.ly/3yYa4ze</u>



Exeter CRC is accessible for those with hearing impairment. If you are hard of hearing, please have an usher direct you to the sound booth for an assistive device.

#### From the Deacons

The offering this Sunday is for Children of the Promise January 19: Deacons January 26: Christian School Bursary Fund February 2: Friends of the Orphans – DR Project



The Deacons will collect your offering during the worship service. You can also respond with your offering by e-Transfer to <u>ecrcgiving@gmail.com</u>. Please state in the memo the cause(s) you are supporting. Coupons for the offering are available in the office; please ask one of the deacons for assistance if you are interested in buying coupons.



**MemberCare**<sup>+</sup> is a free counselling program for Exeter CRC members provided through By Peaceful Waters. Please call **519-886-8577** or email **mail@bypeacefulwaters.ca** for more information.

#### **Our Church Family**

<u>Calendar of Events</u>: One of the features of our website is a calendar of meetings and events to help keep you up to date. Click on this <u>link</u> to have a look at everything happening at ECRC.

For those who have a prayer request or are sharing a thanksgiving, please feel free to include it on the church's Facebook page, or please contact your elder or the church office if you wish to include it in the bulletin or The Bridge App.

#### **Exeter CRC Announcements**

Ladies, do you want to grow in intimacy in your relationship with the Lord? If so, join us for <u>Women's Coffeebreak</u> beginning on Wednesday, January 22 from 9:30-11am for a 6 week study where we will build intimacy in our relationship as women as well as in our relationship with the Lord. We will be meeting weekly to learn about how to pursue intimacy with God, what to do if we do not feel worthy of His love, how to embrace God's perfect love, and to recognize our own beauty and worth in His eyes through studying the book of Song of Solomon. Child care will be provided. Women of all ages and stages are welcome! Bring a friend and enjoy growing in the Lord together! If you would like a sneak peak at what we will be studying check out the following link: <u>https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/133573</u>

<u>Attention Grade 7&8's</u>! Catechism classes will be offered during Sunday school time Jan 12 - Feb 23 (no class Feb 16) We are excited to study and learn with you!

## From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

Huron Christian School: Join us on Friday, January 31, 2025, for our <u>annual Pancake Supper</u>! Enjoy a delicious meal of pancakes and sausages, then test your luck in our exciting game rooms. Doors are open from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and we'd love to see you there!

<u>CRC Churches Get Together</u>: Join us February 1st at 5:30 pm at the Vanastra CRC for dinner, discussion and a time to connect with local ministry leaders! Ron deVries will be coming from Alberta to lead a workshop for us which focuses on the current youth and young adult context, what Scripture teaches us and many other topics on ministries. There will be opportunities for questions, discussion ... and dinner is provided! Please help us know how much food to prepare by letting Michelle know you're coming: clintonministrycoordinator@gmail.com

<u>The Young Adult Winter Retreat</u> (YAWR) is back again at Maranatha CRC, Woodstock! We would like to encourage all young adults ages 18-30 to join us for a weekend of faith-based discussions, service, fellowship, and funtivities! We are excited to announce that Pastor Stephen Terpstra from First CRC Iowa will be leading us in a series of discussions on engaging in the church community. The retreat will take place from January 24-26, 2025, with the theme Engage. Early bird registration is \$60. Don't miss this chance to grow in faith, build lasting connections, and have fun! For more information or the registration link, follow us on Instagram (yawinterretreat), Facebook (Young Adult Winter Retreat), or email us at <u>ya.retreat.team@gmail.com</u>.

<u>Come Get Your Community Cookbook:</u> The Huron County Ministerial cookbook is available in the office. Please stop by the office with your minimum donation of \$10, to get yours. If you did not order one, there is some extras available; please just ask. All monies raised will benefit the Community Table.



Why should I be a pro-life member?

- 1. When pro-life groups approach government, the greater the number of voters represented, the greater the government listens.
- 2. Your membership dollars contribute to your local group's advertising on Facebook, billboards, newspapers, radios, and websites.
- 3. To offer emotional support to leaders in the pro-life movement who may be feeling drained at times.
- 4. To protect the lives of the vulnerable: the preborn, the disabled, and the elderly.
- 5. To make your voice heard.

Wingham and District Right to Life is now selling memberships for 2025. You may e-transfer the money to

<u>winghamrighttolife@gmail.com</u>. Membership money may also be mailed to Wingham and District Right to Life, c/o Mrs. Lorraine Clugston, P. O. Box 1001, Wingham, NOG 2W0. Family memberships are \$20 and single persons are \$10. Thank you for supporting the pro-life movement in this area.

This Week: January 12-18								
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	Tuesday	Wednesday	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>		
10am Worship	7pm GEMS	7pm Youth Group		7pm Cadets				

SERVING SCHEDULE								
	January 12	January 19	January 26	February 2				
Elder	Jason Mulder	Geroge Poortinga	Gerard Steenbeek	Clare Toornstra				
Deacon	Anthony Nyman & Dianne Soer	Dianne Soer & Harry Knip	Harry Knip & Joy DeWeerd	Joy DeWeerd & Connor VanSoest				
Coffee Clean-Up	Kelvin & Autumn Knip Caleb Kodde and Nathan Kodde	Joe & Amy Lubbers Jason & Jody Mulder	Helen & Bernie MacLellan Kevin & Sarah Mulder	Sandra Newton Joyce Pelley				
Greeters	Kathryn Langendyk & Wibbina Toonk	Clarence Toornstra & Sam Vanderlaan						
Ushers	Jake Zantingh & Tim DeWeerd	Al Heyink & Colton Mulder	Gerald Kodde & Cliff Knip	Joe Lubbers & Tim Deweerd				
Children's Message	Joan Brady	Leo Weverink	Sylvia Hulshof					
Nursery	Rolinda deRuiter, Karen Knip, Lily DenHollander	Sylvia Heyink, Laura Garritsen, Avery Knip	Yvonne VanSoest, Kassidy Heyink					
Sunday School	Joy DeWeerd, Joanne Branderhorst, Leah Branderhorst, Sheila Vanderlaan, Kathryn Langendyk	Sylvia Hulshof, Joanne Branderhorst, Leah Branderhorst, Sheila Vanderlaan, Kathryn Langendyk	Joy DeWeerd, Joanne Branderhorst, Leah Branderhorst, Sheila Vanderlaan, Kathryn Langendyk					