



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday, January 19, 2025

Worship: 10am

Pastor Rick DeGraaf

**Musicians: Steve VanBreda and
the kids**

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

- * Call to Worship
- * Songs: **Lord I Lift Your Name on High LUYH 610**
- * God's Greeting
- * Song: **Build Your Kingdom CLI 6186078**

God Renews Us In His Grace

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance

Song: **10,000 Reasons LUYH 559**

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message and Song: **He's got the Whole World LUYH 26**

Children age 3 – Grade 6 are dismissed for Sunday School

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: **Matthew 13:1-30**

Message: Perseverance

Song: **O Jesus, I Have Promised LUYH 352**

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering – Deacons Benevolence

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

- * God's Sending and Blessing
- * Song: **Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow LUYH 965**

* 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.

Nursery and Sunday School 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:

- January 26: Pastor Jay leads the service – baptism of Carter Dykstra
- February 2: Pastor Jay leads the service - baptism of Charlie Van Soest
- February 9: Pastor Jay leads the service – baptism of Rylan Glavin
- February 16: Pastor Jay leads the service – baptism of Jaylen Heyink
- February 23: Pastor Jay leads the service – baptism of Zachary Zantingh

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. **YouTube:** <https://bit.ly/3yYa4ze>



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 Deacons Benevolence

- January 26: Christian School Bursary Fund
- February 2: Friends of the Orphans – DR Project
- February 9: Cadets

The Deacons will collect your offering during the worship service. You can also respond with your offering by e-Transfer to ecrcgiving@gmail.com. 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.

Collections paid in December – Total of \$33,601.14

\$1,255.00 Deacons	\$4,518.30 Tuition Assistance
\$6,591.85 Exeter Foodbank	\$3,495.20 World Renew - Canadian Food Grains Bank
\$1,735.30 World Renew - World Hunger	\$2,638.94 Teen Challenge
\$1,491.00 South Coast Beach Project (SOCO)	\$2,198.10 Huron County Christmas Bureau
\$7,255.35 Community Table & Angel Tree Project	\$2,422.10 Indwell



MemberCare⁺ 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

Calendar of Events: One of the features of our website is a calendar of meetings and events to help keep you up to date. Click on this [link](#) 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 **Women's Coffeekbreak** 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: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/133573>

Attention Grade 7&8's! 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!

Calling all singers: The Nursing Home Singers are heading to Bluewater in Zurich at 6:45pm on Tuesday.

Limited mobility parking spaces: Please be advised we will be using the posted spaces as they are intended for our members that require parking closer to the building to avoid slip and falls. The rear doors will be open once again to allow easier access from the parking lot. Thanks for everyone's cooperation in this matter.

From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

The Young Adult Winter Retreat (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 ya.retreat.team@gmail.com.

Huron Christian School: Join us on Friday, January 31, 2025, for our **annual Pancake Supper!** 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!

CRC Churches Get Together: 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

Clinton Youth Service: Join us February 2nd at 7:00 pm for a youth service at the Clinton CRC. We'll be led by Pastor Ron deVries, a Youth Pastor from Alberta, with a message on service as well as singing, trivia and refreshments to follow! Come all who are young and young at heart. We're looking forward to worshipping together!

Young Adults Worship Night: On February 16 at 7:30pm the young adults (Roots2:7) from Bethel CRC in Listowel, will be hosting an evening of worship and fellowship. For full details find them on Instagram @roots2.7.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the FOTOCAN Boerenkool supper last Friday. We were able to raise over \$4000 for the DR projects. Thank you, again Andy & Margot Uyl.

Come Get Your Community Cookbook: 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.

This Week: January 19-25

<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship	<u>Monday</u> 7pm GEMS	<u>Tuesday</u> 6:45pm NHS in Bluewater Rest Home 7pm Youth Group	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u> 7pm Cadets	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
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SERVING SCHEDULE

	January 19	January 26	February 2	February 9
Elder	Geroge Poortinga	Gerard Steenbeek	Clare Toornstra	Jason Mulder
Deacon	Dianne Soer & Harry Knip	Harry Knip & Joy DeWeerd	Joy DeWeerd & Connor VanSoest	Connor VanSoest & Anthony Nyman
Coffee Clean-Up	Joe & Amy Lubbers Jason & Jody Mulder	Helen & Bernie MacLellan Kevin & Sarah Mulder	Sandra Newton Joyce Pelley	
Greeters	Clarence Toornstra & Sam Vanderlaan	Albert Hummel & Sandra Newton	Gerben & Ria Steenbeek	Scott & Wendy Stafford
Ushers	Al Heyink & Colton Mulder	Gerald Kodde & Cliff Knip	Joe Lubbers & Tim Deweerd	Jason Mulder & Betty Toornstra
Children's Message	Leo Weverink	Sylvia Hulshof		Pastor Jay
Nursery	Sylvia Heyink, Laura Garritsen, Avery Knip	Yvonne VanSoest, Cassidy Heyink		
Sunday School	Sylvia Hulshof, Joanne Branderhorst, Leah Branderhorst, Sheila Vanderlaan, Kathryn Langendyk	Joy DeWeerd, Joanne Branderhorst, Leah Branderhorst, Sheila Vanderlaan, Kathryn Langendyk	Joy Deweerd, Janelle Bouman, Angela Nyman, Tanya Steenbeek	Joy Deweerd, Janelle Bouman, Angela Nyman, Tanya Steenbeek