



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday, January 5, 2025

Worship: 10am

Teen Challenge Choir

Musicians: Teen Challenge

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

- * Call to Worship
- * Songs: **10,000 Reasons LUYH 559**

Holy Forever

Shout to the Lord LUYH 603

God Renews Us In His Grace

Dismissal of Children age 3 to Grade 6

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

God Speaks to Us Through Teen Challenge

Song: He Has Set Me Free

Testimony

Song: My Deliverer

Testimony

Song: Mary Don't You Weep

Testimony

Song: Wonderful God

Teen Challenge Overview

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Offering – Teen Challenge

Offertory: Bring the Light

God Sends Us Out to Serve

Close of Service

Song: **Holy Holy Holy LUYH 538**

- * God's Sending and Blessing
- * Song: **Amazing Grace LUYH 691**

* 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 12: Pastor Jay leads the service

January 19: Pastor Rick DeGraaf leads the service

January 26: Pastor Jay leads the service

February 2: 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. **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 Teen Challenge

January 12: Children of the Promise

January 19: Deacons

January 26: Christian School Bursary Fund



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 still available. Please ask one of the deacons for assistance if you are interested in buying coupons.

You are making a difference! On behalf of the ministries of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, thank you for your gifts to ministry shares. Your support enables congregations to do so much more to further God's Kingdom than any one church could do alone. Our denomination could not impact the world through missions, media, and church development without your incredible and faithful support. Thank you! To discover more visit crcna.org/ministryshares.



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

GEMS Leaders needed: We have the wonderful situation of lots of girls... 29 registered this year! Our current leaders are doing a great job but more help would be appreciated by all. Please go to gemsgc.org for more information or talk to any of the present leaders: Janelle Bouman, Joanne Branderhorst, Leah Branderhorst, Sylvia Hoonard, Karen Knip (Club Coordinator) and Jody Mulder. There will be a planning meeting at the church on Monday, January 6/25 at 7:00pm. We would love to have you join us as we plan the rest of the GEMS calendar which ends with GEMS Sunday on May 4/25.

Synod 2024: Council is having ongoing discussions regarding decisions Synod has made that can affect our church. We are taking advantage of meetings hosted by other churches and Classis Huron to learn more. Please remember to hold the CRCNA and Classis Huron in prayer during this time.

Catechism for those in Grade 7 and 8 will be starting on January 12 and will run for 6 weeks. You will be dismissed with the Sunday school.

From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

Thrive Faith Formation Tip: Today is Epiphany Sunday, when we celebrate Jesus' coming as the light to all people. On this Sunday we remember the Magi, who saw the light in the sky and followed it to honour the birth of Jesus. Read Matthew 2:1-12. Talk about what kind of gift you would bring to Jesus, and why. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

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 this 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](https://www.instagram.com/yawinterretreat)), Facebook (Young Adult Winter Retreat), or email us at ya.retreat.team@gmail.com.

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.

Boerenkool Fundraiser Supper: Come join us at Huron Christian School on **Friday, January 10** from 5 to 7 pm for a delicious dinner to raise funds for the Dominican Republic Service Team projects! Come with family and friends to enjoy boerenkool, carrot stampot and more. The cost is by donation.

World Renew Honduras Discovery Tour: Begin the year by embarking on an unforgettable journey from March 15-20, 2025! Join us to see firsthand the incredible impact of World Renew's work in Honduras. This exciting tour offers a unique opportunity to explore World Renew's integrated agriculture projects in the beautiful, mountainous region of La Campa. For more information and to register, visit bit.ly/2025honduras

This Week: January 5 - 11

<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship	<u>Monday</u> GEMS leader meeting	<u>Tuesday</u> 7pm Youth Group	<u>Wednesday</u> 7pm BOA meeting 7:30pm Worship Committee	<u>Thursday</u> 7pm Cadets 7pm Council	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
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SERVING SCHEDULE

	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
Elder	Joe Lubbers	Jason Mulder	Geroge Poortinga	Gerard Steenbeek
Deacon	Connor VanSoest & Anthony Nyman	Anthony Nyman & Dianne Soer	Dianne Soer & Harry Knip	Harry Knip & Joy DeWeerd
Coffee Clean-Up	Cameron Knip Greg & Kathryn Langendyk	Kelvin & Autumn Knip Caleb Kodde and Nathan Kodde	Joe & Amy Lubbers Jason & Jody Mulder	Helen & Bernie MacLellan Kevin & Sarah Mulder
Greeters	Lori Triebner & Norma Vanderlaan	Kathryn Langendyk & Wibbina Toonk	Clarence Toornstra & Sam Vanderlaan	
Ushers	George Poortinga, Sylvia Hulshof	Jake Zantingh & Tim DeWeerd	Al Heyink & Colton Mulder	Gerald Kodde & Cliff Knip
Children's Message	None	Joan Brady	Leo Weverink	Sylvia Hulshof
Nursery				
Sunday School	Joy DeWeerd, Joanne Branderhorst, Leah Branderhorst, Sheila Vanderlaan, Kathryn Langendyk	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