



# Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Worship: 10am

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Pastor Jay Crossen

Musicians: Janece, Joe, Amy,  
Laura, Peter & Shawn

## God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

\* Song **When Peace Like a River LUYH # 451**

God's Greeting:

\* Song **Cornerstone CCLI # 6158927**

## God Renews Us In His Grace

Cadet Litany

Song **Days of Elijah CCLI # 1537904**

## God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message

Song: **The Wise Man Built His House CCLI # 7076462**

Children (Dismissal age 3-to Grade 6) for Sunday School & Grade 7 & 8 Catechism

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Exodus 20: 8-11, Mark 2: 27

Message: Sabbath: Resting in God's Enoughness

\*Song: **Living Hope CCLI # 7106807**

## God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Cadets

Offertory **He Will Hold Me Fast CCLI # 7016161**

## God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

\*God's Sending and Blessing

\*Song: **Living for Jesus LUYH # 292**

\* 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 to 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

**Valet service** - designed for worshippers with mobility challenges, valet service is available for free with advance arrangements. Simply drive your car up to the east door (under the car port) and one of our friendly drivers will meet you, help unload your mobility device and park your car for you! If you are interested, please contact Mike Buckman in church, by phone (519-236-7940), by text (519-630-7827), through Facebook or via email at [michaelbuckman@hotmail.com](mailto:michaelbuckman@hotmail.com)

### Upcoming Services:

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| <u>Feb 15:</u> | Pastor Jay     | (Cadet Sunday) |
| <u>Feb 22:</u> | Pastor Jay     | (Lent week 1)  |
| <u>Mar 1:</u>  | Pastor Jay     | (Lent week 2)  |
| Mar 8:         | Walter Miedema | (Lent week 3)  |

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 Cadets

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| <u>Feb 22:</u> | Coldest Night of the Year             |
| <u>Mar 1:</u>  | Compassion Canada                     |
| <u>Mar 8:</u>  | Thrive - CRC Office of Social Justice |



The Deacons will collect your offering during the worship service. You can also respond with your offering by e-Transfer to [ecrgiving@gmail.com](mailto:ecrgiving@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.

**Common Plate** A donation email has been set up for Common Plate it is as follows [donations@Exetercommonplate.org](mailto:donations@Exetercommonplate.org)



**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](mailto: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

### **Celebrating 75 Years of God's Faithfulness at Exeter CRC!**

With great excitement we are making plans for a special weekend of celebration to take place April 24-26, 2026 D.V. In your mailboxes, you will find an invitation card with more details. Please mark your calendars and help spread the word to former members and friends of Exeter CRC. Extra invitations are available by the church office – feel free to take a few to share. Please remember to RSVP to the Saturday night dinner by March 31<sup>st</sup>! RSVP to [exetercrc75@gmail.com](mailto:exetercrc75@gmail.com) or talk to one of the planning committee members (Dan Vanderlaan, Sheila Vanderlaan, Sylvia Heyink, Sarah Mulder, Kathryn Langendyk, Bert Visscher). Payment for tickets can be e-transferred to [ecrcgiving@gmail.com](mailto:ecrcgiving@gmail.com) (please put in the notes that it is for tickets).

### **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Memories Wanted**

Our church is preparing to celebrate 75 years of ministry, fellowship, and faithful service. As we look ahead to this milestone, we'd love to look back as well. We invite you to share memories, stories, or photos from over the years – whether from long ago or just yesterday. From meaningful moments to those we still smile about, your memories help tell the story of our church family. Thank you for helping us celebrate where we've been and all that God has done among us. Please submit by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Email to [exetercrc75@gmail.com](mailto:exetercrc75@gmail.com) or place in Kathryn Langendyk's mailbox.

**'Coldest Night of the Year' Walk** – Help Needed We are again hosting the CNOY walk this year on February 28 at our church, and we are looking for some volunteers. We are wanting 5 people to help in the kitchen with chili prep from 1 till 4 (ish) and 6 people to help with clean up 6:30 – 8 (ish). If you are willing to help out, please talk to Dan Vanderlaan. Be not afraid Dan is not running the kitchen..... Joan Brady will be there with her apron, culinary expertise, and wooden spoon (if necessary) to ensure the day runs smoothly.

**Choir is starting up again!** We're looking forward to lifting our voices together as we prepare two special songs - one for the Good Friday service and one for our 75th Anniversary celebration service. Please join us on **Monday evenings at 7:30, beginning February 9th**, in the church sanctuary. All are welcome - new voices and returning singers alike!

**GEMS Rally** will be held at the Exeter CRC on **Saturday, April 11/26**. There will be over 200 girls and leaders attending from Blyth, Clinton, Listowel, Stratford, Vanastra, and Wingham. Volunteers will be needed. There will be many different ways to help out like in the kitchen with food prep/serving, assisting with workshops, group leaders, set up/tear down and clean up at the end of the day to name a few. We are still in the planning stage working out our volunteer needs/schedule. If you can lend a hand, reach out to any of the ECRC GEMS leaders. In His Service, Leah Branderhorst, Joanne Branderhorst, Lauren Hoonard, Sylvia Hoonard, Karen Knip, Jody Mulder, and Deb Westerik.

**Badge Books** GEMS will be working on badges as a group on February 23, March 2 and March 9. Please bring your Badge Books on those nights. Thanks for your cooperation!

**Housekeeping:** We are preparing in the spring for two BIG events in our church how exciting is that. In light of these events If anyone has any items borrowed and not yet returned, please if you could do so. Thank you!

**Men's breakfast** will be held on Saturday Feb. 21st. We will continue with our study of James. Men of all ages are welcome. Please RSVP to Mike Zandwyk or Pastor Jay.

**Young adults** (ages 18-35) are invited to come bowling from 7:30-9:30pm on Friday, February 27, at Town and Country Bowling Lanes. Costs are covered. We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, please reach out to Savannah Zantingh, Rachel Boersma, or Rachel Kaumans.

### **Council Highlights**

- Classis Huron is meeting Feb 18th, Gerard, Anthony and Pastor Jay are planning on attending.
- Profession of Faith Classes have wrapped up, so we soon get to celebrate with them as they profess their faith.
- There was discussion on how the Cadet Snow Derby came together.
- We are looking forward to the GEMS Rally as well.
- Community Stream has a lot of events going on, we are blessed to have this, to bring people together.
- Also, the progress on the planning for the 75th Anniversary is well underway.
- Safe church is looking for new members. Please prayerfully consider this if asked. ,

### **From the CRCNA and the Broader Community**

**Reframe:** Friends For 75 years, *Today* has been part of the daily rhythms of faith for readers around the world. I'm grateful for the many ways God has used these devotions to speak hope and point people to Christ.

I'd love to invite you to a special Direct Connect as we celebrate this milestone together. I'll be joined by:

**Rev. Darrell Delaney**, Pastor, cohost of Groundwork, and *Today* writer

**Christopher Hunt**, *Today* and ReFrame Ministries writer.

**Rev. Beth Fellingner**, Pastor and *Today* writer

Together, we'll reflect on God's faithfulness, share stories from behind the pages of *Today*, Q&A from viewers, and look ahead to what God is still doing through this ministry. I hope you'll join us. You can sign up for the online event by visiting [reframeministries.org/events](https://reframeministries.org/events). If you cannot attend the live event, signing up will allow us to send you the recording to view later. Thank you for your partnership in ministry with ReFrame! In Him, Rev. Kurt Selles

**Ladies: You're invited to IF: One Night** at Clinton Christian Reformed Church on Sunday, March 1 from 5:30 - 9:30 pm. Your tummy and heart will be filled as we come together to worship, learn and enjoy the fellowship of other women. The cost is \$10 and can be e-transferred to [clintoncrctreasurer@tcc.on.ca](mailto:clintoncrctreasurer@tcc.on.ca). Sign up by February 18th by calling the church (519.482.5264) or emailing [clintonministrycoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:clintonministrycoordinator@gmail.com).

**Safe Church Conference** The Annual Inter-Classis Safe Church Conference will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2026, from 9 AM – 3 PM at Waterloo CRC.

At a time of history when truth is being challenged and when power is being abused, join us for a time of learning and discussion. Our plenary speaker will be Dr. James Watson who will be joined by speakers Cathi Watson, Dr. Stephen Vander Klippe, and Julia Rathbun. For further information and registration go to <https://crcna.regfox.com/2026-classis-huron-safe-church-conference>. This conference is for all ministry leaders and those interested in making our churches safe places to work, volunteer and worship. For additional information, contact Pastor Carel Geleynse (Classis Huron Safe Church Coordinator) at [carelgeleynse20@gmail.com](mailto:carelgeleynse20@gmail.com). We would love to see you at the conference!

**Faith walking Module 1** Feeling reactive or stuck in unhealthy patterns that undermine your life of faith? Faith walking is a discipleship journey designed to help you grow in self-awareness, deepen your connection with God, and live more freely by aligning your life with the teachings of Jesus. Join this **10-week Zoom course on Monday nights, 7:30–9:00 p.m., starting Feb. 23, 2026. Cost: \$50USD** Sponsored by Resonate Global Mission. Space is limited.

**Info & registration:** Pastor Willemina Zwart - [wzwart@crcna.org](mailto:wzwart@crcna.org)

**Groundwork:** When Forgiveness is Complicated - How do I forgive myself? What if someone died before I could offer them forgiveness? Can I even forgive someone who is not sorry? Join Groundwork as we study 2 Corinthians 5:17-19, Micah 7:18-19, Luke 17:3-4, 1 Peter 2:21-23, Psalm 62:5-8, and Philippians 4:6-7 to see how Scripture helps us address the hard questions that arise when life situations make forgiveness complicated. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**An Opportunity to Serve** - The CRCNA is looking for nominees willing to serve as At-Large members of the Council of Delegates and the Canada Ministry Board. The [Council of Delegates](#) acts as the interim governing body of the CRCNA, providing governance and oversight of the denomination's ministries and activities between our annual Synods. The [Canada Ministry Board](#) provides governance and oversight of the work of the Canadian Ministries. If you have skills and expertise in board governance and a heart for the CRCNA, or know of someone who does, we invite you to complete this [nomination form \(https://bit.ly/COD-nominations\)](https://bit.ly/COD-nominations).

### **Join Classis Huron as Our Youth Ministry Leader!**

Are you passionate about **equipping and inspiring youth ministry leaders**? Classis Huron is looking for a **Youth Ministry Consultant (YMC)** — a pastoral role (30 hrs/week) focused on **supporting, training, and encouraging youth leaders** in our congregations and Campus Ministries.

This is your chance to **shape vibrant discipleship pathways for youth and young adults**, build strong leader networks, and make a lasting impact in our churches.

#### **What we are looking for:**

- 3–5 years of youth ministry leadership experience
- Bachelors in theology, ministry, or youth ministry (Master's preferred)
- Ordination/commissioning **preferred but not required**.
- Strong relational, leadership, and organizational skills

**Deadline for applications:** Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, so early applications are strongly encouraged. Applications will be received until the position is filled.

**Start date:** September 01, 2026

Applications or requests for further information may be sent to: [jbrady@crcna.org](mailto:jbrady@crcna.org). A full job description can be found on the [Youth Ministry](#) page on the Classis Huron website.

Be the **catalyst that strengthens youth ministry across Classis Huron!**

**This Week Feb 15-21 2026**

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| <u>Sunday</u><br>10am Worship<br>Sunday School age<br>3 to Grade 6<br>Catechism Grade 7<br>& 8 | <u>Monday</u><br>No Gems Family Day<br><br>Choir 7:30 | <u>Tuesday</u><br>Common Plate Meal 5:30 –<br>7:00 pm Precious Blood<br>Catholic Church<br>Youth 7-9<br>NHS Bluewater 6:45 pm | <u>Wednesday</u><br>Coffee Break 9:30<br>– 11 am<br>Elders Meeting<br>7:30<br>Deacons Meeting<br>7:30 pm | <u>Thursday</u><br>Cadets 7 pm | <u>Friday</u> | <u>Saturday</u><br>Men's<br>Breakfast 8:00<br>am |
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**SERVING SCHEDULE**

|                           | <b>Feb 15</b>   | <b>Feb 22</b>   | <b>March 1</b>   | <b>March 8</b>   |
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| <b>Elder</b>              | Joe Lubbers   | Jake Zantingh   | Gerald Kodde   | Joe Lubbers  |
| <b>Deacon</b>             | Joy, Anthony  | Anthony, Dianne   | Dianne, Marian   | Marian, Joy  |
| <b>Coffee Clean-Up</b>    | Derek & Danielle S<br>Gerard & Tanya S  | Clarence & Betty T,<br>Wibbina T, Jean V  | Al & Norma<br>Conner & Melissa                                     | Dan & Sheila<br>Kevin & Kiera  |
| <b>Greeters</b>           | Clarence & Lori   | Kathryn L., Wibbina   | Yvonne, Norma  | Scott & Wendy Stafford   |
| <b>Ushers</b>             | Tim, Leo  | Sylvia, Jake  | Cliff, Joe   | Colton, George P   |
| <b>Children's Message</b> | Sylvia  | Pastor Jay  | Leo W.   | Joan B   |
| <b>Nursery</b>            | Jake Zantingh, Michelle<br>Meinen, Lily DenHollander                            | Kassidy Heyink, Jolene<br>deBoer, Avery Poortinga                               | Dan Vanderlaan, Savannah<br>Zantingh, Lillian Crossen              | Job Garritsen, Sandra Ducharme,<br>Layla Denhollander                          |
| <b>Sunday School</b>      | Joyce Pelley, Rachel<br>Boersma, Sandra<br>Ducharme, Janelle<br>Bouman, Clara S | Joyce Pelley, Rachel<br>Boersma, Sandra<br>Ducharme, Janelle<br>Bouman, Clara S | Sylvia Hulshof, Michelle Meinen,<br>Keira Vanderlaan, Angela Nyman | Sylvia Hulshof, Michelle Meinen,<br>Keira Vanderlaan, Angela Nyman<br>Jordan B |
| <b>Valet</b>              | Bill Branderhorst   | Mike Zandwyk  | Greg Langendyk   |  |
| <b>Tech Booth</b>         | Sam (P)<br>Trevor (A)<br>Dan (V)  | Greg (P)<br>Nathan (A)<br>Aaron (V)   | Eli (P)<br>Job (A)<br>Tony (V)                                     | Landon (P)<br>Trevor (A)<br>Gerard (V)   |
| <b>Hall Monitor</b>       | Leo Weverink  | Jake Zantingh   | Joe Lubbers  | George P   |