



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Worship: 10am

Sunday, February 22, 2026

Pastor Jay Crossen

Musicians: Michelle, Shawn,
Sylvia, Marian, Al, Shaun, Josh,
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God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

* Song **Breathe CCLI # 1874117**

God's Greeting:

* Song **Man of Sorrows CCLI # 6476063**

God Renews Us In His Grace

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance

Song **Lord I Need You CCLI # 5925687**

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message

Song: **Lord I Lift Your Name on High LUYH # 610**

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

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Mark 1:29-39, Psalm 46:10

Message: Silence and Solitude: Meeting God in the quiet.

*Song: **Still CCLI # 3940963**

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Coldest Night of the Year

Offertory **Slow Me Down CCLI # 7212840**

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

*God's Sending and Blessing

*Song: **The Wonderful Cross LUYH # 175/176**

* 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

Upcoming Services:

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| <u>Feb 22:</u> | Pastor Jay | (Lent week 1) |
| <u>Mar 1:</u> | Pastor Jay | (Lent week 2) |
| <u>Mar 8:</u> | Walter Miedema | (Lent week 3) |
| <u>Mar 15:</u> | Pastor Jay | (Lent week 4) |

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 Coldest Night of the Year

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| <u>Mar 1:</u> | Compassion Canada |
| <u>Mar 8:</u> | Thrive - CRC Office of Social Justice |
| <u>Mar 15:</u> | Huron County Food Distribution Centre |

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.

Common Plate A donation email has been set up for Common Plate it is as follows 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 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 31st! RSVP to 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 (please put in the notes that it is for tickets).

75th 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 15th. Email to 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!

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.

Youth: The youth is excited to announce the Youth Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 7 from 10-12 AM. Come join us for breakfast and community!

Musicians Needed: there are a few weeks this summer that our regular musicians are not available to lead us during the worship service. We are seeking musicians who can lead us in worship. Whether it be with voice, piano, or guitar; for one week or two. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please talk to Sylvia Hulshof.

Nursery: The nursery needs a few more adult volunteers and helpers. If you are able to help in this ministry, please contact Cassidy Heyink.

From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

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. Sign up by February 18th by calling the church (519.482.5264) or emailing 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. We would love to see you at the conference!

Groundwork: In the Garden of Gethsemane: Jesus Prays, Judas Betrays, and Jesus is Arrested. - As Lent begins, let's prepare our hearts in this season by following Jesus to Golgotha and studying the biblical events that comprise the traditional stations of the cross. Join Groundwork as we begin our journey by studying Matthew 26:31-56 to reflect on what happened to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane and consider the effects of his prayer, betrayal, and arrest for Jesus and for us. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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. 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 22-28 2026

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| <u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship Sunday School age 3 to Grade 6 Catechism Grade 7 & 8 | <u>Monday</u> Gems 7 pm-8:30 pm Choir 7:30 | <u>Tuesday</u> Common Plate Meal 5:30 – 7:00 pm Precious Blood Catholic Church Youth 7-9 Deacons Meeting 7:30 | <u>Wednesday</u> Executive Meeting 7:30 pm | <u>Thursday</u> Cadets' Cub car race 7 pm | <u>Friday</u> | <u>Saturday</u> Coldest Night of the Year |
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SERVING SCHEDULE

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

