



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday, February 8, 2026

Worship: 10am

Pastor Jay Crossen

Musicians: Steve

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

* Song **Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing** LUYH # 521

God's Greeting:

* Song **How Great Thou Art** LUYH # 553

God Renews Us In His Grace

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance

Song **God Be Merciful to Me** LUYH # 623

Lord's Supper

Song: **Lift Up Your Hearts Unto the Lord** LUYH # 844

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

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

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 1 , 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Message: Scripture: Being formed by God's Story

*Song: **Be Thou My Vison** LUYH # 859

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Children of the Promise

Offertory **Instrumental**

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 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:

<u>Feb 8:</u>	Pastor Jay
<u>Feb 15:</u>	Pastor Jay (Cadet Sunday)
<u>Feb 22:</u>	Pastor Jay

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 Children of the Promise

<u>Feb 15:</u>	Cadets
<u>Feb 22:</u>	Coldest Night of the Year
<u>Mar 1:</u>	Compassion Canada



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.

Condolences: As a church family we extend our deepest sympathies to Ben & Holly Meinen and the entire Meinen Family with the passing of Nelda Meinen. We pray they may all feel God's nearness as they grieve this loss.

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 Year's of God's Faithfulness at Exeter CRC!

Hello Church Family!

With great excitement, we are making plans for a special weekend of celebrations to take place **April 24-26, 2026, D. V.** In your mailboxes, you will find a **"Save the Date"** card with more details. Please mark your calendars and help spread the word to former members and friends of Exeter CRC. Extra cards are available by the church office – feel free to take a few to share. Stay tuned for more information in the new year! We look forward to celebrating 75 years of God's goodness and faithfulness together in Exeter.

'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 Hoonaard, Sylvia Hoonaard, 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!

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. ,

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest." - **Matthew 11:28 (The Message)**

Ministry leaders and pastors are invited to the annual Listening to God: Leaning into Lent with Hope retreat. This three-day, two-night retreat will offer guided practices for self-reflection, unhurried time with Jesus, and space for true rest. Dates are Feb 15 - 17 at Crieff Hills retreat center near Guelph, ON. Registration info and details can be obtained by emailing Joan Brady, jbrady@crcna.org. The retreat is open to all spiritual leaders.

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 Fellinger, 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. 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 clintoncrc treasurer@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!

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

Groundwork: What it Means to Forgive and Why it Matters - We're human in a sin-filled world; brokenness and grievances will happen. God calls us to forgive. Join Groundwork as we study Ephesians 4:31-32, Colossians 3:12-13, Matthew 18:21-35, Romans 12:17-21, and Psalm 13:1-2 to learn how our ability to forgive others grows out of God's forgiveness, what forgiveness looks like in everyday life, and what to do when it's not easy. 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. 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 8-14 2026

<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship Sunday School age 3 to Grade 6 Catechism Grade 7 & 8	<u>Monday</u> Gems 7-8:30 pm Chori 7:30	<u>Tuesday</u> Common Plate Meal 5:30 – 7:00 pm Precious Blood Catholic Church Youth 7-9 NHS Queensway 5:45 pm Praise Team Practice 7:30	<u>Wednesday</u> Worship Committee Meeting 7:30 pm	<u>Thursday</u> Cadets 7 pm	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>

SERVING SCHEDULE

	Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 22	March 1
Elder	Gerald Kodde	Joe Lubbers	Jake Zantingh	Gerald Kodde
Deacon	Anthony, Dianne	Joy, Anthony	Anthony, Dianne	Dianne, Marian
Coffee Clean-Up	Gerrit & Dianne , Curtis & Kassidy, Henry & Sadie	Derek & Danielle S Gerard & Tanya S	Clarence & Betty T, Wibbina T, Jean V	Al & Norma Conner & Melissa
Greeters	Wendy W., Sam V.	Clarence & Lori	Kathryn L., Wibbina	Yvonne, Norma
Ushers	Colton, Al V.	Tim, Leo	Sylvia, Jake	Cliff, Joe
Children's Message	N/A	Sylvia	Pastor Jay	Leo W.
Nursery	Kevin Mulder, Hannah Glavin, Avery Knip	Jake Zantingh, Michelle Meinen, Lily DenHollander	Kassidy Heyink, Jolene deBoer, Avery Poortinga	Dan Vanderlaan, Savannah Zantingh, Lillian Crossen
Sunday School	Joyce Pelley, Rachel Boersma, Sandra Ducharme, Janelle Bouman, Clara S	Joyce Pelley, Rachel Boersma, Sandra Ducharme, Janelle Bouman, Clara S	Joyce Pelley, Rachel Boersma, Sandra Ducharme, Janelle Bouman, Clara S	Sylvia Hulshof, Michelle Meinen, Keira Vanderlaan, Angela Nyman
Valet	Albert Hummel	Bill Branderhorst	Mike Zandwyk	
Tech Booth	Dan (P) Job (A) Gerard (V)	Sam (P) Trevor (A) Dan (V)	Greg (P) Nathan (A) Aaron (V)	Eli (P) Job (A) Tony (V)
Hall Monitor	Al Vanderlaan	Leo Weverink	Jake Zantingh	Joe Lubbers