



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday, February 2, 2025

Worship: 10am

Pastor Jay Crossen

**Musicians: Steve, Bill, Lori,
Joanne**

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

- * Call to Worship
- * Songs: **Praise To The Lord, the Almighty LUYH 575 vs 1,2,4**
- * God's Greeting
- * Song: **Create in Me a Clean Heart CCLI 27666**

God Renews Us In His Grace

Baptism of Charlotte Van Soest

Song: **Baptized in Water LUYH 790**

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children age 3 – Grade 6 are dismissed for Sunday School

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Ezekiel 36:22-38 and Titus 3:1-8

Message: Washed by God

Song: **Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing LUYH 521 vs 1-3**

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering – Friends of the Orphans - DR Project

Offertory: **Instrumental**

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

- * God's Sending and Blessing
- * Song: **Amazing Grace LUYH 691 vs 1,2,4,5**

* 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:

February 2: Pastor Jay leads the service - baptism of Charlotte (Charlie) Van Soest

February 9: Pastor Jay leads the service – baptism of Rylan Glavin

February 16: Pastor Jay leads the service – baptism of Jaylyn 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 : Friends of the Orphans – DR Project

February 9: Compassion Canada

February 16: Huron Out of the Cold Shelter

February 23: World Renew - Canadian Foodgrains Bank

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.



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.

Peta Branderhorst has been able to come home, and we pray for continued healing.

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, it is not too late to join do you want to grow in intimacy in your relationship with the Lord? If so, join us for **Women's Coffeekbreak** each Wednesday, 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>

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.

Hello From the Nursery Committee:

There are a few things we would like to bring to family's attention!

1. **Playing in the Nursery After Worship:** We are thrilled that children enjoy spending time in the nursery after our services, however there are a few points we'd like to address to ensure the space remains safe and welcoming for everyone. We kindly ask that Sunday School children remain outside of the nursery until the volunteers have finished their duties and all infants and toddlers have been picked up and signed out by their parents.
2. **Tidying Up:** To keep the nursery in good condition, we ask that the space be tidied up and toys put away before leaving. Recently, we've noticed the room is often left messy, with items like candy wrappers on the floor. Additionally, one of the cupboards was recently damaged, leaving cracks and splinters that could pose safety concerns. Parents, please remind your children to respect the nursery space and help ensure it is clean before leaving.
3. **A Growing Need for Volunteers:** We are blessed to have welcomed 5 beautiful babies into our congregation, which means the need for more nursery volunteers. If you're not currently on the volunteer rotation, we invite you to consider signing up to help a few times a year. Volunteers of all ages are welcome—adults (including Aunts, Uncles, Grandmas, Grandpas, Oma, and Opa's) as well as youth helpers! Please reach out to Sarah Mulder or Cassidy Heyink if you'd like to join our team.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our nursery a safe, clean, and vibrant space for our little ones!

From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

Clinton Youth Service: Join us 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!

Defibrillator training: On Thursday **February 6th** at 7:00 pm, Stacey Palen will be demonstrating how to properly use the defibrillator we have at the church. All are welcome to attend this information session, and we ask if you're able, to bring a donation for the heart and stroke foundation.

BOA encourages all members to attend, you may just save a life someday. For any inquiries, please contact Greg or Rick.

Calling all men: On Saturday **Feb. 8th** @ the Zurich Mennonite church there is going to be an impactus conference for men of all ages. The speaker will be Bill Innes. Come and fellowship with other Christian men over breakfast, and hear Bill speak of how to live a more Godly life in Christ Jesus. Breakfast starts at 8am sharp, cost is \$20.00 per person, and you must register on or before Jan. 31st. To register contact Glen Gascho at 519 282 3800 or email glegascho@gmail.com.

Stratford Young Adults are hosting a game night at the church on **Friday February 14th** starting at 7:00 pm. All young adults ages 18 to 30ish are encouraged to come out to join the fun. Bring your favourite game to share! Church address is: 190 Athlone Crescent, Stratford N4Z 1H9

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.

MEDIA: NAVIGATING EVERYTHING. Monday, **February 24**, 7pm at Clinton Christian Reformed Church (243 Princess St., Clinton). Brett Ullman, a well-known Christian youth culture, media and mental health expert will be addressing specific steps to take to better use media for good and boost wellbeing, and decrease its bad effects, like social isolation, misinformation, cyberbullying, sextortion and more that contribute to anxiety and depression. How do we navigate media well - social media, video games, music and TV/streaming? Come join in on this most important conversation. Come away better informed to approach media with intention in your life and family. Please let us know if you have any questions at all. Pastor Ray Vander Kooij Clinton Christian Reformed Church pastor.cccrc@tcc.on.ca 519-482-5264

The Coldest Night of the Year Join us for the *Coldest Night of the Year* – a chance to make a meaningful impact on our local community. This initiative is designed to raise awareness and funds to support individuals experiencing homelessness and those at risk in our area. Whether you walk, volunteer, or donate, your participation helps provide vital resources like food, shelter, and care for those in need during the coldest months. Together, we can bring warmth and hope to those who need it most. **Date: February 22, 2025** Location: Exeter CRC Time: 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm (including light meal at 6 pm) Let's come together to make a difference. Register and/or donate today at <https://cnoy.w-ith.me/exetercrc> and help create a warmer, more compassionate community. As a congregation, let's work together and aim to raise \$1000.00 for our community! Thank you for your generosity and support! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Keanna TeBrake (519 - 709 - 3054) or Rachel Vanderlaan (519 – 868 – 0609)

Mercy & Justice Webinars - - Gain Christian spiritual insight and practical understanding on timely and complex issues to do with the church's calling to practice mercy and justice. **Feb 4:** Changing Immigration Law & Refugee Support w/ Dena Nicolai; **Feb 11:** Disability without Poverty, w/ Rachel Vroege and Amanda Lockitch; **Feb. 18:** Positive Care & Grace in Dementia, w/ Steve Berkenpas; **Feb 25:** Reflecting on MAID, w/ Caroline Short. For more info or to register, go to crc1life.ca/2024/12/spotlight-on-mercy-justice-an-online-webinar-series/

Co-Impact Construction Team Opportunity: Are you looking to be a co-worker in God's service and impact a global community? EduDeo Ministries is seeking 8 -10 individuals of all skill levels to join an open Co-Impact Construction Team to Belize. This team will work alongside local contractors on a school construction project while engaging with students. Beyond the construction, you'll also be building meaningful relationships with fellow team members and the local community! **Deadline** to join the team is **Friday, February 21st, 2025**. If interested, contact Jen Lewis, EduDeo's Community Relationship Manager at 905.387.9927, jlewis@edudeo.com, or visit <https://edudeo.com/coimpact>

Attn All Young Adults: Roots 2:7 is hosting a young adults brunch as a part of the events that Listowel Evangelical Missionary Church has planned for the Gather 25 event (info on the Gather25 event here <https://www.gather25.com/>). We are hosting a brunch at Drayton Reformed Church on **March 1** from 8am-12pm for all the young adults in the area aged 18-30 and their kids. We will be playing the Gather 25 livestream and are planning a community outreach activity to bless people in the community. We hope that you will share the attached announcements and invite the young adults in your congregation and community to come out. We will have lots of food and thank you for your help spreading the word! :)

SOCO Beach Project Update: *If you are a young adult between 18 - 29*, consider this summer opportunity (May - August) to deepen your faith and live in intentional Christian community, all while having a summer job in beautiful Port Dover. Spots still available for SOCO 2025. Check out this week's newsletter to read how God is using the SOCO house year-round to support young adult ministries.

Newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-january-30-8567308>

This Week: February 2-8 2025

<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship with Sunday School age 3 - Grade 6 and Grade 7/8 Catechism	<u>Monday</u> 7pm GEMS	<u>Tuesday</u> 7pm Youth Group 7pm NHS Exeter Villa	<u>Wednesday</u> 9:30am - Coffeebreak	<u>Thursday</u> 7pm Cadets	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
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SERVING SCHEDULE

	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23
Elder	Clare Toornstra	Jason Mulder	Al Heyink	Gerald Kodde
Deacon	Harry Knip & Dianne Soer	Connor VanSoest & Anthony Nyman	Anthony Nyman & Dianne Soer	Dianne & Harry
Coffee Clean-Up	Sandra Newton Joyce Pelley	Anthony & Angela Nyman Henry & Sadie Post	Derek & Danielle Schreuders Gerrit & Dianne Soer	Gerard & Tanya Betty & Clarence
Greeters	Lori Triebner, Norma Vanderlaan	Scott & Wendy Stafford	Jean Vanderlaan & Yvonne VanSoest	Wendy Westerik & Ann Zwaan
Ushers	Joe Lubbers & Tim Deweerdt	Jason Mulder & Betty Toornstra	Harry Knip & Sylvia Hulshof	
Children's Message	Pastor Jay	Pastor Jay	Pastor Jay	Pastor Jay
Nursery	Sylvia Hulshof, Joe Dykstra, Avery Poortinga	Kevin Mulder, Amanda Desgagne, Avery Knip	Hannah Glavin, , Lillian Crossen	Katelyn Heyink, Joanne Branderhorst, Averi M
Sunday School	Joyce Pelley, Janelle Bouman, Angela Nyman, Tanya Steenbeek	Joyce Pelley, Janelle Bouman, Angela Nyman, Tanya Steenbeek	Sylvia Hulshof, Janelle Bouman, Angela Nyman, Tanya Steenbeek	Sylvia Hulshof, Janelle Bouman, Angela Nyman, Tanya Steenbeek