



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday, March 2, 2025

Worship: 10am

Pastor Jay Crossen

**Musicians: Janece, Joe, Amy,
Laura, Peter & Shaun**

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

- * Call to Worship
- * Songs: **In Christ Alone LUYH 770**
- * God's Greeting
- * Song: **Be Unto Your Name CCLI 2177476**

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 **Awesome God**

Children age 3 – Grade 6 are dismissed for Sunday School

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 25: 14-30

Message: Doing Our Best for God's Kingdom

Song: **Build Your Kingdom CCLI 6186078**

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Preparatory for Lord's Supper

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering – Cadets

Offertory: **Instrumental/Slide Show Cadets**

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

- * God's Sending and Blessing
- * Song: **Living for Jesus vs 1 & 2**

* 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:

March 9: Pastor Jay leads the service Lent Week # 1 Lord's Supper

March 16: Pastor Jay leads the service Lent Week # 2

March 23: Pastor Jay leads the service 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 for Cadets

March 9: Huron County Food Distribution Centre

March 16: CRC Office of Social Justice

March 23: 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 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.

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, there are still 1 week left 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 Coffee break** each Wednesday, from 9:30-11am this is a 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. Childcare 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.

SUMMER SERVE OPPORTUNITY! This summer, 7 youth are going on SERVE to Niagara from July 12-19! We are looking for **one female leader to join the team.** Serve is a fantastic week of service, worship, and fun...if this is of interest to you or if you have more questions, please talk to Job Garritsen, Darren Bouman or Sharon Kodde

Seniors/Deacons/Youth Games Night!! Tuesday, March 18th, 7-9 pm
Come out for a fun evening of games and fellowship. If you have a favourite game, take it along!

From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

Denomination Survey: Many Parts, One Body: Have you been heard? Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2025 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit [Denominational Survey](#) to answer the survey questions **by March 31.**

Huron Christian School: Join us for a fun-filled Comedy Evening on Thursday, March 21, 2025, at Trinity Church Goderich! Enjoy a night of laughter while raising funds to provide essential support for our students with hearing impairments. Doors open at 7:00 PM, show runs from 7:30–9:00 PM. Admission is by donation, no tickets required! Don't miss this chance to laugh, connect, and make a difference!

Consider joining together on Friday, March 7th for the 2025 World Day of Prayer to celebrate the theme, "I made you wonderful." The Christian women in The Cook Islands prepared the 2025 service. This group of 15 islands in the South Pacific Ocean has a rich and colourful Māori heritage and a deep connection to nature. Join in prayer and reflect on the theme 'I made you wonderful'. The scripture base is Psalm 139 – verses 1-18. World Day of Prayer is an international, ecumenical movement which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns, and prayers. The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 120 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world — through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe, and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later. A worldwide wave of prayer... A one-hour video has been prepared by the Women's Inter-church Council of Canada based on the theme. - The video link is available at [World Day of Prayer 2025 Cook Islands Service Video/](#)

Thank you! A heartfelt thank you to everyone for supporting FOTOCAN through offerings, fundraisers, and donations. We have raised \$34,422.70 in the past year for the Dominican Republic. Andy Uyl.

Huron Christian School will once again be offering our 'Ready Set Alphabet' program for children turning 4 in the year 2025! The program will run every Thursday from April 3rd until May 8, 2025. Phone or email the school at 519-482-7851 or office@huronchristianschool.ca to reserve your child's spot!

This Week: March 2 - 8 2025

<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship with Sunday School age 3 - Grade 6 and Grade 7/8 Catechism	<u>Monday</u> Gems 7:00 -8:30 pm	<u>Tuesday</u> 7pm Youth Group NHS - 7pm Exeter Villa	<u>Wednesday</u> 9:30am - Coffee break	<u>Thursday</u> 7pm Cadets Praise Team Practice @ 7:30 pm	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
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SERVING SCHEDULE

	March 2	March 9	March 16	March 23
Elder	Jason Mulder	Joe Lubbers	George Poortinga	Gerard Steenbeek
Deacon	Connor & Anthony	Anthony & Dianne	Dianne & Connor	Joy & Connor
Coffee Clean-Up	Wibbina Toonk, Jean Vanderlaan, Wendy Westerik	Al & Norma Vanderlaan Jeff & Yvonne VanSoest	Dan & Sheila Vanderlaan Lucas & Rachel Kaumanns	Conner & Melissa VanSoest Mike & Emmy Zandwyk
Greeters	Albert Hummel & Sandra Newton % Cadets	Clarence Toornstra & Sam Vanderlaan	Kathryn Langendyk & Wibbina Toonk	Scott & Wendy Stafford
Ushers	Clare Toornsta & Colton Mulder & Cadets	Jake Zantingh & Tim DeWeerd	Anthony Nyman & Betty Toornstra	Dianne Soer, Sylvia Hulshoff
Children's Message	Leo Weverink	Sylvia	Sylvia	Sylvia
Nursery	Ann Zwaan, Danielle Dykstra, Curtis Heyink, Sydney Lubbers	Melissa VanSoest, Savannah Zantingh, Michelle Meinen, Lily DenHollander	Marique Crossen, Joanne Boersma, Salome Kodde, Avery Poortinga	Ang Nyman, Rolinda deRuitter, Kassidy Heyink, Avery Knip
Sunday School	Sylvia Hulshof, Jolene de Boer, Laura Garritsen, Tanya Steenbeek	Sylvia Hulshof, Jolene de Boer, Laura Garritsen, Tanya Steenbeek	Sylvia Hulshof, Jolene de Boer, Laura Garritsen, Tanya Steenbeek	Sylvia Hulshof, Jolene de Boer, Laura Garritsen, Tanya Steenbeek