



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday, March 30, 2025

Worship: 10am

Pastor Jay Crossen

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

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

- * Call to Worship
- * Song: **Meekness & Majesty LUYH # 157**
- * God's Greeting
- * Song: **Christ the Life of All the Living LUYH # 137**

God Renews Us In His Grace

Lenten Liturgy

Song: **We are People on a Journey LUYH # 142**

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message

Children age 3 – Grade 6 are dismissed for Sunday School

Catechism Grade 7 & 8

Song: **My God is So Big**

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Matthew 27: 15-26

Message: Selflessness of Substitution

Song: **Oh, to See the Dawn LUYH # 177**

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Deacons Benevolence

Offertory: **Hymn of Heaven CCLI # 7168994**

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

- * God's Sending and Blessing
- * Song: **Go Now In Peace LUYH # 950**

* 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 30: Pastor Jay leads the service Lent Week # 4

April 6: Pastor Jay leads the service Lent Week # 5

April 13: Pastor Jay leads the service Lent Week # 6 Palm Sunday, Preparatory for Lord's Supper

April 18: Pastor Jay Good Friday/ Lord's Supper

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 Deacons Benevolence

April 6 : Resonate Global Mission

April 13: Kimberley & Carlos Belez – Serge

April 18: Exeter Community Food Bank (Good Friday)

April 20: Gems

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

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.

Valet Drivers Needed! In my role as disability advocate, I would like to restore the valet program for our members with mobility issues. The valet would meet the member at the side door, help them out of their car along with any mobility device they may have, and park their car. At the end of the service, or after coffee, the valet would do the same in reverse. I am hoping to get 4 or 5 volunteers so each volunteer would only be called on once a month. If you are able to help, please see me in church, send me an email at michaelbuckman@hotmail.com or call me at (519) 236-7940

Weekly Community Dinner plans are underway! The churches in Exeter are teaming up to meet a need in our community. We want to fill hungry bellies and build community through weekly communal meals. Please consider joining us in this mission where you can serve, get to know our neighbors, and even meet a new friend. If you are interested in being part of a team to serve on rotation (once every month or two) please contact Marique Crossen by April 1 at mariqueb@gmail.com or 519-918-9645.

Coffee Break: Ladies, please join us for a spring session of Coffee break! Enjoy a time of fellowship and growth as we journey together through the book of Jonah; reflecting on when God's purpose is not always in our plans. We will be meeting weekly starting April 2nd for an EVENING session beginning at 7:15 PM. Women of all ages and stages are welcome, and we hope you will come and bring a friend! Feeling called to be involved? We would love some additional volunteers to help with leading these sessions and with clean up afterwards. To get involved or if you have any questions, please reach out to Joycel Pelley or Sarah Mulder.

Mark your Calendars! Saturday, April 12 at 6:30 PM at the Exeter Arena! The Community Stream would like to invite you to a fun-filled evening of pizza and family skating, followed by a hockey game of young folk's vs not so young folks! If you have any questions, talk to Dan Vanderlaan or Connor Van Soest!

THANK YOU from the Youth Group Thank-you so much to everyone who came out to support our Youth Group pancake breakfast! We raised \$1200 which will offset some of the costs of AOYC and SERVE. We had fun cooking in the kitchen and the happy chatter in the gym was obvious! Thank-you to everyone who helped make our morning a success.

Seniors' Dinner: The Senior's Dinner will be held in the gym on Saturday, April 5, starting at 11am with a coffee social followed by dinner and guest speaker Joanne Schreuders. The Deacons have sent out invitations to all our seniors but if someone was missed, we apologize and please let Joy DeWeerd know of your desire to attend.

Catechism: Classes will be starting again on March 23 during Sunday school time and will run for six weeks (excluding Easter Sunday.). We look forward to seeing you there.

Council Nominations: It is that season again and we ask for you to please help us out. We will need to fill some vacancies on council this spring, 3 Elders and 2 Deacons. Talk to a council member and let them know that you would love to have a term on council, or if not so bold, volunteer another member whom you believe to have a heart for the church and ask them if you can bring their name to council. It would be wonderful to have a full slate of names (double those required) for both deacon and elder. Please have these names in by March 31st.

Thank you: On behalf of the Boersma family we would like to thank the congregation for the cards, visits, and support in the passing of our dad, Jerry Boersma. Al and Norma Vanderlaan.

Senior Bible Study: Meets April 2 @ 2pm. We will be studying 1 Peter 1: vs 13....

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 crcna.org/survey/5522 to answer the survey questions **by March 31**.

Sanctuary London : On April 12 Sanctuary will be holding a "Trekking for Home" fundraiser. We are encouraging participants to either walk 5k, run 10k or cycle 30k and ask their friends, families, and communities to support them and us as they do. The event will begin in the Talbot Street Parking lot, and we will be having a parking lot party and BBQ to celebrate the finish.

Huron Christian School: We are delighted to extend a warm invitation to you for our upcoming Grandparents and Grand friends Day at Huron Christian School. This special event will take place on April 11, 2025, and we would be honored to have you join us. The day begins in the school gym at 10am, followed by classroom visits, a delicious lunch and then a short program to finish off the day. Please RSVP by phone or email to 519-482-7851 or office@huronchristianschool.ca

Journey with World Renew in Uganda! - Join the World Renew Uganda Discovery Tour from August 9–19, 2025 and experience the transformative power of God firsthand. Visit communities focused on maternal and child health, food security, and conservation agriculture. Connect with youth empowerment clubs and village savings groups, witnessing how lives are being changed for a brighter future. Experience the breathtaking Murchison Falls, embark on an exciting safari adventure, and immerse yourself in the incredible beauty of Uganda. For more information and to register, visit: <https://bit.ly/2025ugandainfo>

SOCO Beach Project Update: *There is still space for SOCO 2025!* If you are a young adult between 18 - 29, there's still time to 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. For more information: www.southcoastbeachproject.org. Read up on the latest SOCO news and the April monthly donor fundraising campaign: <https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-march-27-8568335>

This Week: March 30-April 5 2025

<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship with Sunday School age 3 -Grade 6 and Grade 7/8 Catechism	<u>Monday</u> Gems 7 – 8:30 pm	<u>Tuesday</u> Youth Group 7 pm NHS Exeter Villa 7 pm	<u>Wednesday</u> Evening Coffee Break 7:15-8:45 pm Seniors Bible Study 2pm	<u>Thursday</u> Cadets 7 pm Praise Team Practice 7:30 pm Council Meeting - 7:30 pm	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u> Gems Rally – Clinton Deacons Dinner 11:00 am
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SERVING SCHEDULE 13

	March 30	April 6	April 13	April 18 (Good Friday)
Elder	Clare Toornstra	Jake Zantingh	Al Heyink	Gerald Kodde
Deacon	Connor & Anthony	Anthony & Dianne	Dianne & Joy	Joy & Connor
Coffee Clean-Up	Frieda Zandbergen, Ann Zwaan, Jake & Savannah Zantingh	Matt Bakelaar & Jessica Bakelaar Eugene & April Boersma	Ken & Trinia Boersma Dave & Joan Brady	
Greeters	Jean Vanderlaan & Yvonne Van Soest	Lori Triebner & Norma Vanderlaan	Kathryn Langendyk Clarence Toornstra	Ann Zwaan, Albert Hummel
Ushers	Al Heyink, Colton Mulder	Gerald Kodde, Cliff Knip	Joe Lubbers, Betty Toornstra	Jason Mulder, Tim DeWeerd
Children's Message	Sylvia	Sylvia	Sylvia	
Nursery	Sarah Mulder, Sylvia Heyink, Yvonne VanSoest, Lillian Crossen	Lisa Heyink, Karen Knip, Jolene DeBoer, Layla Den Hollander	Sharon Kodde, Jake Zantingh, Laura Garritsen, Avery Mulder	Parent Volunteers
Sunday School	Joy DeWeerd, Jolene de Boer, Laura Garritsen, Tanya Steenbeek	Sandra Ducharme, Michelle Meinen, Sarah Mulder, Joyce Pelley	Sandra Ducharme, Michelle Meinen, Sarah Mulder, Joyce Pelley	