



# Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Worship: 10am

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Teacher: Bill DeJong

Musicians: Rachel, Joe, Amy,  
Laura, Peter & Shawn

## God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

\* Song **See What a Morning LUYH #n 181**

God's Greeting:

\* Song **O Praise the Name CCLI # 7037787**

## God Renews Us In His Grace

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance

Song: **Christ our Hope in Life & Death CCLI # 7147502**

## God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message

Children's Song: **Lord, I Lift Your Name on High LUYH # 610**

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

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Colossians 3: 1-4

Message Resurrection Happened : Did Your Life Get the Memo?

\*Song: **Before the Throne of God Above LUYH # 682**

## God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Christian School Bursary

Offertory **Mighty to Save LUYH # 611**

## God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

\*God's Sending and Blessing

\*Song: **New Doxology CCLI # 5075025**

\* 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](mailto:michaelbuckman@hotmail.com)

### Upcoming Services:

<u>April 12:</u>	Bill DeJong	(from Redeemer University)
<u>April 19:</u>	Pastor Jay	
<u>April 26:</u>	Pastor Jay	(75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service)
<u>May 3:</u>	Pastor Jay	(Gems Sunday)

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 Christian School Bursary Fund

<u>April 19:</u>	Deacons' Benevolence Fund
<u>April 26:</u>	Youth SERVE project
<u>May 3:</u>	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](mailto: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](mailto:donations@Exetercommonplate.org)

**Easter Food Drive:** Thank you for showing love and compassion to our neighbours by donating food or money to the Exeter Community Food Bank.



**MemberCare<sup>+</sup>** is a free counselling program for Exeter CRC members provided through By Peaceful Waters. Please call **519-886-8577** or email [mail@bypeacefulwaters.ca](mailto: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.

**Prayer Request:** As a church family we continue to lift Harry and family in prayer during this time of great 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 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 31<sup>st</sup>! RSVP to [exetercrc75@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:ecrcgiving@gmail.com) (please put in the notes that it is for tickets).

### **75<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>. Email to [exetercrc75@gmail.com](mailto:exetercrc75@gmail.com) or place in Kathryn Langendyk's mailbox.

**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.

**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.

**VASES NEEDED!** If you are doing some spring cleaning and have some clear glass vases and bud vases you are wanting to get rid of... we would happily reuse them for some upcoming events at church! Simply place in the "Vase donations" box in the kitchen or talk to Sarah Mulder! Thanks in advance!

**Coffee with Pastor Jay:** Coffee with Pastor Jay is back again!! Pastor Jay has been here almost 2 years!! and he would like to provide an opportunity for those who would like to connect with him!! This is an opportunity to talk about your faith formation, wrestle with scripture, or perhaps just to catch up with one another. Please feel free to sign up on the sign-up sheet outside my office. Thanks!

**Catechism** :Next session of catechism will be running March 22,29, April12,19 May 3& 10. Hope to see you there!

**The Nursery Committee** is once again collecting donations to bless members of our church family who are expecting babies this year. If you would like to contribute, a donation tin will be available at the back of the sanctuary. Thanks - Katelyn & Cassidy

**Craft & Connect**: Come with your current craft project to the church library every Tuesday afternoon (1-3pm) in April for a time of connection, community, and creativity.

**Men's Breakfast**: For all men young and old there will be a men's breakfast on Saturday April 18th at 8 a.m. Collin Wielinga will be speaking. So come on out and enjoy a good breakfast and some social time. Please RSVP to pastor Jay or Mike Zandwyk so we know how much food to prepare. Thanks.

### From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

**Teen Challenge**: Tickets are now available! for the Annual Spring Gala Banquet for the Ontario Men's Centre, Teen Challenge Canada! It will be a special evening featuring powerful stories of transformation, a delicious dinner, and an exciting choir performance by the Men's Choir from Teen Challenge! **When**: Friday May 1st **Where**: Hellenic Community Centre **Ticket price**: \$90/ticket; table of 8 for \$650 **Time**: Doors open @ 4:45pm; Dinner @ 6pm **Purchase tickets today**: <https://www.hopebeyondaddiction.ca/event/omc-gala>

**Prayer Request** Al Brown. Please keep Al, Ruth, and family in your prayers. Al has recently been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer in his liver and lung. Al is not a member of Exeter CRC but attends Centralia Faith Tabernacle. The Lord put on his heart to pray for the Exeter CRC about 10 years ago and has been faithful to that calling. He has been joined by a group of 4-5 members who come together every Tuesday morning to pray for our church, the members, and the community around. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Groundwork**: Salvation Through Jesus Christ Alone - As the Christian faith spread, the Apostle Paul often wrote letters to churches he planted to help clarify and solidify his teachings. Join Groundwork as we begin a study of his letter to the church in Galatia by studying Galatians 1. Together, we'll study Paul's teaching about salvation and let it continue to encourage our faith and strengthen our commitment to Christ today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and [subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.](#)

**Huron Christian School Will Planning 101**: Will your spouse get everything if you die? Not if you don't have a Will. We all know we should have our affairs in order – yet many of us have not yet put together a proper Will or kept the one we have up to date. We are here to help! Come join us at Huron Christian School on Wednesday, April 22nd at 7:00pm. Learn about this question and so much more at the Will Planning 101 Seminar we are hosting along with our Foundation. Register by emailing [alumniandfundraising@huronchristianschool.ca](mailto:alumniandfundraising@huronchristianschool.ca)

**SOCO Beach Project Update** Join us for a special evening as we present another performance of the one-woman play, **The Downs** by Sheryl Scott, our spring SOCO fundrasier, on Friday, June 19 at the Vittoria Community Centre. Experience a touching story set in rural Eastern Canada, capturing life before the arrival of modern conveniences. It's a night of inspiration, community, and meaningful storytelling. Tickets available at: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/the-downs-fundraiser-2> In this week's newsletter, meet the final three participants from the SOCO 2026 cohort as well as our summer assistant. Calling all young adults - save the dates for Sunday Night SOCO and the SOCO Camping Retreat. Newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-april-9-8575034>

**Young Adults**: "What are you doing May 2nd at 7:00pm?! Stratford CRC would you to invite you to join us for a fun and lively Square Dance Night hosted by our Young Adults. Dancing, laughter, and community—no experience needed! We will have a caller to guide you, live music to keep things moving, and a photo booth to capture the memories. Open to all ages 18+, food and drinks provided, and it's all by donation! Bring friends. We can't wait to see you there!"

**This Week April 12-18 2026**

<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship Sunday School age 3 to Grade 6	<u>Monday</u> Gems  Choir 7:30	<u>Tuesday</u> Common Plate Meal 5:30 – 7:00 pm Precious Blood Catholic Church  NHS Queensway 5:45 pm  Craft & Connect 1-3 Library Youth 7-9	<u>Wednesday</u> Elders Meeting 7:30 pm  Deacons Meeting @ 7:30	<u>Thursday</u> Cadets 7 pm (Bridge Bust)	<u>Friday</u> Private Family Event 5 pm	<u>Saturday</u>  Men’s Breakfast @ 8 am  Private Family Event
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**SERVING SCHEDULE**

	<b>April 12</b>	<b>April 19</b>	<b>April 26</b>	<b>May 3</b>
<b>Elder</b>	George Poortinga	Leo Weverink	Al Vanderlaan	Jake Zantingh
<b>Deacon</b>	Anthony, Dianne	Dianne, Anthony	Marian, Joy	Joy, Anthony
<b>Coffee Clean-Up</b>	Eugene & April Nathan and Rachel	Ken & Trinia Darren & Janelle	Joan & Dave Bill & Cathy	Derek & Miranda Mike & Teresa, Sandra D
<b>Greeters</b>	Wibbina Toonk, Yvonne V.S.	Scott & Wendy Stafford	Norma V., Clarence T.	Bert V., Albert
<b>Ushers</b>	Betty, Joy	Tim, Al	Sylvia, Leo	Cliff, Joe
<b>Children’s Message</b>	Karen	Leo	Bert	GEMS
<b>Nursery</b>	Curtis Heyink, Sarah Mulder, Avery Poortinga	Melissa VanSoest, Daren Bouman, Avery Mulder	Katheryn Langendyk, Angela Nyman, Lily Denhollander	Amanda Desgagne, Yvonne VanSoest, Avery Knip
<b>Sunday School</b>	Joyce Pelley, Mikayla Vink, Jolene de Boer, Tanya Steenbeek	Joyce Pelley, Mikayla Vink, Jolene de Boer, Tanya Steenbeek, Jordan B	Only for 3,4- and 5-year-olds Janelle Bouman	Teresa Buckman, Sandra Ducharme, Janelle Bouman
<b>Valet</b>	Tim De Weerd	Albert Hummel	Bill Branderhorst	
<b>Tech Booth</b>	(P) Sam (A) Trevor (V) Dan	(P) Landon (A) Adrian (V) Gerard	((P) Greg (A) Job (V) Aaron	((P) Dan (A) Trevor (V) Tony
<b>Hall Monitor</b>	Joy DeWeerd	Al Vanderlaan	Leo Weverink	Joe Lubbers