



# Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Worship: 10am

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Pastor Jay Crossen

Musicians: Michelle, Shawn,  
Sylvia, Marian, Al, Shaun, Josh,  
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## God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

- \* Call to Worship
- \* Song: **Hosanna (I see the King of Glory) CCLI 4785835**
- \* God's Greeting
- \* Song: **Man of Sorrows CCLI 6476063**

## God Renews Us In His Grace

Songs: Children singing **Blessed is the Name of the Lord, Hosanna**  
Lenten Litany/ Confession of Assurance

## 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: **Lamb of God CCLI 16787**

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Luke 23:32-43

Message: Selflessness of Forgiveness

Song: **How Deep the Father's Love for Us CCLI 1558110**

## God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Kimberley & Carlos Belez – Serge

Offertory: **His Glory Appears CCLI 5407301**

## God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

- \* God's Sending and Blessing
- \* Song: **Above All CCLI 2672885**

\* 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:

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

April 20: Pastor Jay Easter

April 27: Pastor Rick DeGraaf

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 Kimberley & Carlos Belez – Serge

April 18: Exeter Community Food Bank (Good Friday)

April 20: Race Relations

April 27: Mississippi Christian Family Service

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.



**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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:mariqueb@gmail.com) or 519-918-9645.

**All Ontario Youth Convention 2025: Female Leader Needed!** If you're looking for a fantastic weekend of fun and worship, hanging out with 8 of our amazing youth, plus a whole lot more...this may be for you: May 17-19 @ Laurier University (Waterloo) Check out [www.allontario.com](http://www.allontario.com) for more information or talk to others who have gone: Leo Weverink, Sarah Knip, Sharon Kodde. All costs covered.

**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. In the Youth Room 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 Joyce Pelley or Sarah Mulder.

**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.

**"Men's breakfast April 26th,** here at the church. Starting at 8:00 am. We will continue with our study of the beatitudes. Please RSVP to either pastor Jay or Mike Zandwyk.

**Senior Bible Study:** Meets April 16 @ 2pm. We will be studying 1 Peter 1: vs 13....

**GEMS Gala** will be this Monday, April 14/25 at the church starting at 7:00pm. This is a fun evening to celebrate the past GEMS year with family and friends. The theme for the night is "The GEMMYS" like the award show. Feel free to dress up a little for this red-carpet event but this is absolutely not mandatory. Extra invitations are by the church office for you to share with any girls who may want to join in the fall. Bring the whole family! Everyone welcome!

**Help!** Our church has an amazing video ministry, and, like all ministries, there needs to be a group of dedicated people using their gifts serving in this job. The video ministry needs one or two more people to serve by recording Sunday services once a month. There will be lots of training available as it is a techy job. If you have any questions or need more information, please talk with one of our current team, Gerard, Tony, or Aaron. If we do not have some new volunteers soon, we may need to begin the hard conversation of skipping weeks.

**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.

**Collections paid out in March.**

\$1,136.36 Deacons  
\$1,774.80 Huron Out of the Cold  
\$1,147.85 Friends of the Orphans  
\$1,405.85 World Renew - Canadian Foodgrains Bank  
\$1,380.10 Compassion Canada  
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\$6,844.96

**This year we will be hosting a Stations of the Cross at Exeter CRC!!**

**WHO:** YOU!! (And Invite a Friend!)

**WHAT:** Stations of the cross. Stations of the Cross has a long tradition in the Church where we Christians take time to reflect on Jesus' path to the cross and His death during Holy week.

**WHERE:** At Exeter CRC Church 332 Huron Street W. Exeter Ontario

**WHEN:** It will take place on Tuesday April 15 from 12-5 pm, Wednesday April 16 from 5-8 pm and Thursday April 17 from 10 am-5 pm.

**WHY:** To reflect on Jesus' path to the cross to grow deeper in appreciation of His love and sacrifice for us, and to grow deeper in relationship with him.

**HOW:** Come whenever you like during the available times to participate in the stations and reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross and death. Allow about 30-60 minutes to complete all stations. As you enter the church there is a pamphlet that guides you through each station, where you will read a verse, reflect, and respond. Each station has a tangible sensory reminder of Jesus' experience on His way to the cross. Children are welcomed and encouraged but must be accompanied by an adult. May God bless you by bringing you closer to Him this Holy Week!

**From the CRCNA and the Broader Community**

**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](http://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>

**Hymn Sing:** Join us on Sunday, May 4 at 4:00 pm at the Clinton Christian Reformed Church for a time of praise. The building is accessible for those with mobility concerns via the doors on the east side of the building. All are welcome to participate and select favourite hymns from the grey hymnal in our church pews. Bring your voice and join us in song!

**This Week: April 13-19 2025**

<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship with Sunday School age 3 -Grade 6 and Grade 7/8 Catechism	<u>Monday</u> Gems Gala 7 – 8:30 pm	<u>Tuesday</u> Youth Group 7 pm NHS – 6 pm Queensway Stations of the Cross 12-5 pm	<u>Wednesday</u> Evening Coffee Break 7:15-8:45 pm Seniors Bible Study 2pm Stations of the Cross 5-8 pm	<u>Thursday</u> Cadets 7 pm Praise Team Practice 7:30 pm Deacons Meeting 7:30	<u>Friday</u> Good Friday worship 10 am	<u>Saturday</u>
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**SERVING SCHEDULE 13**

	<b>April 13</b>	<b>April 18 (Good Friday)</b>	<b>April 20 (Easter)</b>	<b>April 27</b>
<b>Elder</b>	Al Heyink	Gerald Kodde	Joe Lubbers	Jason Mulder
<b>Deacon</b>	Dianne & Joy	Joy & Connor	Connor & Anthony	Anthony & Dianne
<b>Coffee Clean-Up</b>	Ken & Trinia Boersma Dave & Joan Brady		Darren & Janelle Joanne & Leah Branderhorst	Aaron & Jolene Adrian and Maria
<b>Greeters</b>	Kathryn Langendyk Clarence Toornstra	Ann Zwaan, Jean Vanderlaan	Sandra Newton, Wendy Westerik	Sam Vanderlaan, Albert Hummel
<b>Ushers</b>	Gerald Kodde, Betty Toornstra	Jason Mulder, Tim DeWeerd	Dianne Soer, Sylvia Hulshoff	George Poortinga, Colton Mulder
<b>Children's Message</b>	Sylvia		Sylvia	Teresa Buckman
<b>Nursery</b>	Sharon Kodde, Jake Zantingh, Laura Garritsen, Avery Mulder	Parent Volunteers	Joe Dykstra, Janelle Bouman, Norma Vanderlaan, Avery Poortinga	Sylvia Hulshof, Kevin Mulder, Amanda Desgagne, Sydney Lubbers
<b>Sunday School</b>	Sandra Ducharme, Michelle Meinen, Sarah Mulder, Joyce Pelley		Sandra Ducharme, Michelle Meinen, Sarah Mulder, Joyce Pelley	Sandra Ducharme, Michelle Meinen, Sarah Mulder, Joyce Pelley