



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Worship: 10am

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Pastor: Jay Crossen

Musicians: Steve, kids

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

* Song LUYH # 559 Ten Thousand Reasons

God's Greeting:

* Song CCLI # 6186078 Build Your Kingdom Here

God Renews Us In His Grace

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance

Song: LUYH # 770

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message

Children's Song: LUYH # 930 This Little Light of Mine

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

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Deuteronomy 8: 1-14

Message Remembering Well

*Song: LUYH # 859 Be Thou My Vision

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Deacons Benevolence Fund

Offertory Instrumental

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

*God's Sending and Blessing

*Song: LUYH # 334 May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

* 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

Upcoming Services:

<u>April 19:</u>	Pastor Jay	
<u>April 26:</u>	Pastor Jay	(75 th Anniversary Service)
<u>May 3:</u>	Pastor Jay	(Gems Sunday)
<u>May 10:</u>	Pastor Jay	

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 Deacons' Benevolence Fund

<u>April 26:</u>	Youth SERVE project
<u>May 3:</u>	GEMS
<u>May 10:</u>	Room to Grow

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.

Common Plate A donation email has been set up for Common Plate it is as follows 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⁺ 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

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 31st! RSVP to 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 (please put in the notes that it is for tickets).

75th 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 15th. Email to exetercrc75@gmail.com or place in Kathryn Langendyk's mailbox.

Thank you: We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our church family for your support over the past years, and especially during the last two weeks.

We are deeply grateful for your prayers, cards, messages, hugs, and your presence. You continued to lift us up in prayer when we found it difficult to pray ourselves. We feel truly blessed to be part of such a caring and compassionate community and have felt your love in so many ways. Thank you for your incredible support. Sincerely, Harry Knip and Josh & Sarah Knip and families

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 Kassidy 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!

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 & Kassidy

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.

THANK YOU! The GEMS would like to extend thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the GEMS Rally. The support of our church family was deeply appreciated. With thanks from the ECRC GEMS, CITS and Leaders (Leah Branderhorst, Joanne Branderhort, Lauren Hoonard, Sylvia Hoonard, Karen Knip, Jody Mulder and Deb Westerik).

GEMS Gala: On Monday, April 27/26 we will host our annual "GEMS Gala" at the church starting at 7:00pm. This is an evening where we celebrate all things GEMS and look back at the past year. We especially invite any girls who will be starting Grade 4 in the fall to come out for fun and fellowship. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Everyone is welcome!

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>

Groundwork: The Cross of Jesus is the Only Way - As Galatians continues, Paul continues to emphasize that the cross of Jesus is the only way to salvation and he confronts Peter's hypocritical behavior. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Galatians 2 to explore the struggle the apostles faced as the Christian faith spread, and along the way find the courage to embody the truth of salvation in your relationships and daily life. 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

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 19-25 2026

<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship Sunday School age 3 to Grade 6 Catechism Grade 7 & 8	<u>Monday</u> Gems 7-8:30 pm Choir 7:30	<u>Tuesday</u> Common Plate Meal 5:30 – 7:00 pm Precious Blood Catholic Church NHS Bluewater 6:45 pm Craft & Connect 1-3 Library Youth 7-9	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u> 75 th anniversary Skating @ 6:00 pm South Huron Rec Center	<u>Saturday</u> 75 th anniversary program doors open @ 5:30 pm dinner @ 6:00 pm
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SERVING SCHEDULE

	April 19	April 26	May 3	May 10
Elder	Leo Weverink	Al Vanderlaan	Jake Zantingh	Gerald Kodde
Deacon	Dianne, Anthony	Marian, Joy	Joy, Anthony	Anthony, Dianne
Coffee Clean-Up	Ken & Trinia Darren & Janelle	Joan & Dave Bill & Cathy	Derek & Miranda Mike & Teresa, Sandra D	Aaron & Jolene Ron & Rolinda
Greeters	Scott & Wendy Stafford	Norma V., Clarence T.	Bert V., Albert	Anne Z., Sandra N.
Ushers	Tim, Al	Sylvia, Leo	Cliff, Joe	Colton, Jake
Children's Message	Leo	Bert	GEMS	Joan
Nursery	Melissa VanSoest, Daren Bouman, Avery Mulder	Katheryn Langendyk, Angela Nyman, Lily Denhollander	Amanda Desgagne, Yvonne VanSoest,	Salome Kodde, Sylvia Heyink, Lillian Crossen
Sunday School	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	Sylvia Hulshof Sandra Ducharme, Janelle Bouman
Valet	Albert Hummel	Bill Branderhorst	Mike Zandwyk	Tim DeWeerd
Tech Booth	(P) Landon (A) Adrian (V) Gerard	((P) Greg (A) Job (V) Aaron	((P) Dan (A) Trevor (V) Tony	((P) Sam (A) Nathan (V) Dan
Hall Monitor	Al Vanderlaan	Leo Weverink	Joe Lubbers	Jake Zantingh