



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday, April 20, 2025

Worship: 10am

Pastor Jay Crossen

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

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

- * Song: **Low in the Grave He Lay LUYH # 186 vs 1-3**
- * God's Greeting
- * Song: **Praise the Saviour Now & Ever LUYH # 191 Vs 1-3**

God Renews Us In His Grace

Easter Litany/ Confession of Assurance

Song: **O Praise the Name**

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message

Song: **Lord, I lift Your Name on High LUYH # 610**

Children age 3 – Grade 6 are dismissed for Sunday School

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture John 21

Message: Selflessness of Restoration

Song: **See what a Morning LUYH # 181 vs 1-3**

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Race Relations

Offertory: **But for the Cross of Christ**

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

- * God's Sending and Blessing
- * Song: **Christ the Lord is Risen Today LUYH # 182 vs 1,2,5**

* 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 20: Pastor Jay Easter

April 27: Pastor Rick DeGraaf

May 4: Pastor Jay (Gems Sunday)

May 11: 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 for Race Relations

April 27: Mississippi Christian Family Service

May 4: Gems

May 11: ReFrame Ministries (Formerly Back to God Hour)

The Deacons will collect your offering during the worship service. You can also respond with your offering by e-Transfer to ecrgiving@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

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 May 3, 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 30 @ 2pm. We will be studying 1 Peter 2 vs 4..

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.

Hockey: Many, many thanks to the congregation for attending the youth vs not so youthful hockey night. It was a wonderful night of community, fun and fellowship....perhaps we should do that again? Many thanks to those who helped out for the evening it was muchly appreciated. And lastly congrats to the youth, while the score was perhaps not in your favour, the Chuck a Puck was a highlight and will be remembered much longer than the score. (PS 4-3 for the old guys). The Community Stream

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

\$6,844.96

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>

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!

"London Christian High is hosting a Relay for Life event in support of the Canadian Cancer Society. On May 23, 2025, we will be relaying at our school. Our event will help those living with cancer get to life-saving treatment appointments and provide access to other support programs. As a school, this event is a way for us to fulfill our calling as Christians outlined in Galatians 5:13, "...but through love, serve one another." We invite you to support this important cause by making a financial donation at relayforlife.ca/lch. Your generosity will help us reach our fundraising goal of \$35,000. We also invite you to come relay with us from **4:00–5:30 PM on May 23 for our Community Relay**, a chance to walk together in support of this meaningful cause. If you have any questions, please contact Alanna Poortinga at apoortinga@lchonline.ca."

Wingham and District Right to Life: Annual Banquet and Live Auction. We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting our 49th Annual Banquet on Wednesday, April 30 at 6:45 at the Wingham Columbus Centre. The theme for the banquet will be **Serving With Compassion**, with speakers from Death Doula (Linda VanWyk) and Solace Singers (Deb Shelley). Tickets for the roast beef dinner must be ordered in advance and are \$30 (\$20 for youth). Tickets may be ordered from any of the board members in your parish or contact winghamrighttolife@gmail.com. All tickets must be ordered by **April 21**. The evening will also include a Live Auction. Proceeds will be forwarded to Death Doula, Solace Singers, and One Care Home and Community Support Services.

The Third Annual Huron Christian School Golf Tournament is happening July 5, 2025, at Woodland Links in Clinton. This is a great way to get together as a school community and have fun! Contact Justin Damsma at jdamsma@eigroup.ca for more information!

Mark Your Calendars – Celebration of Learning! Join us on **Friday, May 2nd at 7:00pm** for our Celebration of Learning — a wonderful opportunity to see what students have been working on throughout this past school year. There will be plenty to see, hear, and experience as you explore the school! Contact the school office for more information at office@huronchristianschool.ca

Classis Huron Corner

The delegates of Classis Huron (regional assembly of churches) met for a special meeting, on Monday night, April 7, 2024, at the Community CRC in Kitchener, in response to the request of several of our churches.

- Opening devotions were led by Rev. Tom Bomhof, the pastor of Community CRC.
- The chair of the meeting was Mr. Peter Kingma, elder at Water Street CRC in Guelph.
- An overture (a formal written proposal) was received, to send a request to Synod 2025, as a late-agenda item. Classis agreed to send the request that “Synod 2025 revisit and revise the decision made by Synod 2024 regarding “limited suspension” by withdrawing restrictions on seating classis delegates unless and until necessary revisions are made to Church Order”.
This request has been sent to the synodical office, along with an explanation why it is important to include this request on this year’s agenda.
- Did you know that Synod 2025 will be meeting at Redeemer University in Ancaster this year?
- Two staff members of Thrive joined classis via Zoom, to provide information about the process of calling a pastor.
Several resources are available to the churches and search committees.
They also cautioned about several pitfalls search committees need to be aware of.
- The complete set of minutes will be available at www.classishuron.ca.

This Week: April 20-26 2025

<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship with Sunday School age 3 -Grade 6 and	<u>Monday</u> No Gems	<u>Tuesday</u> Youth Group 7 pm	<u>Wednesday</u> Evening Coffee Break 7:15-8:45 pm	<u>Thursday</u> Cadets 7 pm Praise Team Practice 7:30 pm Executive Meeting 7:30	<u>Friday</u> Gems Sleepover 7 PM	<u>Saturday</u>
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	April 20 (Easter)	April 27	May 4	May 11
Elder	Joe Lubbers	Jason Mulder	George Poortinga	Gerard Steenbeek
Deacon	Connor & Anthony	Anthony & Dianne	Dianne & Joy & GEMS	Joy & Connor
Coffee Clean-Up	Darren & Janelle Joanne & Leah Branderhorst	Aaron & Jolene Adrian and Maria	Derek & Sharon Mike & Teresa	Derek & Miranda Tony & Marian
Greeters	Sandra Newton, Wendy Westerik	Sam Vanderlaan, Albert Hummel	GEMS	Gerben & Ria Steenbeek
Ushers	Dianne Soer, Sylvia Hulshoff	George Poortinga, Colton Mulder	GEMS	Clarence & Betty Toornstra
Children's Message	Sylvia	Teresa Buckman	GEMS	Joan Brady
Nursery	Joe Dykstra, Janelle Bouman, Norma Vanderlaan, Avery Poortinga	Sylvia Hulshof, Kevin Mulder, Amanda Desgagne, Sydney Lubbers	Hannah Glavin, Katelyn Heyink, Wendy Stafford,	Sheila Vanderlaan, Ann Zwaan, Joanne Branderhorst
Sunday School	Sandra Ducharme, Michelle Meinen, Sarah Mulder, Joyce Pelley	Sandra Ducharme, Michelle Meinen, Sarah Mulder, Joyce Pelley	Sylvia Hulshof, Cassidy Heyink , Maria Bakelaar Joe & Danielle Dysktra	Sylvia Hulshof, Cassidy Heyink , Maria Bakelaar Joe & Danielle Dysktra