

EXETER CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Celebrating



Years of God's Faithfulness!

APRIL 26, 2026



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Worship: 10am

Sunday, April 26, 2026

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

Words of Welcome

* Call to Worship

* God's Greeting

* Song: **Holy Holy Holy LUYH 538 Thy Word CCLI 14301** (1st verse and chorus solo and congregation join for verse 2 and chorus)

3-5-year Olds Dismissed

God Speaks to Us Through His Word and Renews us in His Grace

Past

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 100 Message: God Has Been Faithful

* **Song: When Peace Like a River LUYH 451**

Testimony -

Choir: God's Faithfulness Medley

Present

Scripture reading: Psalm 119: 105-112 Message: God is Still Faithful

* **Song: Cornerstone CCLI 6158927**

Testimony -

Song: Goodness of God CCLI # 7117726

Future

Children's message

Children's Song: **Give me Oil in My Lamp CCLI # 4755580**

(3-5-year-olds exit to classroom with teacher)

Scripture Reading: Psalm 145 Message: God Will be Faithful

Youth Testimony -

***Song: How Great is Our God / How Great thou Art CCLI/LUYH 4348399/553**

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Prayer of God's People Prayer concluded with singing "hear Thy Prayer Oh Lord"

Offering: Youth Serve Project

Offertory: **Instrumental, Agnus Dei**

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

*God's Sending and Blessing

***Song: The Blessing CCLI # 7147007**

* 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 26:</u>	Pastor Jay	(75 th Anniversary Service)
<u>May 3:</u>	Pastor Jay	(Gems Sunday)
<u>May 10:</u>	Pastor Jay	
<u>May 17:</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 Youth SERVE Project

<u>May 3:</u>	GEMS
<u>May 10:</u>	Room to Grow
<u>May 17:</u>	Canadian Food Grains Bank

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



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!

The long-anticipated weekend has finally arrived, and we are so excited to celebrate together! We warmly welcome and thank former members, friends of Exeter CRC and past Pastors for joining us. We pray for safe travels for everyone attending!

The soup is on! Be sure to stay for cake and lunch following the Sunday Service. There's no need to bring anything- just your smile and an appetite! Lunch had been lovingly prepared & were sure it will be delicious, with gluten free options available as well!

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

Thank you for your prayers, texts, meals and visits over the last 5 weeks (4 weeks of being in Exeter). The road of recovery is coming along. My equilibrium has mostly returned, I no longer reach for pain meds every 4 hours, the nausea is mostly gone and the dizziness is mostly in the evenings. However, that said I do have a headache 24 hours a day, I am just learning to cope with it. A lot of stimulation seems to take a lot out of me as it takes several hours of quietness to settle my senses down again. I am having to learn how to pace myself to not have these spikes in the headaches and extra stimulation. The doctors and therapists inform me I have a long way to go yet -- but I am getting there. Thank you for your continued prayers, Maria Bakelaar

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.

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 May for a time of connection, community, and creativity.

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!

Young Adults: The young adults are warmly invited to the Kodde's for a cheesecake social on May 3 after church. We look forward to you all coming!

Young Adults (ages 18-35) - Pickleball Night - Join us on **Friday, May 1st at 7:30 pm** in the church gym for a fun evening of pickleball! Whether you're an experienced player or trying it for the first time, you're welcome. We'll go over the rules before we start playing. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Kaumanns or Rachel Boersma.

Collections Paid out Feb 2026

London Christian High	491.15	Huron Christian School	1543.6
Stratford Christian School	304.04	Deacons	520
Coldest Night of the Year	2090.85	SOCO	20
Wycliffe		Canadian Food Grains	40
John & Marian Vandermeer	70	Calvinist Cadet Corps	798.99
Mississippi Christian Family Services	20	Exeter Cadets	266.33
Therefore Go Ministries	20	Children of the Promise	1551
Total	7735.96		

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>

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 fundraiser, 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!"

Groundwork: Understanding the Purpose of God's Law - After emphatically teaching that salvation comes by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, Paul explores the contrasting paths of legalism and freedom in faith. Join Groundwork as we study Galatians 3-4 to hear Paul's encouragement to stay focused on Christ, to embrace our identity as God's children, and to find our unity as believers in Christ. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

This Week April 26-May 2 2026

<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship Sunday School age 3-5 years only Lunch all welcome (provided)	<u>Monday</u> Gems Gala 7-8:30 pm	<u>Tuesday</u> Common Plate Meal 5:30 – 7:00 pm Precious Blood Catholic Church Craft & Connect 1-3 Library Youth 7-9	<u>Wednesday</u> Executive Meeting @ 7:30 pm	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u> Young Adults 7-10 pm	<u>Saturday</u>
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SERVING SCHEDULE

	April 26	May 3	May 10	May 17
Elder	Al Vanderlaan	Jake Zantingh	Gerald Kodde	Joe Lubbers
Deacon	Joy, Dianne (Youth)	Joy, Anthony (Gems)	Anthony, Dianne	Dianne, Marian
Coffee Clean-Up	Joan & Dave Bill & Cathy	Derek & Miranda Mike & Teresa, Sandra D	Aaron & Jolene Ron & Rolinda	Tony & Marian Tim & Joy
Greeters	Norma V., Clarence T.	Gems	Anne Z., Sandra N.	Jean, Wendy
Ushers	Sylvia, Leo	Gems	Colton, Jake	Betty, Anthony
Children's Message	Pastor Tuininga	GEMS	Joan	
Nursery	Katheryn Langendyk, Angela Nyman, Lily Denhollander	Amanda Desgagne, Yvonne VanSoest,	Salome Kodde, Sylvia Heyink, Lillian Crossen	Laura Garritsen, Leah Branderhorst, Ashley Breukelman
Sunday School	Only for 3,4- and 5-year-olds Mikayla Vink	Teresa Buckman, Sandra Ducharme, Janelle Bouman	Sylvia Hulshof Sandra Ducharme, Janelle Bouman	Teresa Buckman, Sandra Ducharme, Janelle Bouman
Valet	Bill Branderhorst	Mike Zandwyk	Tim DeWeerd	
Tech Booth	((P) Greg (A) Job (V) Aaron	((P) Dan (A) Trevor (V) Tony	((P) Sam (A) Nathan (V) Dan	(P) Eli (A) Adrian (V) Gerard
Hall Monitor	Leo Weverink	Joe Lubbers	Jake Zantingh	Anthony Nyman