



# Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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**Sunday, April 6, 2025**

**Worship: 10am**

**Pastor Jay Crossen**

**Musicians: Steve and the Kids**

## **God Gathers Us in His Presence**

Words of Welcome

- \* Call to Worship
- \* Song: **Come, Now is the Time to Worship CCLI 2430948**
- \* God's Greeting
- \* Song: **Build Your Kingdom CCLI 6186078**

## **God Renews Us In His Grace**

Lenten Liturgy

Song: **Cornerstone CCLI 7139992**

## **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: **He's Got the Whole World**

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Mark 15:15-20

Message: Selflessness of Endurance

Song: **Man of Sorrows LUYH # 170**

## **God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings**

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Resonate Global Mission

Offertory: **Your Labour is Not in Vain CCLI 7097868**

## **God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing**

- \* God's Sending and Blessing
- \* Song: **My Friends May you Grow in Grace LUYH # 938**

\* 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 6: Pastor Jay leads the service Lent Week # 5

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

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 Resonate Global Mission

April 13: Kimberley & Carlos Belez – Serge

April 18: Exeter Community Food Bank (Good Friday)

April 20: Race Relations



The Deacons will collect your offering during the worship service. You can also respond with your offering by e-Transfer to [ecrgiving@gmail.com](mailto: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<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.

**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.

**Game On!** This Saturday, April 12, we are hosting a community bonding event at the Exeter Arena. Invite your family, friends, and neighbours to join us for a pizza meal, followed by some family skating, and ending with the 'Youth' vs 'Not So Youthful' hockey game. Event times are as follows:

5:30pm Pizza supper

6:07pm Family Skating

7:10pm National anthem followed by a hockey game.

8:20pm The festivities end.

**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.

**Thank you:** On behalf of the Boersma family we would like to thank the congregation for the cards, visits, and support in the passing of our dad, Jerry Boersma. Al and Norma Vanderlaan.

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

**Men:** I would like to draw your attention to the announcement on the bulletin board for the men's breakfast at the Zurich Mennonite Church. It starts at 8:30 and the cost is \$10.00. Reservations are necessary and there are phone numbers on the poster. Guest speaker is Mike Zandwyk. Hope to see you there.

## **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**

**Sanctuary London :** On April 12 Sanctuary will be holding a "Trekking for Home" fundraiser. We are encouraging participants to either walk 5k, run 10k or cycle 30k and ask their friends, families, and communities to support them and us as they do. The event will begin in the Talbot Street Parking lot, and we will be having a parking lot party and BBQ to celebrate the finish.

**Huron Christian School:** We are delighted to extend a warm invitation to you for our upcoming Grandparents and Grand friends Day at Huron Christian School. This special event will take place on April 11, 2025, and we would be honored to have you join us. The day begins in the school gym at 10am, followed by classroom visits, a delicious lunch and then a short program to finish off the day. Please RSVP by phone or email to 519-482-7851 or [office@huronchristianschool.ca](mailto:office@huronchristianschool.ca)

**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>

**This Week: April 6-12 2025**

<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship with Sunday School age 3 -Grade 6 and Grade 7/8 Catechism	<u>Monday</u> Gems 7 – 8:30 pm	<u>Tuesday</u> Youth Group 7 pm NHS - 6:45pm Bluewater	<u>Wednesday</u> Evening Coffee Break 7:15-8:45 pm Seniors Bible Study 2pm Worship Committee Meeting 7:30 pm	<u>Thursday</u> Cadets 7 pm Praise Team Practice 7:30 pm Deacons Meeting @ 7:30	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u> Community Bonding event, Pizza, Hockey see bulletin announcement for details
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**SERVING SCHEDULE 13**

	<b>April 6</b>	<b>April 13</b>	<b>April 18 (Good Friday)</b>	<b>April 20</b>
<b>Elder</b>	Jake Zantingh	Al Heyink	Gerald Kodde	Joe Lubbers
<b>Deacon</b>	Anthony & Dianne	Dianne & Joy	Joy & Connor	Connor & Anthony
<b>Coffee Clean-Up</b>	Matt Bakelaar & Jessica Bakelaar Eugene & April Boersma	Ken & Trinia Boersma Dave & Joan Brady		Darren & Janelle Joanne & Leah Branderhorst
<b>Greeters</b>	Lori Triebner & Norma Vanderlaan	Kathryn Langendyk Clarence Toornstra	Ann Zwaan, Albert Hummel	Sandra Newton, Wendy Westerik
<b>Ushers</b>	Gerald Kodde, Cliff Knip	Joe Lubbers, Betty Toornstra	Jason Mulder, Tim DeWeerd	Dianne Soer, Sylvia Hulshoff
<b>Children's Message</b>	Sylvia	Sylvia		Sylvia
<b>Nursery</b>	Lisa Heyink, Karen Knip, Jolene DeBoer, Layla Den Hollander	Sharon Kodde, Jake Zantingh, Laura Garritsen, Avery Mulder	Parent Volunteers	Joe Dykstra, Janelle Bouman, Norma Vanderlaan, Avery Poortinga
<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