



# Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Worship: 10am

**Sunday, May 11, 2025**

**Pastor Jay Crossen**

**Musicians: Michelle, Shawn,  
Sylvia, Marian, Al, Shaun, Josh,  
Orrin**

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

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

\* Song: **Great Things CCLI # 7111321**

\* God's Greeting

\* Song **God of Wonders LUYH # 4**

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

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance

Song: His Mercy is More CCLI # 7065053

## **God Speaks to Us Through His Word**

Children's Message

Song: **B-I-B-L-E**

Children (Dismissal age 3-Grade 6 for Sunday School)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture : Genesis 29: 31 – 30:24, Genesis 37

Message: The Life of Judah: Product of our Childhood?

Song: **Oceans CCLI # 6428767**

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

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: ReFrame Ministries (Formerly Back to God Hour)

Offertory: **Lord, You Have My Heart CCLI # 1108735**

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

\* God's Sending and Blessing

\* Song: **Go Now in Peace**

\* 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.

**Valet service** - designed for worshippers with mobility challenges, valet service is available from 9:35 to 9:55 Sunday mornings. 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, contact Mike Buckman in church, by phone (519-236-7940), through Facebook or via email at [mihaelbuckman@hotmail.com](mailto:mihaelbuckman@hotmail.com)

### Upcoming Services:

May 11: Pastor Jay

May 18: Pastor Jay (Preparatory)

May 25: Pastor Jay (Lords Supper)

June 1: Walter Miedema

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 ReFrame Ministries (Formerly Back to God Hour)



May 18: Resonate Global Mission - Mario Matos

May 25: Christian Schools Bursary Fund

June 1: World Renew - Justice for All

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

**Senior Bible Study:** Meets May 14 @ 2pm. We will continue our study on 1 Peter 2 ....

**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.

**Thank You** A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our Ladies' Laugh and Love for Hospice evening such a wonderful success! Through much generosity and support, we were able to raise \$15,170.49 for Jessica's House. It was truly a blessing to see how readily everyone stepped up to help — every time a need was shared, the response was a cheerful and willing "yes!" We are so grateful. It was especially encouraging to hear community members comment on how our church family rallied together in support of this meaningful cause. What a joy it is to see the gifts God has given us being used together for His glory and the good of others!

**75<sup>th</sup> anniversary:** Hard to believe that next year our church will be celebrating 75 years of God's faithfulness throughout the generation's. We as a church would like to celebrate this milestone by honoring God and his faithfulness. Anyone interested in being part of the planning committee for this event please contact Connor VanSoest.

**Profession of faith classes!!** For anyone who is interested in, or curious about, profession of faith classes, Pastor Jay will be leading a profession of faith class this summer. If you are interested, please contact him.

**Thank You:** I was given great news, the surgery was a success, and I am cancer free: Thank you to the congregation for all the prayers and kind acts extended. Being part of a church community is a wonderful blessing and my family, and I appreciate the outpouring of love our congregation has done during this trying time. Bill Branderhorst

**Community Meals** Organization for weekly community meals, The Common Plate, is going well. Volunteers pooling from 5 local churches are excited to meet the need for food and fellowship in our community, all the while building unity and stronger connections between churches. If this excites you and you would like to join in talk with Marique Crossen

**Faith Formation** will be hosting a meeting for the head leaders/organizers of Sunday School, Cadets, Youth Group, GEMS and Library at the church on May 22@7PM. You are invited to come and share your successes and challenges from the 2024/2025 season. Please RSVP to Sheila Vanderlaan (519)235-1565.

**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.

**Council Highlights:**

- we met with our finance consultant and went over last year's finances. We approved them for the congregation meeting at the end of this month.
- there was a special classis meeting at the beginning of April to discuss an overture for this year's Synod. It was passed and hopefully gets added to the agenda.
- Classis Huron also meets in May. Pastor Jay, Joy Deweerd, Gerald Kodde will represent us.
- there is interest in a profession of faith class to start in the summer. If interested, please contact your elder.
- Community Dinner program is shaping up and hopefully starting soon.

**From the CRCNA and the Broader Community**

**"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](https://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](mailto:apoortinga@lchonline.ca). **"With Relay for Life approaching**, we are holding a fundraiser to raise money for this great cause! On **Monday, May 12, from 7-9pm**, we will be hosting our very first Coffee House, which will be a night full of musical performances, readings, and more! Come and support the acts, enjoy fellowship together, as well as have some tasty treats. There is no entrance fee, but donations are appreciated! If you have any questions, reach out to Abby VanderHoek at [alvanderhoek@lchonline.ca](mailto:alvanderhoek@lchonline.ca). We hope to see you there!

**World Renew Will You Give a Gift of Hope to Support Mothers?** - Next week, on Women of Hope Sunday, discover how through your gift of support to World Renew's Maternal Newborn and Child Health program you can help new and expectant mothers learn about pregnancy and child care best practices, ways to grow their income, proper nutrition, fostering healthy relationships, and so much more—so they can become Women of Hope—women helping their families and communities to thrive. For more information go to: [worldrenew.ca/womenofhope](https://worldrenew.ca/womenofhope)

**South Huron Community Band Concert:** Please join us for an evening of fun and music as Friendship hosts the South Huron Community Band on Thursday, May 15/25 at the Exeter Christian Reformed Church (332 Huron Street, West). Doors open at 7:00pm. After the concert, there will be fellowship and refreshments in the gym. Everyone is Welcome!

**Calling all Graduates:** If you are graduating from high school, are pursuing post-secondary education, and have made a contribution to the pro-life movement, we would love to hear from YOU. You may be eligible to WIN the Wingham and District Right to Life Bursary of \$100.00. Please contact Brenda Sjaarda at 519-440-2744 or email [sjaardabrenda@gmail.com](mailto:sjaardabrenda@gmail.com) to obtain an application for this award. If you know of someone who may be eligible, please encourage them to apply. We would love to hear all the wonderful ways youth are making a difference in support of life. Deadline for applications is June 1, 2025.

This Week May 11-17 2025						
Sunday 10am Worship with Sunday School age 3-Grade 6	Monday	Tuesday NHS Queensway 6pm	Wednesday Worship Committee Meeting 7:30 pm	Thursday Praise Team Practice 7:30 pm Concert for Friendship 6-8 pm	Friday	Saturday

SERVING SCHEDUL13				
	May 11	May 18	May 25	June 1
Elder	Gerard Steenbeek	Clare Toornstra	Jake Zantingh	Al Heyink
Deacon	Joy & Connor	Connor & Anthony	Anthony & Dianne	Dianne & Joy
Coffee Clean-Up	Derek & Miranda Tony & Marian	Ron & Rolinda Mike & Teresa Job & Laura	Tim & Joy Al and Sylvia	Sandra D. Curtis & Cassidy
Greeters	Gerben & Ria Steenbeek	Bert Visscher, Yvonne Van Soest	Scott & Wendy Stafford	Kathryn Langendyk, Wibbina Toonk
Ushers	Clarence & Betty Toornstra	Jake Zantingh, Wilma Visscher	Al Heyink, Cliff Knip	Gerald Kodde, Tim DeWeerd
Children’s Message	Joan Brady	Bert Visscher	Leo Weverink	Teresa Buckman
Nursery	Sheila Vanderlaan, Ann Zwaan, Joanne Branderhorst	Marian deBoer, Kathryn Langendyk, Curtis Heyink	Melissa VanSoest, Michelle Meinen, Savannah Zantingh, Avery Knip	
Sunday School	Sylvia Hulshof, Cassidy Heyink , Maria Bakelaar Joe / Danielle Dysktra	Sylvia Hulshof, Cassidy Heyink, Maria Bakelaar Joe / Danielle Dysktra	Sylvia Hulshof, Cassidy Heyink, Maria Bakelaar Joe or Danielle Dysktra	Joy Deweerd, Jody Mulder, Laura Garritsen , Dan Vanderlaan
Valet	Tim Deweerd	Dan Vanderlaan	Lori Triebner	Mike Zandwyk