



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Worship: 10am

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Pastor Jay Crossen

Musicians: Kids Praise Team

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

* Song: **Come Now is the Time to Worship LUYH # 526**

* God's Greeting

* Song **Build Your Kingdome Here CCLI 6186078**

God Renews Us In His Grace

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance

Song: **In Christ Alone LUYH 770**

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message

Song: **Jesus Strong and Kind CCLI 7139992**

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

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture : Genesis 38

Message: The Life of Judah: Judah's Eye-Opening Moment

Song: **Not What My Hands Have Done LUYH # 624**

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Resonate Global Mission - Mario Matos

Offertory: **How Long, O Lord, How Long LUYH # 291**

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

* God's Sending and Blessing

* Song: **All are Welcome LUYH # 269**

* 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

Upcoming Services:

May 18: Pastor Jay (Preparatory)

May 25: Pastor Jay (Lords Supper)

June 1: Walter Miedema

June 8: 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 Resonate Global Mission - Mario Matos

May 25: Christian Schools Bursary Fund

June 1: World Renew - Justice for All

June 8: Ark Aid Missions



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.



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

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

Senior Bible Study: Meets May 28 @ 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.

75th 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 honouring 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.

Upcoming Marriage: Kevin Vanderlaan and Keira Wiersema will be united in Christian marriage on Saturday, May 24 at 4:00PM in Strathroy. We celebrate with Kevin & Keira and their families and ask the Lord's blessing upon them as they begin their married life together.

VBS will be Tuesday August 5th-Friday August 8th from 9am-12pm for kids going into JK-Gr 6 with the Community Breakfast following on Saturday August 9th!! Registration is now open!

We are in need of group leaders, kitchen help and nursery helpers. Even if you are able to help out for a day or two every little bit helps!! This is a great opportunity for high school students to get in their community hours! We are also looking for volunteers for the community breakfast! Please contact Jody Mulder if this is something you are able to do!!

Offerings paid out in April.

\$1,093.89 Deacons
\$1,948.40 Tuition Assistance
\$ 593.40 Exeter CRC Cadets
\$ 593.40 Calvinist Cadet Corps
\$1,080.00 Exeter Food Bank
\$1,418.75 Resonate
\$ 458.00 Office of Social Justice
\$1,090.53 HCFDC

\$8,276.37

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.

Congregational Meeting: Note to all Members there will be a congregational meeting on Thursday May 29 @ 7:00 pm to present the 2024 Year end Financials. You will find your package in your mail slots.

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. 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. **"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 avanderhoek@lchonline.ca. We hope to see you there!

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 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.

SOCO Beach Project Update: Meet the rest of the SOCO 2025 participants as well as the summer assistant. The "Light the Way" monthly donor campaign has been extended! Save the date for the SOCO Camping Retreat: July 18 - 20. Read all about it in this week's newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-may-8-8569167>

This Week May 18-24 2025						
Sunday 10am Worship with Sunday School age 3-Grade 6	Monday	Tuesday NHS Bluewater 6:45	Wednesday	Thursday Praise Team Practice 7:30 pm Faith Formation Meeting 7:00 pm	Friday	Saturday

SERVING SCHEDUL13				
	May 18	May 25	June 1	June 8
Elder	Clare Toornstra	Jake Zantingh	Al Heyink	Gerald Kodde
Deacon	Connor & Anthony	Anthony & Dianne	Dianne & Joy	Joy & Connor
Coffee Clean-Up	Ron & Rolinda Mike & Teresa Job & Laura	Tim & Joy Al and Sylvia	Sandra D. Curtis & Cassidy	Scott & Lisa Derek & Sylvia
Greeters	Bert Visscher, Yvonne Van Soest	Scott & Wendy Stafford	Kathryn Langendyk, Wibbina Toonk	Lori Triebner & Norma Vanderlaan
Ushers	George Poortinga, Wilma Visscher	Al Heyink, Cliff Knip	Gerald Kodde, Tim DeWeerd	Joe Lubbers, Sylvia Hulshof
Children’s Message	Bert Visscher	Leo Weverink	Teresa Buckman	Joan Brady
Nursery	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 Joy Deweerd	Joy Deweerd, Jody Mulder, Laura Garritsen , Dan Vanderlaan	Joy Deweerd, Jody Mulder, Laura Garritsen , Dan Vanderlaan
Valet	Dan Vanderlaan	Lori Triebner	Mike Zandwyk	Dan Vanderlaan