



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Worship: 10am

Sunday, May 25 2025

Pastor Jay Crossen

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

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

- * Song: **Here I am to Worship LUYH # 567**
- * God's Greeting
- * Song **In God the Father I Believe LUYH # 782**

God Renews Us In His Grace

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Song: **Behold the Lamb CCLI # 5003372**

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

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

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture : Genesis 43: 1-10, 44

Message: The Life of Judah: A Changed Life

Song: **Have Thine Own Way Lord LUYH # 737**

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Christian Schools Bursary Fund

Offertory: **Only A Holy God CCLI # 7073332**

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

- * God's Sending and Blessing
- * Song: **New Doxology CCLI # 5075025**

* 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:

June 1: Walter Miedema

June 8: Pastor Jay

June 15: Richard Poortinga

June 22: 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 Christian Schools Bursary Fund

June 1: World Renew - Justice for All

June 8: Ark Aid Missions

June 15: Beginnings Family Services

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.

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

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 need 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 wonderful 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.

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

Calling all Graduates: If you are graduating from high school, are pursuing post-secondary education, and have contributed 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: Invitation to young adults (18 - 29): Sunday Night SOCO May 25 at 5:30 p.m. ~ supper, social and campfire at the SOCO property. Also, save the date for the upcoming SOCO Camping Retreat, July 18 - 20. For more information, contact: infor@southcoastbeachproject.org. Read all about this week's SOCO update and other upcoming events: <https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-may-22-8569387>

Young adults: Roots ministry is hosting a free baseball and BBQ for all the young adults in the area June 8th from 6-9pm at the Drayton Community Christian School (no registration required). There is also a campfire worship night in the works for July 27th... more details to come.

This Week May 25-31 2025						
Sunday 10am Worship with Sunday School age 3-Grade 6	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	Thursday Praise Team Practice 7:30 pm Executive Meeting 8:30pm Congregational Meeting @ 7 pm	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>

SERVING SCHEDUL13				
	May 25	June 1	June 8	June 15
Elder	George Poortinga	Al Heyink	Gerald Kodde	Joe Lubbers
Deacon	Anthony & Dianne	Dianne & Joy	Joy & Connor	Connor & Anthony
Coffee Clean-Up	Tim & Joy Al and Sylvia	Sandra D. Curtis & Cassidy	Scott & Lisa Derek & Sylvia	Greg & Kaitlyn Albert & Frances
Greeters	Scott & Wendy Stafford	Kathryn Langendyk, Wibbina Toonk	Lori Triebner & Norma Vanderlaan	Clarence Toornstra, Albert Hummel
Ushers	Al Heyink, Cliff Knip	Gerald Kodde, Tim DeWeerd	Joe Lubbers, Sylvia Hulshof	Jason Mulder, Colton Mulder
Children's Message		Sylvia Hulshof	Teresa Buckman	Karen Knip
Nursery	Melissa VanSoest, Michelle Meinen, Savannah Zantingh, Avery Knip			
Sunday School	Sylvia Hulshof, Cassidy Heyink, Maria Bakelaar Joy Deweerd	Joy Deweerd, Jody Mulder, Laura Garritsen , Dan Vanderlaan	Joy Deweerd, Jody Mulder, Laura Garritsen , Dan Vanderlaan	Joy Deweerd, Jody Mulder, Laura Garritsen , Dan Vanderlaan
Valet	Lori Triebner	Mike Zandwyk	Dan Vanderlaan	Tim Deweerd