



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday, June 15, 2025

Worship: 10am

Pastor Richard Poortinga

Musicians: Steve

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

* Song: **God Himself is With Us LUYH # 565**

* God's Greeting

* Song **Shout to the Lord LUYH # 603**

God Renews Us In His Grace

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance

Song: **You are My King (Amazing Love) LUYH # 360**

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message and Song: **I've Got the Joy CCLI 4857031**

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

Prayer of Illumination:

Scripture : Luke 15: 11-31

Message: Junior Makes Father's Day

Song: **Amazing Grace LUYH # 691**

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Beginning Family Services

Offertory: **God Be in My Head LUYH # 858**

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

* God's Sending and Blessing

* Song: **Go, My Children, With My Blessing LUYH # 946**

* 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 22: Walter Miedema

June 29: Pastor Toyosi Awesu

July 6: Pastor Jay

July 13: 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 Beginnings Family Services



June 22: Edudeo

June 29: World Renew Refuge Sunday

July 6: Room to Grow

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

Synod: Pastor Jay will away at Synod from June 12-June 20, 2025. For any pastoral needs during this time, please contact your elder.

Senior Bible Study: Meets June 25 @ 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.

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 can help 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!!

Wedding Banns: We celebrate with Nathan Boersma and Rachel Dieleman who will be united in marriage on June 21, 2025. If there are no objections the wedding will take place at that time.

The Nursery Committee has placed a donation jar at the back of the sanctuary to help bless two couples in our church who are expecting their first babies this summer. If you feel led to give, any contribution—big or small—is truly appreciated.

Let's come together to show these growing families our love and support! Thank you! - Kassidy & Katelyn

Council: Council would like to bring forth these people for Elder: Adrian Bakelaar, Cliff Knip, Al Vanderlaan and Leo Weverink. And for Deacon Teresa Buckman and Marian de Boer. The affirmation vote will take place June 22 after the service followed by the casting of lots. Absentee votes are available today and all week from Joe Lubbers.

Men's Breakfast: To all the men young and old, we will be holding a men's breakfast on Saturday June 21st at 8 am. We will finish our series on the beatitudes. Please RSVP to Mike Zandwyk.

Dear Church Family! On July 12 to July 19, 2025, 7 youth and 2 leaders have the opportunity, the Lord willing, to go on SERVE! We are requesting prayer warriors to partner with those of us that will be going to Niagara Falls! If we have more than one partner per youth/leader, even better! You can never have too many people praying!

Below is the list of youth and leaders that will be going. Being a partner would include but not limited to praying for them often during that week. You may also wish to make up small cards/gifts that can be given to your chosen partner to open and read throughout the week to encourage and uphold them. Another option is writing an email to your partner (send to miagaraserve@gmail.com) and the SERVE leaders there will print them each day to be given to the youth.

If this is something you feel led to do or would like more information, please talk to either Job Garritsen or Teresa Buckman.

2025 SERVE Team-Youth-Sophia Buckman, Landon DenHollander, Salome Kodde, Melanie Langendyk, Eli Steenbeek, Silas Van Breda and Sam Vanderlaan.

Leaders-Teresa Buckman and Job Garritsen. Thank you!

From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

SOCO Beach Project Update: *Tickets available now for "The Downs" SOCO fundraising event.* Come out **Friday, June 27** for an evening of delightful storytelling that will leave you laughing and bring a tear to your eye - all while supporting SOCO. Purchase tickets: <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/the-downs-fundraiser> If you're 18 - 29, check out the Sunday Night SOCO events (June 22 & Aug 10) and register for the SOCO Camping Retreat, July 18 - 20. For more information, contact: info@southcoastbeachproject.org. Read all about it in this week's newsletter:

Huron Christian School: Join us for the 63rd Annual Grade 8 Graduation on Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Celebrate this milestone with us as we thank God for His faithfulness through the years. Cake and ice cream will be served afterward in the outdoor classroom.

Retirement: Peter & Cindy Tuininga are retiring! The Smithville CRC is hosting an Open House Saturday August 30th 2:00 - 5:00 pm 6522 Townline Rd, Smithville, ON L0R 2A0

You're invited to the graduation of London Christian High's Class of 2025! Family, friends, alumni, community members: All are welcome! Ceremony is on Monday, June 23 starting at 7:00 at North Park Community Church, 1510 Fanshawe Park Rd. E. London, ON. Doors will be open to the community at 6:30PM.

ReFrame Ministries Groundwork: The Holy Spirit at Work - The gospel of Luke offers us a unique and valuable perspective on Jesus. Join our Groundwork conversation as we begin our study of the important themes in Luke with Luke 1:1-45, Luke 3:21-22, and Luke 4:1-2, looking at the central role and pervasive presence of the Holy Spirit throughout Luke's gospel. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

This Week June 15-21 2025						
<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship with Sunday School age 3-Grade 6	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u> NHS Bluewater 6:45 pm	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u> Men's Breakfast 8 am

SERVING SCHEDULE 13				
	June 15	June 22	June 29	July 6
Elder	Jason Mulder	Joe Lubbers	Jake Zantingh	Gerard Steenbeek
Deacon	Connor & Anthony	Anthony & Dianne	Dianne & Joy	Joy & Connor
Coffee Clean-Up	Greg & Kaitlyn Rick & Linda	Albert & Fran Cliff & Karen	Josh & Sarah Gerald & Sharon	Rick & Sylvia Bill & Cathy
Greeters	Clarence Toornstra	Ann Zwaan, Wendy Westerik	Sandra Newton, Jean Vanderlaan	Sam Vanderlaan, Bert Visscher
Ushers	Jason Mulder, Colton Mulder	George Poortinga, Cliff Knip	Anthony Nyman, Betty Toornstra	Dianne Soer, Wilma Visscher
Children's Message	Karen Knip	No children's message. Sunday School Presentation to Graduates	Bert V.	Leo W.
Nursery	Sarah Mulder, Lisa Heyink, Yvonne VanSoest	Sylvia Heyink, Jolene deBoer, Sharon Kodde	Karen Knip, Wilma Visscher, Layla Denhollander	Janelle Bouman, Leah Branderhorst, Lillian Crossen
Sunday School	Joy Deweerd, Jody Mulder, Laura Garritsen, Dan Vanderlaan	Joy Deweerd, Jody Mulder, Laura Garritsen, Dan Vanderlaan	SS only 3,4,5-year-olds	SS only 3,4,5-year-olds
Valet	Tim Deweerd	Bill Branderhorst	Lori Triebner	Mike Zandwyk