



# Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Worship: 10am

Sunday, June 1, 2025

Walter Miedema

Musicians: Steve, Bill, Lori,  
Joanne

## God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

- \* Song: **Gather Us In LUYH # 529**
- \* God's Greeting
- \* Song **Sing to the King LUYH # 474**

## God Renews Us In His Grace

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance

Song: **They'll Know We Are Christians LUYH # 256**

## God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message and Song: **This Little Light of Mine LUYH # 930**

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

Prayer of Illumination: **Song: They Word CCLI # 14301**

Scripture : Psalm 119: 89-96

Message: Boundless Commands

Song: **Take My Life and Let it Be LUYH # 863**

## God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: World Renew - Justice for All

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

## God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

- \* God's Sending and Blessing
- \* Song: **We Receive Your Blessing LUYH # 947**

\* 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:

June 8: Pastor Jay

June 15: Richard Poortinga

June 22: Walter Miedema

June 29: Pastor Toyosi Awesu

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 World Renew - Justice for All



June 8: Ark Aid Missions

June 15: Beginnings Family Services

June 22: Edudeo

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

**Senior Bible Study:** Meets June 11 @ 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.

**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 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!!

**Congratulations:** to Kevin Vanderlaan and Kiera Wiersema as they were married on May 24th. May God bless you in your marriage.

**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.

## From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

**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.

**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](mailto:info@southcoastbeachproject.org). Read all about it in this week's newsletter:

## Classis Huron Corner.

- The delegates of Classis Huron, or regional assembly, met on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at the Maitland River Community Church in Wingham.
- Opening devotions were led by Rev. Bart Eisen, the pastor of MRCC, Wingham.
- A sharing /prayer "Round-Table" session was led by Rev. Sid Couperus.
- The chair of the meeting was Mr. Peter Kingma, elder at Water Street CRC, Guelph.
- Pastor Melissa Burmaster, interim Waterloo Campus pastor, presented an exciting report on the work among the University of Waterloo and the Wilfrid Laurier University students. Did you know that there are respectively 46,000 and 20,000 students at these universities?  
Adding the faculties and staff, and you end up with a huge mission field!  
Carolyn Kleefman reported on behalf of the WCM Board including the good news that Melissa has been offered to serve as full-time campus minister, which she has accepted.
- Mr. Joshua Sweetman, member of Water Street CRC, Guelph, was examined and is now available to exhort in our churches.
- A seminarian, Aaron Tollenaar, member of Bethel CRC, Listowel, was also granted a license to exhort in the Classis Huron churches.
- The exhortation licenses of John Zwart (Drayton), Steve Vogel (Bethel CRC, Listowel) and Tom Mostert (Stratford) were renewed for five years.
- Stratford CRC successfully extended a call to Rev. Nick Bierma, to serve as co-pastor together with Rev. Martin Dam. He is expected to come in August.
- It was noted that by September, seven or eight Christian Reformed Churches in our classis will be without a full-time ordained pastor.
- Regrettable three ministers have left, or will be leaving Classis Huron churches.  
Rev. Tom Bomhof (Community CRC, Kitchener) is going to a new ministry opportunity in BC.  
Rev. Laura de Jong (also from Community CRC) requested to be released from ministerial service.  
Rev. Norm Sennema (Maranatha CRC, Cambridge) was honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church.  
We will miss these three fine servants and are saddened by their leaving.
- Joan Brady (Classis Huron Mission Catalyzer) introduced a new Classis Huron Vision Statement.
- Joan also introduced the new *Creative Outreach Venture Fund 2.0*. This fund supports and encourages Classis Huron churches and ministries to engage in their neighborhoods in a missional way.
- Classis received various reports: Safe Church, Classical Counsellors, Church Visitors, Denomination, Synod's Agenda, Calvin Theological Seminary and appointed several individuals to various classical positions.
- As required by the Canadian Not-for-profit Corporations Act, classis held its Annual General Meeting, receiving the financial statements and electing a new director.
- During the lunch break delegates had a chance to visit the CARS (Christian Automotive Repair Service) ministry just across the street in Wingham. Thanks, Albert for hosting us.  
Also thanks to the kitchen staff at MRCC for the excellent lunch.
- Mr. Peter Kingma was thanked for his superb leadership during the day.
- Classis adjourned at 5:05 PM.
- The complete set of minutes will be available at [www.classishuron.ca](http://www.classishuron.ca).

## Ascension Day Poem

**Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,  
a new community has been formed -**  
a community that loves and cares for all members,  
a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected,  
a place where all find a place of belonging.

**Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,  
a new creation has begun -**  
all that was distorted is being restored,  
all that is corrupted is being renewed,  
all that was broken is being made whole.

**Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,  
God's new world has begun.**

This Week June 1 – 7 2025						
Sunday 10am Worship with Sunday School age 3-Grade 6	Monday	Tuesday NHS Exeter Villa 7:00 pm	Wednesday	Thursday Council Meeting 7:30 pm	Friday	Saturday

SERVING SCHEDUL13				
	June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22
Elder	Al Heyink	Gerald Kodde	Joe Lubbers	Jason Mulder
Deacon	Dianne & Joy	Joy & Connor	Connor & Anthony	Anthony & Dianne
Coffee Clean-Up	Sandra D. Curtis & Kassidy	Scott & Lisa Derek & Sylvia	Greg & Kaitlyn Albert & Frances	Rick & Linda Cliff & Karen
Greeters	Kathryn Langendyk, Wibbina Toonk	Lori Triebner & Norma Vanderlaan	Clarence Toornstra, Albert Hummel	Ann Zwaan, Wendy Westerik
Ushers	Gerald Kodde, Tim DeWeerd	Joe Lubbers, Sylvia Hulshof	Jason Mulder, Colton Mulder	George Poortinga, Cliff Knip
Children’s Message	Sylvia Hulshof	Teresa Buckman	Karen Knip	Joan Brady
Nursery	Marique Crossen, Kassidy Heyink, Angela Nyman	Joanne Boersma, Rolinda deRuiter, Salome Kodde	Sarah Mulder, Lisa Heyink, Yvonne VanSoest	Sylvia Heyink, Jolene deBoer, Sharon Kodde
Sunday School	Joy Deweerd, Jody Mulder, Laura Garritsen , Dan Vanderlaan	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	Mike Zandwyk	Dan Vanderlaan	Tim Deweerd	Bill Branderhorst