



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday, July 12 2026

Worship: 10am

Pastor: Jay Crossen

**Musicians Rachel, Laura, Joe,
Amy and Peter**

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

* Call to Worship

* Song: **And Can it Be LUYH # 695**

* God's Greeting

* Song: **My Jesus, I Love Thee LUYH # 366**

God Renews us in His Grace

Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Baptism: Blair Elizabeth Bakelaar

Song: **Come People of the Risen King CCLI # 5232617**

Serve Commissioning

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message

Children's Song: **Praise Him, Praise Him All ye Little Children**

Dismissal of (Age 3– 5-year-olds only)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Message: The Overflow of Love

* Song: **Amazing Love LUYH # 360**

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Serve Commissioning

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Huron Newcomers

Offertory: **God of Every Grace CCLI # 7223235**

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 to 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

Valet service - designed for worshippers with mobility challenges, valet service is available for free with advance arrangements. 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, please contact Mike Buckman in church, by phone (519-236-7940), by text (519-630-7827), through Facebook or via email at michaelbuckman@hotmail.com

Upcoming Services:

<u>July 12:</u>	Pastor Jay (Baptism Blaire Bakelaar)
<u>July 19:</u>	Tom Mosterd
<u>July 26:</u>	Pastor Jay (Church in the Park)
<u>Aug 2:</u>	Pastor Jay (Lords Supper)

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 Huron Newcomers

<u>July 19:</u>	NewGround
<u>June 26:</u>	Exeter Community Food bank
<u>Aug 2:</u>	Christian School Bursary Fund

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.

Common Plate A donation email has been set up for Common Plate it is as follows donations@Exetercommonplate.org



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

Serve is fast approaching! As is tradition in our congregation; the youth and leaders going on serve would love to have prayer partners for their week away. We are in need of 13 prayer partners. If you are interested in being a prayer partner for someone going on serve, please contact Job Garritsen.

To our cherished Seniors: We see you, and we want you to know how important you are to our church family. Whether you need a ride to an appointment or to visit family, a warm meal, a companion for a walk, or just a friendly chat over coffee, **Our Senior Care Team is here for you!** Please reach out to Norma Vanderlaan, Lori Triebner, Bill Branderhorst, Marique Crossen, Laura Garritsen, Joanne Branderhorst or Melanie Buxton - we would love to connect with you!

Coffee Clean-up Volunteers: To ensure we can continue to enjoy coffee and fellowship after the service each Sunday morning. There is a request that starting in June those on the list for coffee also put the coffee and sugar and creamers out. There will be a list in the kitchen of the duties needed. Thank you for all those who serve in this capacity. Any question reach out to Leo or Harry.

Save the Date – Church in the Park Mark your calendars for July 26, for Church in the MacNaughton Park! Join us for a special time of worship, fellowship, food, and fun outdoors as we gather together. More details will be shared in the coming weeks. We hope you can join us for this wonderful time together!

VBS will be Tuesday August 4th-Friday August 7th from 9am-12pm for kids going into JK-Gr 6 with the Community Breakfast following on Saturday August 8th!! Registration is now open! We are in need of group leaders, station helpers, kitchen help and nursery volunteers. 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 or sign up as a volunteer on the registration website www.vbspro.events/p/rockyrailway26 if this is something you are able to do!!

Children Summer Sermon Note: While the children are not in Sunday School for the summer, we would like to encourage the children to take a Kids Sermon Notes sheet which will be at the back of the church along with a clip board. On this sheet there is opportunity for the children to either write or draw a picture of what the Pastor is preaching on.

Council would like to thank everyone who participated in the listening circles last month. As Council, we appreciate the sharing that took place that evening, the concerns everyone had, and some questions as well. We hope that everyone was able to express their thoughts and, more importantly, that everyone felt it was a safe, God-honouring place. Council will address the questions that were raised to the best of our ability and present them to the congregation via your mail slot in the very near future. Thanks again for your participation. Exeter Council

Mary Kaldeway: Former missionary who we supported during her years as a missionary in Africa and other countries. She has written a book entitled "See What God Has Done" about her years as a missionary. She sent us 3 copies which are in the library any questions reach out to Sadie Post.

Council highlights for July 8, 2026

- Jake opened the meeting with a devotion, challenging us to show Christ's love in our community and our church
- Council approved the congregational meeting minutes and is working to answer the questions raised during the meeting
- Some time was spent reviewing the listening circles, and a summary will be sent out to the members.
- Gerald, Gerard, Joe and Joy were thanked for their work as elders and deacon.
- New council members were welcomed: Adrian, Cameron, Cliff, Teresa, and Yvonne.
- Elections were held for various roles: Al will remain chair of council, Jake is the new clerk, Anthony is the vice Chair, and Teresa is the community stream rep. Thank you
- Worship reported that two new members were welcomed, Jess Bakelaar and Deb Westerik.
- Steve and Sarah Van Breda shared that they will be worshipping God in another building. Thank you, Steve, Sarah and family for the gifts you shared in Exeter, and we pray God will continue to bless you in your new home.
- Al closed the meeting with a prayer lifting concerns, joys and praise to our God.

From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

SOCO Beach Project Update Read about "There are No Ordinary People" in this week's newsletter. Help us reach our summer fundraising goal! Young Adults - still a week left to register for the annual SOCO Camping Retreat - July 17 - 19. Cost is \$80 - see details in newsletter.

<https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-july-9-8576836>

Groundwork: Saul and David: Envy, Conflict, and Broken Shalom - As we follow the ups and downs in the life of Saul, we witness firsthand the conflict and broken shalom that results when the deadly sin of envy grips our hearts. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study 1 Samuel 18-24 to witness God's sovereignty and see how he continues to work in the lives of his people even through difficult and fraught circumstances. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Employment Opportunity. Bethel Listowel CRC is seeking a Youth Director/Youth Pastor to join our ministry team. The successful candidate will be passionate about connecting with youth to encourage and nurture their spiritual growth and support them as they live out their faith in their everyday life. There is some flexibility in this role as we are willing to tailor the job description to the successful candidate. You could be an ordained pastor or a youth director, seeking a full-time position (ideally for us) or part time. A detailed job description is available upon request. If you are interested in this position, or know someone who might be, please contact Ed Boelens, HR Committee Chair, at HR@bethelcrc.com. Application deadline is July 20, 2026 with a start date soon afterward. We look forward to hearing from you.

Huron Christian School is seeking a Part-Time Custodian (8 hours/week, approximately \$22.73/hour) beginning September 1, 2026.

The successful candidate should be a committed Christian who enjoys working in a school environment and will assist with maintaining a clean, safe, and welcoming facility. Duties include cleaning, light maintenance, and responding to building-related needs as required.

Experience in janitorial services, strong organizational and communication skills, flexibility, and the ability to work well with others are assets. Interested applicants should submit a letter of application, relevant experience, and references by August 4, 2026. A Vulnerable Sector Police Check will also be required. For more information or a full job description, please contact Michael Huizenga at principal@huronchristianschool.ca

The Ministry to Seafarers will hold its **7th annual Seaway Bike Tour Fundraiser** on Saturday, **September 12, 2026**. Join us **in-person** or **virtually** from your own community. We ride along the Saint-Lawrence seaway to raise awareness about our work serving seafarers 365 days of the year. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 so that we can meet the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of seafarers docking in the port of Montreal. A matching grant of \$8000 means your donations can go further. In 2025 we visited 5100 seafarers on board 1224 ships. We transported 3082 seafarers in our two vans. We served 10,139 seafarers from merchant and cruise ships at the Seafarers' Centre.

This Week July 12-18 2026

<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship Live Stream Sunday School age 3 – 5-year-old only for summer	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u> Common Plate Meal 5:30 – 7:00 pm Precious Blood Catholic Church	<u>Wednesday</u> Deacons Meeting @ 7:30 pm Praise Team @ 7:00 pm	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u> Private Event 12-5
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	July 12	July 19	July 26 Outdoor service	Aug 2
Elder	Jake Zantingh	George Poortinga	Leo Weverink	Al Vanderlaan
Deacon	Anthony, Dianne	Dianne, Cam	Anthony, Marian	Dianne, Cam
Coffee Clean-Up	Albert & Fran Bernie & Helen ** Please note announcement	Cameron Knip, Sandra Newton Jason & Jody ** Please note announcement	** Please note announcement	Kevin & Sarah Ang & Anthony ** Please note announcement
Greeters	Jean, Wendy	Gerben & Ria Steenbeek		Clarence, Kathryn
Ushers	Betty, Jake	Tim, Anthony	Sylvia	Cliff
Children's Message	Karen		Sylvia	N/A
Nursery	Sarah Mulder, Sylvia Hulshof, Lillian Crossen	Melissa VanSoest, Laura Garritsen, Ashley Breukelman		Curtis Heyink, Amanda Desgagne, Avery Knip
Sunday School	Sunday School for 3,4- & 5-year- olds only Sandra Ducharme,	Sunday School for 3,4- & 5-year-olds only Michelle Meinen	Outdoor service	Sunday School for 3,4- & 5- year-olds only Marique Crossen
Valet	Greg Langendyk	Sophia Buckam		
Tech Booth	P) Sam (A) Adriann (V) Gerard	(P) Clara (A) Job (V) Aaron	(P) N/A (A) Trevor (V) Tony	(P) Eli (A) Nathan (V) Dan
Hall Monitor	Jake Zantingh	Anthony Nyman		Marian deBoer