



# Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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**Sunday, July 19 2026**

**Worship: 10am**

**Teacher: Tom Mosterd**

**Musicians Sandra V Amy, Joe, Tara, Wilma, Bert, Shawn**

## **God Gathers Us in His Presence**

Words of Welcome

\* Call to Worship

\* Song: **Gather Us Inn LUYH # 529**

\* God's Greeting

\* Song: **Living Hope CCLI # 7106807**

## **God Renews us in His Grace**

Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Song: **Holy Spirit CCLI # 4779822**

## **God Speaks to Us Through His Word**

Children's Message

Children's Song: **Days of Elijah CCLI # 1537904**

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

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Acts 7: 51-60

Message: WWJD

\* Song: **Before the Throne of God Above LUYH # 682**

## **God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings**

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: NewGround

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

## **God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing**

\* God's Sending and Blessing

\* Song **The 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 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](mailto:michaelbuckman@hotmail.com)

### Upcoming Services:

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| <u>July 19:</u> | Tom Mosterd                     |
| <u>July 26:</u> | Pastor Jay (Church in the Park) |
| <u>Aug 2:</u>   | Pastor Jay (Lords Supper)       |
| <u>Aug 9:</u>   | 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 **NewGround**

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| <u>June 26:</u> | Exeter Community Food bank    |
| <u>Aug 2:</u>   | Christian School Bursary Fund |
| <u>Aug 9:</u>   | Deacons' Benevolence 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](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.

**Common Plate** A donation email has been set up for Common Plate it is as follows [donations@Exetercommonplate.org](mailto:donations@Exetercommonplate.org)



**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

**Serve:** Please remember all those who are currently in Lethbridge Alberta on serve. Sam Vanderlaan, Ian Poortinga, Landon DenHollander, Caleb Knip, Keagen Knip, Silas Vanbreda, Eli Steenbeek, Jordan Boersma, Layla DenHollander, Kyleigh Poortinga, Pastor Jay, Peter Bos and Sarah Knip. We can't wait to hear about your experiences.

**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](http://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.

**VBS Decorate & Prep Night:** Mark your calendars to come out on Wednesday July 27th at 7 PM to help us transform the church for VBS! We will have different jobs for all abilities- from seated jobs prepping craft materials, to fluffing Christmas trees and helping with decorating. Many hands make light work! If you have any questions; please talk to Sarah or Jody Mulder

### Collections Paid Out June 2026

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| Deacons                    | 150     | Resonate Mario Matos       | 852.2          |
| Huron Christian School     | 617.1   | Office of Race Relations   | 721.65         |
| London Christian High      | 196.35  | World Renew Refugee Sunday | 893.15         |
| Stratford Christian School | 121.55  | Indwell                    | 938.32         |
| Youth Serve                | 1386.25 | <b>Total</b>               | <b>5876.57</b> |

### 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** Warning - you may get hungry reading this week's newsletter (yum!) as we focus on food at the SOCO house. Help us reach our summer fundraising goal of \$30,000! Newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-july-16-8576915>

**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.

**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.

**Dear Congregation of Exeter CRC** Thank you for your generous gift(s) to Resonate Global Mission in May and June. The partnership of your church strengthens the work of missionaries, church planters, campus ministers, and local leaders serving in communities around the world. Because of your faithful support, new churches are being planted, emerging leaders are being trained, and communities are hearing and experiencing the good news of Jesus. From global cities to rural towns, God is at work through people who are called and sent and your generosity helps make that ministry possible. As summer unfolds, many opportunities for growth and service take shape—youth gatherings, community outreach events, mission experiences, and leadership development efforts that nurture faith and encourage connection. Your giving helps ensure these moments are well supported, impactful, and rooted in the good news of Jesus Christ. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to God’s mission and for the encouragement your partnership brings to those serving in the field. With sincere thanks, Kevin DeRaaf, Director, Resonate Global Mission

**Note From Sophia Buckman** “Gateway CERH is dedicated to improving the health and quality of life of rural residents. We are planning a Caregiver Recognition Event on September 17th to acknowledge and award local caregivers for the invaluable contributions they make to keep our communities healthy. Community members are asked to nominate a local caregiver they think is worthy of recognition, and that caregiver will be invited to the formal event for free to receive a “Care & Compassion Award”. The term "caregiver" includes anyone in a caregiving role such as healthcare workers or informal caregivers. At the event, nominees will receive a “Care & Compassion Award” as well as a gift in recognition of their impact. The goal is to help caregivers feel seen, helping to address caregiver burnout and retain local healthcare providers. To nominate an incredible caregiver who has demonstrated immense dedication to those they love, please go to <https://www.gatewayruralhealth.ca/>. Alternatively, you can use this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/hsudTZTtSH> If you need a physical nomination form, please reach out to Sophia Buckman at 226-559-8559. Thank you for your dedication to your community and recognizing the amazing caregivers that keep our communities running!"

| This Week July 19-25 2026                                                                              |               |                                                                                         |                                                     |                 |               |                 |
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| <u>Sunday</u><br>10am Worship<br>Live Stream<br>Sunday School age<br>3 – 5-year-old only<br>for summer | <u>Monday</u> | <u>Tuesday</u><br>Common Plate Meal 5:30 –<br>7:00 pm Precious Blood<br>Catholic Church | <u>Wednesday</u><br><br>Elders Meeting<br>@ 7:30 pm | <u>Thursday</u> | <u>Friday</u> | <u>Saturday</u> |

|                           | July 19                                                                    | July 26 Outdoor Service           | Aug 2                                                             | Aug 9                                                                                |
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| <b>Elder</b>              | George Poortinga                                                           | Leo Weverink                      | Al Vanderlaan                                                     | Cliff Knip                                                                           |
| <b>Deacon</b>             | Dianne, Cam                                                                | Anthony, Marian                   | Dianne, Cam                                                       | Cam, Teresa                                                                          |
| <b>Coffee Clean-Up</b>    | Cameron Knip, Sandra Newton<br>Jason & Jody<br>** Please note announcement |                                   | Kevin & Sarah<br>Ang & Anthony<br><br>** Please note announcement | Gerritt & Dianne<br>Henry & Sadie<br>Derek & Danielle<br>** Please note announcement |
| <b>Greeters</b>           | Gerben & Ria Steenbeek                                                     |                                   | Clarence, Kathryn                                                 | Scott & Wendy Stafford                                                               |
| <b>Ushers</b>             | Tim, Anthony                                                               | Sylvia                            | Cliff, Marian                                                     | Colton, Anthony                                                                      |
| <b>Children’s Message</b> |                                                                            | Sylvia                            | N/A                                                               | Karen Knip                                                                           |
| <b>Nursery</b>            | Melissa VanSoest, Laura<br>Garritsen, Ashley Breukelman                    |                                   | Curtis Heyink, Amanda<br>Desgagne, Avery Knip                     | Darren Bouman, Sharon<br>Kodde, Sadie Bouman                                         |
| <b>Sunday School</b>      | Sunday School for 3,4- & 5-year-olds only<br>Michelle<br>Meinen            | Outdoor service                   | Sunday School for 3,4- & 5-year-olds only<br>Marique Crossen      | Sunday School for 3,4- & 5-year-olds only<br>Jolene deBoer, Casey                    |
| <b>Valet</b>              | Sophia Buckam                                                              |                                   | Mike Zandwy                                                       |                                                                                      |
| <b>Tech Booth</b>         | (P) Clara<br>(A) Job<br>(V) Aaron                                          | (P) N/A<br>(A) Trevor<br>(V) Tony | (P) Eli<br>(A) Nathan<br>(V) Dan                                  | (P) Sam<br>(A) Adrain<br>(V) Garard                                                  |
| <b>Hall Monitor</b>       | Anthony Nyman                                                              | Cliff Knip                        | Marian deBoer                                                     | Anthony                                                                              |