



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday, July 26 2026

Worship: 10am

**Pastor: Jay Crossen
Church in the Park**

**Musicians: Karen ,Laura,
Sylvia, Bill**

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

- * Call to Worship
- * Song: **This is My Fathers World**
- * God's Greeting
- * Song: **Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

God Renews us in His Grace

Serve Team: Report

What was your favourite part of this Serve Trip?

How did you see God in this last week?

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message

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

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:8-10

Message: What's Your Why

- * Song: **Jesus Strong & Kind**

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Exeter Foodbank

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

- * God's Sending and Blessing

- * Song **My Friends May You Grow in Grace**

* 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 5. 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 26:</u>	Pastor Jay (Church in the Park)
<u>Aug 2:</u>	Pastor Jay (Lords Supper)
<u>Aug 9:</u>	Pastor Toyosi Awesu
<u>Aug 16:</u>	Sara DeMoor

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 Exeter Community Food Bank

<u>Aug 2:</u>	Christian School Bursary Fund
<u>Aug 9:</u>	Deacons' Benevolence Fund
<u>Aug 16:</u>	Sanctuary



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: 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.

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.

VBS Decorate & Prep Night: Mark your calendars to come out on Wednesday July 29th 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

Hello, Church Family! I hope you're all having a wonderful summer. Thank you for your prayers and support so far!

My time at SOCO has been such a blessing so far. I have grown so much in my faith, experienced what it looks like to live in Christian community, and have been incredibly thankful to be part of such an amazing community here in Port Dover. We are still working toward our fundraising goal of **\$30,000**. If you feel led to support the South Coast Beach Project financially, you can donate using the link below.

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/donation-form/south-coast-beach-project--2026>

I look forward to connecting with you all at the end of the summer,
Salome Kodde :)

Collections Paid Out June 2026

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	Total	5876.57

From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

SOCO Beach Project Update Positively pivoting this past weekend with the SOCO Camping Retreat. Help us reach our summer fundraising goal of \$30,000! One more Sunday Night SOCO on August 9. Read all about it ~ newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-july-23-8577002>

Groundwork: What is Heaven? - What is heaven? Where is it? What does it look like? Join Groundwork as we study Ephesians 1:3-10; 1 Peter 1:3-4; Revelation 21:2-5; Isaiah 11:6-9; Isaiah 25:6-8, 22-27; Isaiah 65:17-22; Colossians 1:15-20 to understand what the Bible does and does not teach us about what heaven is and what it looks like. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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!"

Women's Worship TONIGHT: Women of all ages are invited for an evening of worship on Sunday, July 26 at 7:30 PM at the Clinton CRC. We plan to gather on the last Sunday of every other month through the door by the soccer fields. Worship, treats, and genuine connection—you belong here, be part of something special.

This Week July 26-Aug 1 2026

<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship Church in the Park	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u> Common Plate Meal 5:30 – 7:00 pm Precious Blood Catholic Church	<u>Wednesday</u> Executive Meeting @ 7:30 pm	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
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	Julu 26 Outdoor Service Those who are helping will receive separate list	Aug 2	Aug 9	Aug 16
Elder	Leo Weverink	Al Vanderlaan	Cliff Knip	Jake Zantingh
Deacon	Anthony, Marian	Dianne, Cam	Cam, Teresa	Marian, Cam
Coffee Clean-Up		Kevin & Sarah Ang & Anthony ** Please note announcement	Gerritt & Dianne Henry & Sadie Derek & Danielle ** Please note announcement	** Please note announcement
Greeters	Cliff, Teresa & Mike B, Joy	Clarence, Kathryn	Scott & Wendy Stafford	Norma, Sam V.
Ushers	Sylvia	Cliff, Marian	Colton, Anthony	Betty
Children's Message	Sylvia	N/A	Karen Knip	
Nursery	N/A	Curtis Heyink, Amanda Desgagne, Avery Knip	Darren Bouman, Sharon Kodde, Sadie Bouman	Kevin Mulder, Ria Steenbeek, Alanna Nyman
Sunday School	N/A	Sunday School for 3,4- & 5- year-olds only Marique Crossen	Sunday School for 3,4- & 5- year-olds only Jolene deBoer, Casey	Sunday School for 3,4- & 5- year-olds only Michelle Meinen, Eli
Valet	N/A	Mike Zandwyk		Sophia Buckan
Tech Booth		(P) Eli (A) Nathan (V) Dan	(P) Sam (A) Adrain (V) Gerard	(P) Clara (A) Job (V) Aaron
Hall Monitor		Marian deBoer	Anthony	Leo Weverink