



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday Aug 23 2026

Worship: 10am

Teacher: Walter Miedema

Musicians: Joel Guichelaar

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

* Call to Worship

* Song: **When Peace Like a River LUYH # 451**

* God's Greeting

* Song: **How Great Thou Art LUYH # 553**

God Renews us in His Grace

Payer of Confession & Assurance

Song: **What a Friend we have in Jesus LUYH # 897**

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message

Children's Song: **Jesus Loves Me LUYH # 709**

Dismissal of Children 3–5-year-olds

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 56: 1-8

Message: "Welcome Home"

* Song: **Just as I am LUYH # 627**

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Resonate Global Mission

Song **Video/Instrumental**

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

* God's Sending and Blessing

* Song: **Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow LUYH # 964**

* 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>Aug 23:</u>	Walter Miedema
<u>Aug 30:</u>	Pastor Kevin TeBrake
<u>Sept 6:</u>	Pastor Jay (Lord's Supper)
<u>Sept 13:</u>	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 Resonate Global Mission

<u>Aug 30:</u>	World Renew - Justice for All
<u>Sept 6:</u>	Fellowship of Christian Farmers
<u>Sept 13:</u>	The Ministry to Seafarers



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.

Vacation: Pastor Jay & family will be away from Aug 9-31. If there are any pastoral concerns, please reach out to your elder. If you are not sure who your elder is please reach out to Al Vanderlaan.

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

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.

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.

Zurich Bean Festival is on Saturday August 22 and the Fellowship of Christian Farmers has a booth there from 8:00 to 5:30. We could use your help. What an opportunity to tell your neighbors about our Savior. We have an online training video, so don't be afraid to volunteer. Connect with Bert Visscher 519-808-5340

HELP US COLLECT MILK BAGS!!!

Anyone who has attended a loading for Global Literacy has likely seen the stacks of woven plastic mats we use to pad delicate items, fill holes and level loads. These mats are so helpful during our loadings — but their true purpose is even more remarkable. In African schools, these mats are used in so many important ways: Sleeping mats for small children during nap time To make sitting on dirt or concrete floors more comfortable for students without desks To provide protection from insects for people sleeping outdoors or on dirt floors To create safe play areas for pre-schoolers mats are made locally by a dedicated group of volunteers and generously given to us to deliver. But here's the problem...It takes hundreds of 4-litre milk bags to weave just one mat, and right now, there simply aren't enough bags available for the mat makers. Can you help us bridge the gap? COLLECT your empty milk bags and rally your friends, neighbours and kids to collect them too! It's such a small thing, but together we can help ensure these incredible volunteers can continue making mats that provide comfort, protection and a place to learn and play for children in African schools. Please lay the bags flat — not crumpled — and when you have a bunch gathered, message me. We'll find a convenient mutual meeting place to get them from you. Bethany Schmidt

Coffee Break: Wow how the summer flies by ... we are starting to think about coffee break for this coming fall season. If anyone is interested in being part of the planning/facilitator team there is a meeting planned for Sept 9 @ 7:30 @ the church. If this ministry is calling you or you just want to check out what may or may not be involved in being part of this ministry please come. If you are interested and cannot make it, please reach out to Joy DeWeerd , Joyce Pelley or Marique Crossen.

Collections for July 2026

Deacons	870	Indwell	50
World Renew Refugee Sunday	125	Exeter Food Bank	813
Family Outreach	798.77	Huron Hub for Newcomers	605.75
New Ground	872.55		
		Total	4135.07

From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

SOCO Beach Project Update Believe it or not, we are wrapping up SOCO summer cohort 2026 this weekend. In this week's newsletter, read about our last guest speaker, Chong, in "Diversity, Distortion and Redemption". As we wind up our time together, the group had fun with several outdoor activities. And we celebrate God's generosity through people like you as we reached our fundraising goal...and THEN some! (We'll give a final update on the total received next week.) Newsletter link: <https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-august-20-8577468>

Groundwork: Jesus is the High Priest Who Meets Our Needs - Do you ever feel alone, like no one can understand what you're going through? Join Groundwork as we study Hebrews 4:14-7:28 to learn about the high priest Melchizedek. Together, we'll see how the author of Hebrews draws a connection between Melchizedek and Jesus to help us better understand the extent to which Jesus truly understands, cares for, and meets our needs. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Hymn Sing - Plans are underway for an evening of singing. September 20 at 7:00 pm in the Clinton Christian Reformed Church. Everyone welcome. A future announcement will come closer to the date.

Blyth CRC: We are going on a road trip—Come join us on Tuesday September 8 for our Fall 'Mystery' "bus trip. So, like last year, you won't know our destinations will be until that day. Snacks and Lunch will be provided and included in the cost. There also will be opportunities to purchase items along the way at the venues. We will be meeting at Blyth CRC parking lot at 8:15-8:30 am. Pick-ups will also be at Clinton Casino at 8 am and also in Frosty Queen, Wingham at 8:55 am. Cost will be \$90 per person, cash, cheque or eTransfer to deacons.blythcrc@gmail.com. Please register with Susan at Susanbuffinga57@hotmail.com, 519-523-9216, 519-441-1029 or talk to me at church or any of the other deacons. Plan to come with us to see what "Mystery" we have in store for you. We should be back in Blyth around 5-530.

This Week Aug 23-29 2026						
<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship Live Streamed Sunday School ages 3-5	<u>Monday</u> Praise Team @ 7:00 pm	<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>

	Aug 23	Aug 30	Sept 6	Sept 13
Elder	Adrian Bakelaar	Al Vanderlaan	George Poortinga	Leo Weverink
Deacon	Teresa, Marian	Teresa, Dianne	Dianne, Anthony	Anthony, Cam
Coffee Clean-Up	Gerben & Ria Betty & Clarence ** Please note announcement	Dan & Sheila Kevin & Kiera ** Please note announcement	Conner & Melissa Al & Norma ** Please note announcement	Jeff & Yvonne Bert & Wilma ** Please note announcement
Greeters	Lori & Albert H.	Anne Z., Sandra N.	Jean, Wendy	Gerben & Ria Steenbeek
Ushers	Sylvia, Yvonne	Colton, Adrian	Cliff, Cam	Betty, Dianne
Children’s Message	Walter M	Bert	N/A	Sylvia
Nursery	Jolene deBoer, Joe Dykstra, Avery Poortinga	Marique Crossen, Leah Branderhorst, Avery Mulder	Norma Vanderlaan, Wilma Visscher, Avery Mulder	Kathryn Langendyk, Sylvia Heyink, Lillian Crossen
Sunday School	Sunday School for 3,4- & 5-year-olds only Kassidy Heyink, Avery M	Sunday School for 3,4- & 5-year-olds only Bethany	Sunday School for all ages 3,4- & 5-year-olds only Bethany	Sunday School for all ages 3-Grade 6
Valet	Greg Langendyk	Tim DeWeerd	Bill Branderhorst	Ron deRuiter
Tech Booth	(P) Greg (A) Trevor (V) Tony	(P) Landon (A) Nathan (V) Dan	(P) Eli (A) Adrian (V) Gerard	(P) Greg (A) Job (V) Aaron
Hall Monitor	Yvonne VanSoest	Adrian Bakelaar	Cam	Dianne