



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday Aug 2, 2026

Worship: 10am

Pastor: Jay Crossen

**Musicians: Michelle, Shawn,
Marian, Sylvia, Shaun**

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

* Call to Worship

* Song: **King of Heaven CCLI # 5997804**

* God's Greeting

* Song: **By Faith CCLI # 5469291**

God Renews us in His Grace

Lord's Supper

Song: **Behold the Lamb LUYH # 840**

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Dismissal of Children 3–5-year-olds

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: John 17: 1-26

Message: Prayed For, Sent Out

* Song: **Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me CCLI # 7121852**

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering Christian School Bursary Fund

Song : **Still CCLI # 3940963**

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

* God's Sending and Blessing

* Song **The Blessing**

* 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 2:</u>	Pastor Jay (Lords Supper)
<u>Aug 9:</u>	Pastor Toyosi Awesu
<u>Aug 16:</u>	Sara DeMoor
<u>Aug 23:</u>	Walter Miedema

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 Christian School Bursary Fund

<u>Aug 9:</u>	Deacons' Benevolence Fund
<u>Aug 16:</u>	Sanctuary
<u>Aug 23:</u>	Resonate Global Mission

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.

Praises offered: God is good! We give God all the praise and glory for sparing Jim's life as he suffered a heart attack this past weekend. We continue to ask for your prayers as Jim is recuperating at home. Jim & Joyce Pelley

The Desgagne's would like to thank our wonderful church family. The outpouring of prayers, phone calls and delicious meals provided during Amanda's recent illness. She is improving and being careful waiting for further testing. Your kindness and generosity truly comforted us we are deeply grateful. Amanda and Michael Desgagne

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.

Community Breakfast: We are looking for more volunteers for the community breakfast! Looking for cook, serve & Cleanup help. Please contact Jody Mulder.

Donations. Joe Lubbers will be collecting money for the community breakfast meat (bacon and sausages). E-transfers can be sent to josephlubbers@gmail.com

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 website www.vbspro.events/p/rockyrailway26

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.

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 :)

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!"

From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

SOCO Beach Project Update Read about our time with Adrian Jacobs as we explore "Peace with Deep Roots". 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-30-8577070>

Groundwork: What Happens After We Die? - What happens after we die? Where do we go? Where do our bodies and souls go while we're waiting for Jesus to return on Judgment Day? Join Groundwork as we study Luke 23:39-43; Philippians 1:20-26; Ecclesiastes 9:5-6; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; 2 Corinthians 5:1-9, 16-17; Romans 8:34-39; and Philippians 3:20-21 to better understand three Christian views on life after death, and to receive the rich assurance and deep comfort God's Word provides. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

This Week Aug 2-8 2026						
<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship Live Streamed Sunday School ages 3-5	<u>Monday</u> VBS Set Up	<u>Tuesday</u> Common Plate Meal 5:30 – 7:00 pm Precious Blood Catholic Church VBS 9am -12 pm	<u>Wednesday</u> Council Meeting @ 7:30 pm VBS 9am -12 pm	<u>Thursday</u> VBS 9am -12 pm	<u>Friday</u> VBS 9am -12 pm	<u>Saturday</u> Community Breakfast VBS Wrap up 8-11 am

	Aug 2	Aug 9	Aug 16	Aug 23
Elder	Al Vanderlaan	Cliff Knip	Jake Zantingh	Adrian Bakelaar
Deacon	Dianne, Cam	Cam, Teresa	Marian, Cam	Teresa, Marian
Coffee Clean-Up	Kevin & Sarah Ang & Anthony ** Please note announcement	Gerritt & Dianne Henry & Sadie Derek & Danielle ** Please note announcement	Gerard & Tanya Wibbina T, Jean V ** Please note announcement	Gerben & Ria Betty & Clarence ** Please note announcement
Greeters	Clarence, Kathryn	Scott & Wendy Stafford	Norma, Sam V.	Lori & Albert H.
Ushers	Colton, Marian	Betty, Anthony	Tim, Leo	Sylvia, Yvonne
Children’s Message	N/A	Karen Knip	Joan	Teresa
Nursery	Curtis Heyink, Amanda Desgagne, Avery Knip	Darren Bouman, Sharon Kodde, Sadie Bouman	Kevin Mulder, Ria Steenbeek, Alanna Nyman	Jolene deBoer, Joe Dykstra, Avery Poortinga
Sunday School	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	Sunday School for 3,4- & 5-year-olds only Kassidy Heyink
Valet	Ron deRuiter	Mike Zandwyk	Sophia Buckman	Greg Langendyk
Tech Booth	(P) Eli (A) Nathan (V) Dan	(P) Sam (A) Adrain (V) Gerard	(P) Clara (A) Job (V) Aaron	(P) Greg (A) Trevor (V) Tony
Hall Monitor	Marian DeBoer	Anthony	Leo Weverink	Yvonne VanSoest