



# Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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**Sunday September 13 , 2026**

**Worship: 10am**

**Pastor: Jay Crossen**

**Musicians: Michelle, Shawn,  
Shaun, Orrin & Josh**

**God Gathers Us in His Presence**

Words of Welcome

\* Call to Worship

\* Song: **Great Things CCLI # 7111321**

\* God's Greeting

\* Song: **Agnus Dei CCLI # 626713**

**God Renews us in His Grace**

Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Song: **Living Hope CCL 7106807**

**God Speaks to Us Through His Word**

Children's Song: **He's Got the Whole World CCLI # 33681**

Dismissal of Children ages 3– Grade 6

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 2: 1-10

Message: The God Who Turns the World Upside Down

\* Song: **You Are My King (Amazing Love) LUYH # 360**

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

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

John Vander Meer presentation (Wycliffe)

Offering: The Ministry to Seafarers

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

\* God's Sending and Blessing

\* Song: **Goodness of God CCLI # 7117726**

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

### Upcoming Services:

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| <u>Sept 13:</u> | Pastor Jay (John VanderMeer)       |
| <u>Sept 20:</u> | Pastor Jay (Commissioning Service) |
| <u>Sept 27:</u> | Pastor Jay                         |
| <u>Oct 4:</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 The Ministry to Seafarers

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| <u>Sept 20:</u> | World Renew                   |
| <u>Sept 27:</u> | The Lighthouse                |
| <u>Oct 4:</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](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)

**Thanksgiving Food Drive!** Many in our community face every day without enough food, and some parents go without so their children can eat. Please support the Exeter and Area Food Bank by donating canned goods and pantry staples. Our drive runs from Sunday, September 20/26 to Sunday, October 04/26, so families have time to prepare for Thanksgiving. Please help us bless our friends and neighbours. A box will be available in the foyer. Thank you from the Deacons.



**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](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

**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.

### **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

**GEMS Leaders Needed!** GEMS is a night where girls and leaders grow together as we learn to follow Jesus. GEMS will meet weekly on **Thursday nights** starting in October and will run till the end of April with a month off over Christmas. Any questions please speak to Joanne Branderhorst, Lauren Hoonaard, Karen Knip (Club Coordinator), Jody Mulder or Deb Westerik.

**GEMS Regional Gathering** will be held Saturday, September 19/26 from 8:30am-3pm at Maranatha CRC in Woodstock. Leading girls is one of the most meaningful things you can do, but you weren't meant to do it alone. Regional Gatherings are a chance to step away from the busyness of ministry, connect with other leaders, and return to your club with fresh ideas, renewed encouragement, and practical resources for the year ahead. To register click [HERE](#) For more information speak to Karen Knip.

### **Sunday School Starts September 13!**

We are looking forward to welcoming children ages 3 to Grade 6 back to Sunday School! We can't wait to see you! We are still in need of teachers and could really use your help! Please prayerfully consider whether you could volunteer and help make Sunday School possible for our children this year. If you can help, please speak with Janelle Bouman, Sarah Mulder or Jolene de Boers or sign up on the sheets by the Sunday School desk.

**Craft & Connect** will resume on Tuesday, September 15, 2026. Pack up your current craft project and join us in the church library from 12:30-3:30. For more information contact Dianne Soer

**Men's breakfast** will begin on Sept. 19th at 8 a.m. all men young and old are invited. We will resume the study on the book of James. Please RSVP to Mike, or pastor Jay.

**Women's Young Adults Bible Study (ages 18-35)**: We are excited to re-launch our fall session of the Women's Young Adults Bible Study. Come join a great group of ladies seeking deeper relationships with one another and with Jesus. Our first fall meet-up will take place on **Wednesday, September 23rd at 7:30 pm** at Josie VandenBrink's house. Please bring a fall-themed snack or appetizer with you to share! We plan to meet **bi-weekly** throughout the fall (Tuesday or Wednesday evenings). Further details will be posted on the Young Adults Facebook page. If you have any questions, please reach out to Rachel Kaumanns or Rachel Boersma.

**Profession of Faith Classes**: Starting this fall we hope to have a profession of faith class. If any one is interested, please connect with Pastor Jay.

**Bible Ready Group**: Any one wanting to connect and read through scripture together is encouraged to come to the church the first Friday of every month @ 3:00 pm. Currently we are reading through Psalms

**Common Plate** is looking for more volunteers! Would you like to love our neighbors by helping to provide a meal and fellowship opportunity for them? Would you like to get to know and strengthen your ties with other Christians in Exeter by serving alongside them? Come join our Common Plate team! Did you know that 7 local churches are working together to provide complimentary weekly meals for our community!?! We are currently looking for people who would be willing to volunteer on one Tuesday every seven weeks. Please contact Marique Crossen if you are interested or have any questions.

**Save the Date for Fall Retreat 2026!!** Mark Sept 25-27, 2026 in your calendars this year to attend Fall Retreat in Muskoka Woods! All highschool youth are invited to join for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and a time to deepen their faith. Registration is now OPEN! For more information on what to expect from Fall Retreat please visit the website: [classishuronfallretreat.ca/](https://classishuronfallretreat.ca/)

**From the CRCNA and the Broader Community**

**SOCO Beach Project Update** Ever wonder what a SOCO parent thinks about the SOCO experience of their young adult son or daughter? Read a first hand perspective from a parent of one of this summer's participants. Save the date for the upcoming fundraiser - The Downs on Friday, Oct. 23 at Faith CRC, Burlington. And remember that the SOCO house is available for rent for a small group retreat or a weekend getaway. Read all about it in this week's newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-sept-10-8577900>

**Groundwork**: Live as People of God's Unshakeable Kingdom - Hebrews showed us why we should remain faithful to Jesus and how to cultivate a faith that endures. Now, as Hebrews concludes, the author shows us how to live. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Hebrews 12:4-13:25 to learn about God's loving discipline, the unshakable kingdom we've received through Christ, and the everyday faithfulness that marks God's people. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Hymn Sing** Join us for an evening of singing. Sunday September 20 at 7:00 pm. Clinton Christian Reformed Church, 243 Princess St E. Bring a friend. If you need more info, call 519-482-9948 Herman or 519-525-6283 Ann

**Family Outreach Ontario** Addiction to alcohol and/or drugs; how bad is it? Not that bad? Is “*thatbad*” a skid row drunk, losing your family, home, job.....??? “*That bad*” is irrelevant -- what is relevant is help before it gets “that bad”, for yourself and your loved one. We are available to share our experience, strength and hope. Confidentiality guaranteed. 905-933-3994 or [www.familyoutreachontario.com](http://www.familyoutreachontario.com).

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Diaspora Leaders Retreat:** Who are you becoming while leading others? Theme Forming Leaders on Purpose. September 17-19 @ Singing Waters Retreat 673394 Hurontario St. Mono Ont. Tim Sheridan, Director of Church Planting for Resonate Global Mission is keynote speaker. Registration is open <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/diaspora-leaders-retreat>



## The Wingham & District Right to Life

Invites you to quietly and prayerfully defend the unborn in our Annual LIFE CHAIN. On **Sunday, Oct. 4**, from 2-3 p.m. People all across the country will be gathering in their local cities and towns along the main street, quietly holding Pro-life signs which will be provided. **YOU** are invited to be a part of this important day. In keeping with this quiet, prayerful gathering, all participants will be socially distanced. We will be meeting at **Salvation Army Parking Lot, Josephine and Diagonal Road, Wingham, at 1:45 p.m.**



We will begin 40 Days of Prayer at the end of the Life Chain. Copies of the prayers are available at the Life Chain, from board members, or Wingham and District Right to Life's Facebook. Please join other pro-lifers in prayers for 40 days. **NOTE There will also be copies of this on cabinet by the church admin office.**

## This Week Sept 13-19 2026

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| <u>Sunday</u><br>10am Worship<br>Live Streamed<br>Sunday School ages<br>3- to Grade 6<br>Council Luncheon | <u>Monday</u> | <u>Tuesday</u><br>Common Plate Meal 5:30 –<br>7:00 pm Precious Blood<br>Catholic Church<br>Craft & Connect 12:30-3:30 | <u>Wednesday</u><br>Elders Meeting<br>7:30 pm<br>Deacons Meeting<br>@ 7:30 pm | <u>Thursday</u> | <u>Friday</u> | <u>Saturday</u><br>Mens Breakfast @<br>8 am |
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| <b>Elder</b>              | Leo Weverink                                                                                                        | Yvonne VanSoest                                                                                                   | Jake Zantingh                                                                                                        | Cliff Knip                                                        |
| <b>Deacon</b>             | Anthony, Cam                                                                                                        | Cam, Anthony                                                                                                      | Marian, Dianne                                                                                                       | Teresa, Cam                                                       |
| <b>Coffee Clean-Up</b>    | Jeff & Yvonne<br>Bert & Wilma<br>** Please note announcement                                                        | Jake & Savannah<br>Mikayla & James<br>** Please note announcement                                                 | Deb W, Anne Z<br>Mike & Emmy Z<br>** Please note announcement                                                        | Shawn & Angela<br>Adrian and Maria<br>** Please note announcement |
| <b>Greeters</b>           | Gerben & Ria Steenbeek                                                                                              | Clarence, Kathryn                                                                                                 | Scott & Wendy Stafford                                                                                               | Michael & Teresa                                                  |
| <b>Ushers</b>             | Betty, Dianne                                                                                                       | Tim, Al                                                                                                           | Sylvia, Jake                                                                                                         | Cliff, Anthony                                                    |
| <b>Children's Message</b> | Sylvia                                                                                                              | Pastor Jay                                                                                                        | Leo                                                                                                                  | Karen                                                             |
| <b>Nursery</b>            | Kathryn Langendyk, Sylvia Heyink, Lillian Crossen                                                                   | Tanya Steenbeek, Joanne Branderhorst,                                                                             | Hannah Glavin, Ann Zwaan, Rolinda deRuiter                                                                           | Mikayla Vink, Sandra Ducharme, Ashley Breukelman                  |
| <b>Sunday School</b>      | Sunday School for all ages 3-Grade 6 Joy Deweerd, Shelia Vanderlaan, Clara Steenbeek, Janelle Bouman, Darren Bouman | Sunday School for all ages 3-Grade 6 Joy Deweerd, Shelia Vanderlaan, Clara Steenbeek, Janelle Bouman, Jody Mulder | Sunday School for all ages 3-Grade 6 Sandra Ducharme Shelia Vanderlaan, Clara Steenbeek, Janelle Bouman, Jody Mulder | Sunday School for all ages 3-Grade 6                              |
| <b>Valet</b>              | Ron deRuiter                                                                                                        | Mike Zandwyk                                                                                                      | Albert Hummel                                                                                                        |                                                                   |
| <b>Tech Booth</b>         | <u>(P) Greg (A) Adrian (V) Aaron</u>                                                                                | <u>(P) Clara (A) Trevor (V) Tony</u>                                                                              | <u>(P) Landon (A) Nathan (V) Dan</u>                                                                                 | <u>(P) Sam (A) Adrian (V) Gerard</u>                              |
| <b>Hall Monitor</b>       | Dianne                                                                                                              | Al Vanderlaan                                                                                                     | Jake Zantingh                                                                                                        | Anthony                                                           |