



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday, Sept 14, 2025

Worship: 10am

Pastor Jay Crossen

**Musicians: Michelle, Shawn,
Sylvia, Marian, Al, Shaun, Josh,
Orrin**

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

* Song: **Blessed Be Your Name LUYH # 343**

* God's Greeting

* Song **Slow Me Down CCLI 7212840**

God Renews Us In His Grace

Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song: **His Mercy is More CCLI 7065053**

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message

Children's **Song Step by Step/Awesome God CCLI 41099 LUYH 743**

Children (Dismissal age 3- Grade 6) for Sunday School

Prayer of Illumination:

Scripture: Mark 1: 16-20

Message: Series "Come Follow Me" Christian or Apprentice

*Song: **Jesus All for Jesus LUYH # 738**

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Fellowship of Christian Farmers

Offertory: **Speak Oh Lord LUYH # 755**

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

* God's Sending and Blessing

* Song: **Shout to the Lord LUYH # 603**

* 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 3,4-, & 5-year-olds (for summer months) 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 for your children.

Valet service - designed for worshippers with mobility challenges, valet service is available from 9:35 to 9:55 Sunday mornings. 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, contact Mike Buckman in church, by phone (519-236-7940), through Facebook or via email at michaelbuckman@hotmail.com

Upcoming Services:

<u>Sept 14:</u>	Pastor Jay Crossen
<u>Sept 21:</u>	Pastor Jay Crossen
<u>Sept 28:</u>	Walter Miedema
<u>Oct 5:</u>	Pastor Jay (Preparatory)

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 for Fellowship of Christian Farmers

<u>Sept 21:</u>	Christian School Bursary Fund
<u>Sept 28:</u>	World Renew
<u>Oct 5:</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.



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.

Prayer Request: Ann Kikkert is recovering at home after knee replacement surgery. Continue to remember her in your prayers as she recovers.

Prayer Request: Wibbina Toonk had hip replacement surgery this past Friday. Continue to remember her in your prayers as she recovers.

Congratulations: We as a church family congratulate Job and Laura Garritsen on the birth of their son Luke Herman born September 6. Mom and baby are doing great.

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

Common Plate Community Meals Come on out from 5:30-7pm at Precious Blood Catholic Church for weekly dinners starting on September 2 to enjoy a complimentary meal, Common Plate, and build relationships with our broader community?

Common Plate A donation email has been set up for Common Plate it is as follows donations@Exetercommonplate.org

GEMS Regional Counselor Training Join us for a day of learning, sharing, and creating on Saturday, September 20/25 at the Stratford CRC from 8:30am-3:00pm. CITS will have their own workshop and a special outing. Main presenter will be Ron Devries. Cost is \$45/person. Lunch will be provided. To register go to <https://bit.ly/GEMSCounselor2025>

Small groups will soon be starting up again. Are you interested in joining a group this fall? Please speak to Sheila Vanderlaan to sign up or find out more information

Sunday School is back!

Hey Kids - Age 3 - Grade 6: Sunday School is in full swing, and we're so glad to have you back for another great year of learning and fun together! 🎉

We are still looking for teachers and helpers to join our team and commit to a month (or two) this year, so that we can successfully run this program. Volunteering is a great way to grow in faith while making a difference in the lives of our kids. We can't do this without you!

If you'd like to get involved, please reach out to our Sunday School supervisors: Jolene de Boer, Janelle Bouman, or Sarah Mulder, or check out the sign-up sheets on white desk in the education wing!

It's not too late to jump in—we'd love to have you on the Sunday school team!

Alpha: Is hoping to start again sometime the week of Sept 22-26. If there is anyone interested in either leading, or participating please reach out to either Pastor Jay, Joy Deweerd, or Joyce Pelley by Monday Sept 15. The date and time will be determined on interested leaders and participants.

Coffee Break: Please join us starting Wednesday September 24 from 9:30 – 11:00 am for coffee break. Childcare will be available. We would like to kick off this season with a Potluck Brunch. Hope to see you all there and please invite a friend.

Volunteers Needed Coffee Break is starting Wednesday, September 24/25 and will run weekly from 9:30-11:00am. Once again, childcare will be provided. Volunteers will be needed to help care for the little ones in the nursery. If you can help out, even one morning, please contact Karen Knip.

Nursing Home Singers will be going to Bluewater on the last Tuesday (30th) this month instead of this coming Tuesday. Regular schedule will resume in October. New members are always welcome!

Catechism: “Calling all grade 7 and 8 students! Catechism class will be starting September 21 during Sunday School time for four weeks (Note: no catechism class on Thanksgiving Sunday) We look forward to seeing you there!”

Council Highlights

- We welcomed the new council members
- Council Elections were finalized
 - Joe Lubbers - Chair of Council
 - Al Vanderlaan - Vice Chair
 - Gerard Steenbeek - Clerk
 - Dianne Soer - Chair of Deacons
 - Jay Crossen - Chair of Elders
- Classis Huron to be held in Stratford on the 24th of Sept. Dianne, Leo and Pastor Jay will be attending
- Profession of faith classes are underway, looking forward to those involved to share their faith
- Safe Church is looking for new members (please ask if you are interested)
- Catechism is starting soon
- Looking forward to celebrating our 75th anniversary next year. Details not yet finalized.

From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

Who is ready for some Youth hockey? We are putting together a new youth hockey league for players ages 14–25 (born 2000–2011). It is co-ed, will be Friday or Saturday nights, open to all skill levels, and all about having a fast, fun, and competitive time on the ice.

Teams will be built to keep things balanced—so whether you are a first-timer or a rink rat, you will have a place to play. Want in? Or maybe you would like to coach, help organize, or even support the league? Fill out the form <https://bit.ly/YouthHockey2025> or hit up Jonathan DeWeerd at jddw.bldg@gmail.com Let's make this happen. Who's game

Family looking for house rental. A newcomer family (parents and 4 children) from Vietnam is looking for a house to rent within a 15 km radius of Goderich. If you are aware of a house that is available that might suit their needs, please contact Nick Geleynse (519-525-0334) @ Huron Welcome Hub for Newcomers.

EduDeo is excited to invite pastors, deacons, missions committee members, and other church leaders to join us for a Church Leaders Vision Trip to Guatemala, happening October 24-31, 2025. This unique opportunity will allow you to experience firsthand how God is transforming lives through the work of EduDeo's partner, AMG Guatemala. You will visit schools that are making a lasting impact through Christ-centred education, engage with local pastoral leaders, and explore how faith, education, and material poverty intersect in a different cultural context. This trip offers a powerful

way to reflect on how the global Church can inspire and inform your ministry at home. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact me by September 10, 2025, to confirm your participation.

KAIROS Blanket Exercise Mon. Sept. 29; 7-9pm at Huron Christian School, Clinton Ten years ago the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) released its report with 94 Calls to Action. In 2021, Sept. 30 was officially recognized as a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. As Canadians and Christians, we are challenged to engage with this reconciliation process. **Youth, parents, and community members** are invited to participate in an evening of learning and engagement with active participation in a walk-through history as Cindy Stover and Adrian Jacobs facilitate the KAIROS Blanket Exercise using a youth script to give perspective to the current complex realities. Here is a 2 minute promo video for the [Participating in the KAIROS Blanket Exercise](#) and additional details [KAIROS Blanket Exercise \(Canada\) | CRC Network](#). **Cindy Stover**, Justice Mobilization Program Manager - Canada, Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) and **Adrian Jacobs**, CRCNA leader for Indigenous Justice and Reconciliation bring a Christ-follower's lens of seeking justice, truth, and reconciliation in our Canadian context. Please consider RSVPing to Sue Vander Kooij f(519-546-2558) or via the KAIROS Blanket Exercise - Truth and Reconciliation learning Facebook event (<https://www.facebook.com/share/1EmQjNeyie/>) for estimating the number of participants. All welcome whether RSVP'd or not. Donations at the door (cash) welcome but not required for participation.

This Week Sept 14-20						
<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship Sunday School age 3 to Grade 6	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u> Elder's Meeting 7:30 pm	<u>Thursday</u> Faith Formation Meeting - 7:00 pm	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>

SERVING SCHEDULE				
	Sept 14	Sept 21	Sept 28	Oct 5
Elder	Jake Zantingh	Gerald Kodde	George Poortinga	Joe Lubbers
Deacon	Anthony & Dianne	Dianne & Marian	Marian & Joy	Joy & Anthony
Coffee Clean-Up	Bert & Wilma Mike & Emmy	Wendy Westerik Frieda Zandbergen Deb Westerik	Jake & Savannah Shawn & Angela	Anne Zwaan, Jean Vanderlaan, Adrian & Maria
Greeters	Gerben & Ria Steenbeek	Scott & Wendy Stafford	Kathryn Langendyk, Wibbina Toonk	Lori Triebner & Norma Vanderlaan
Ushers	Cliff Knip & Marian DeBoer	Betty Toornstra & Anthony Nyman	Wilma Visscher & Gerald Kodde	Tim DeWeerd & Joe Lubbers
Children's Message	Sylvia	Teresa	Karen Knip	Joan Brady
Nursery	Curtis Heyink, Michelle Meinen, Avery Poortinga	Ria Steenbeek, Savannah Zantingh, Layla DenHollander	Marian deBoer, Joanne Branderhorst, Lillian Crossen	Darren Bouman, Kassidy Heyink, Yvonne Vansoest
Sunday School	Joy Deweerdt, Jolene Deboer, Janelle Bouman, Sandra Ducharme	Betty Toornstra, Jolene Deboer, Janelle Bouman, Sandra Ducharme	Joy Deweerdt, Jolene Deboer, Janelle Bouman, Sandra Ducharme	Michelle Meinen, Clara Steenbeek, Rachel Boersma
Valet	Albert Hummel	Bill Branderhorst	Greg Langendyk	Mike Zandwyk