



# Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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**Sunday, Sept 21, 2025**

**Worship: 10am**

**Pastor Jay Crossen**

**Musicians: Steve**

**God Gathers Us in His Presence**

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

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

\* God's Greeting

\* Song **You are Holy LUYH 598**

**God Renews Us In His Grace**

Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song: **They'll Know we are Christians by our Love LUYH # 256**

**God Speaks to Us Through His Word**

Children's Message

Children's **I've Got Peace like a River CCLI # 3268418**

Children (Dismissal age 3- Grade 6) for Sunday School Grade 7 & 8 Catechism

Prayer of Illumination:

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13: 1-8

Message: Series "Come Follow Me" Our Measure of Success

\*Song: **All are Welcome LUYH # 269**

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

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Christian School Bursary Fund

Offertory: **Slow me Down CCLI # 7212840**

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

\* God's Sending and Blessing

\* Song: **My Friends May you Grow in Grace LUYH # 938**

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

### Upcoming Services:

<u>Sept 21:</u>	Pastor Jay Crossen
<u>Sept 28:</u>	Walter Miedema
<u>Oct 5:</u>	Pastor Jay (Preparatory)
<u>Oct 12:</u>	Pastor Jay (Lord's Supper, Baptism)

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 Christian School Bursary Fund

<u>Sept 28:</u>	World Renew
<u>Oct 5:</u>	Sanctuary
<u>Oct 12:</u>	Food drive for Food bank

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.



**MemberCare<sup>+</sup>** 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:** We continue to prayer for Wibbina Toonk as she is recovering from hip replacement surgery. As well as for Ann Kikkert as she continues to be improving after her knee surgery.

**Congratulations:** As church family we wish to congratulate James and Mikalya Vink on the birth of their daughter Lennon Joy she was born on September 10, 2025 @ 9:02 pm . Dad, mom and baby are all doing great! They shared they are absolutely loving their new family of three and are so thankful to God for their special blessing

**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](mailto:donations@Exetercommonplate.org)

**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 are 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 cannot do this without you!

If you would 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 is not too late to jump in—we would love to have you on the Sunday school team!

**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!"

**GEMS Kick-Off and Registration Night** for all girls born 2012-2016 (grades 4-8). Parents are asked to join the Kick-Off on Monday, October 6/25 at 7:00pm at the church and register their daughter in-person. This will give you a chance to meet the leaders, hear about the plans for the year and have your questions answered. There will be refreshments. Girls are encouraged to bring a friend. Invite a neighbour, classmate, or teammate to come out and see what GEMS is all about. Joining GEMS is free. Everyone welcome!

### **Council Highlights**

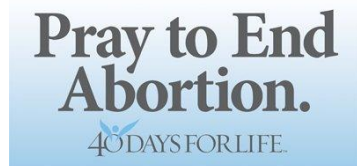
- We welcomed the new council members - Council Elections were finalized  
Joe Lubbers - Chair of Council Al Vanderlaan - Vice Chair Gerard Steenbeek – Clerk Dianne Soer - Chair of Deacons Jay Crossen - Chair of Elders
- Classis Huron to be held in Stratford on the 24th of Sept. Dianne, Leo and Pastor 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**

**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.

### **The Wingham & District Right to Life**

Invites you to quietly and prayerfully defend the unborn in our Annual LIFE CHAIN. On **Sunday, Oct. 5**, 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. You will also find some in kiosk at the east entrance door.

**Youth Service:** The youth of Stratford CRC are hosting a youth service November 23 at 6:30 and would love for all those in youth to come out! Snack and social to follow. Hope to see you all there!

This Week Sept 21-27						
<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship Sunday School age 3 to Grade 6 Catechism Grade 7 & 8	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u> Executive Meeting 7:30 pm	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>

SERVING SCHEDULE				
	Sept 21	Sept 28	Oct 5	Oct 12
<b>Elder</b>	Gerald Kodde	George Poortinga	Joe Lubbers	Gerard Steenbeek
<b>Deacon</b>	Dianne & Marian	Marian & Joy	Joy & Anthony	Anthony & Dianne
<b>Coffee Clean-Up</b>	Wendy Westerik Frieda Zandbergen Deb Westerik	Jake & Savannah Shawn & Angela	Anne Zwaan, Jean Vanderlaan, Adrian & Maria	
<b>Greeters</b>	Scott & Wendy Stafford	Kathryn Langendyk, Wibbina Toonk	Lori Triebner & Norma Vanderlaan	Clarence Toornstra, Albert Hummel
<b>Ushers</b>	Betty Toornstra & Anthony Nyman	Wilma Visscher & Gerald Kodde	Tim DeWeerd & Joe Lubbers	Sylvia Hulshoff & George Poortinga
<b>Children's Message</b>	Teresa	Karen Knip	Joan Brady	N/A
<b>Nursery</b>	Ria Steenbeek, Savannah Zantingh, Layla DenHollander	Marian deBoer, Joanne Branderhorst, Lillian Crossen	Darren Bouman, Kassidy Heyink, Yvonne Vansoest	Norma Vanderlaan, Salome Kodde, Avery Knip
<b>Sunday School</b>	Betty Toornstra, Jolene de Boer, Janelle Bouman, Sandra Ducharme	Joy DeWeerd, Jolene de Boer, Janelle Bouman, Sandra Ducharme	Michelle Meinen , Angela Nyman Clara Steenbeek, Rachel Boersma	Michelle Meinen , Angela Nyman Clara Steenbeek, Rachel Boersma
<b>Valet</b>	Bill Branderhorst	Greg Langendyk	Mike Zandwyk	Tim DeWeerd