



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday, Sept 28, 2025

Worship: 10am

Walter Miedema

**Musicians: Steve, Bill, Lori,
Joanne**

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

* Song **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty** LUYH # 538

* God's Greeting

* Song **Open the Eyes of My Heart** LUYH # 537

God Renews Us In His Grace

Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song: **I Surrender All** LUYH # 739

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message

Children's **My God is So Big** CCLI # 2501437

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

Prayer of Illumination:

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12: 1-10

Message: Series Superpowers and Achilles' Heels

*Song: **Just As I Am, without One Plea** LUYH # 627

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: World Renew

Offertory: **Instrumental**

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

* God's Sending and Blessing

* Song: **To God Be the Glory** LUYH # 604

* 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 Grade 6. 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 28:</u>	Walter Miedema
<u>Oct 5:</u>	Pastor Jay (Preparatory)
<u>Oct 12:</u>	Pastor Jay (Lord's Supper, Baptism)
<u>Oct 19:</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 for World Renew



<u>Oct 5:</u>	Sanctuary
<u>Oct 12:</u>	Food drive for Food bank
<u>Oct 19:</u>	Children of the Promise

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 Two months ago Yvonne Weverink fractured her ankle and now is seeing a specialist as it hasn't healed and is painful. She is basically house bound and is in need of our prayers. We also continue to pray for all those in our church family that are dealing with various health issues.

Condolences: As a church family we extend our condolences to Bethany Schmidt and family on the loss of her Uncle Roland. May God grant you all peace during this time of grief.

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

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

Coffee Break: Please join Wednesday's from 9:30 – 11:00 am for coffee break. Childcare will be available. to kick off this 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 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!

Join the Christmas Cantata Choir!

Practices start **Monday, October 20 at 7:30** in the sanctuary and will continue for a total of nine Monday evenings. All are warmly invited to join - no prior choir experience needed. Let's lift our voices together and celebrate the season by singing to the Lord!

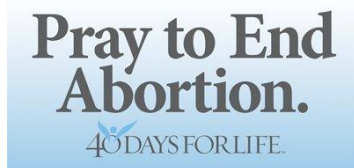
Visual Arts: For many years, Leo and Yvonne have contributed their passion and artistic skills to Visual Arts, organizing displays throughout each season. Their work has supported our worship and reminded us of God's love and redemption work. Leo and Yvonne have decided to step down from this role. The worship committee thanks them for their time and efforts.

This decision creates an opening on the visual arts team. Individuals interested in joining or assisting for a season are invited to contact Sylvia Hulshof with any questions about the role.

From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

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!

Huron Christian School Auction: Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 22, 2025, for the 38th Annual Auction in the school gym, with the silent auction beginning online on Thursday, November 20 and closing Friday, November 21. *Please note there is no in person silent auction.* Advertising, financial contribution, and donations of items or services would be greatly appreciated to make this event a successful fundraiser for HCS. Could you or your business donate an item, a service or an advertisement? What about donating a gift card from your favourite local business? Please send completed forms back to the school no later than **October 22, 2025**. Forms and electronic copies of advertising can also be sent to auction@huronchristianschool.ca. Thank you for your support.

Women's Event: We're looking forward to our Women's Event on Saturday, November 1 from 9am – 2pm at Compass Community Church, 405 Drury Lane, Strathroy. Join us for a day of music and speakers. Cost is \$25 per person. There are a few options to register - E-transfer to treasurer@compasschurchstrathroy.ca (please put "retreat" in the memo) or Eventbrite - <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-god-who-sees-tickets-1681443295159?aff=oddtcreator>. We're going to have a great day together!

Classis Huron Corner

- The delegates of Classis Huron (regional assembly of 21 churches), met on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at Stratford CRC.
- Opening devotions were led by Rev. Zach King, the General Secretary of the denomination.
- A sharing /prayer "Round-Table" session was led by Joan Brady and Rev. Sid Couperus.
- The chair of the meeting was Rev. Cam Oegema, co-pastor at Bethel CRC, Listowel.
- In the morning classis conducted a colloquium doctum, a conversation between classis and a minister about his doctrine and life. Rev. Ken Labbé, an RCA-ordained pastor, who has been serving Palmerston CRC for several years, was declared eligible for a call to serve as a CRC ordained pastor.
- In the afternoon classis was privileged to examine two candidates, who were both approved to serve as ordained ministers of the Word in the CRC.
Rev. Melissa Burmaster was called to serve as campus minister in Waterloo; Rev. Raymond Evans accepted a call to serve the Lucknow Community CRC.
- A number of members of Community CRC, Kitchener, requested Classis to acknowledge Cornerstone CRC as a new emerging church. Classis was not yet ready to acknowledge Cornerstone CRC. Instead, classis chose to look into measures to promote healing between the members of Cornerstone CRC and Community CRC.
- Classis received several denominational reports: Rev. Beth Fellingner reported on the work of Resonate, Mr. Paul Vandersteen on Reframe Ministries and Mr. Mark Vanderwees on Diaconal Ministries Canada.
- Classis approved the creation of a Youth Ministry Consultant position. Once this position is filled, this consultant will serve to equip and support the local youth ministry leaders.
- Classis approved the request from the Exeter CRC for the retirement of Rev. Kevin teBrake.
- Classis also approved the 2026 Classis Huron Budget.
- Several classical ministries reported: the Classical Ministerial Leadership Team reported that they are supporting and encouraging 6 seminary students. The Safe Church Coordinator brought a brief report. Classical Counsellors reported on the minister-search progress of seven churches.
- The delegates to Synod 2025 shared about their positive experiences and about some of the decisions synod made in June.
- Pastor Cam was thanked for his excellent leadership during the day.
- Classis adjourned at 6:40 PM.
- The complete set of minutes will be available at www.classishuron.ca.

This Week Sept 28-Oct 4						
<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship Sunday School age 3 to Grade 6 Catechism Grade 7 & 8	<u>Monday</u> Gems Leaders Meeting 7-9 75 th Anniversary Planning Meeting 7:30 Community Stream Meeting 7 pm	<u>Tuesday</u> NHS Bluewater @ 6:45	<u>Wednesday</u> Council Meeting @ 7:30 pm Coffee Break 9:30 – 11 am	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u> Cadet Camping	<u>Saturday</u> Cadet Camping

SERVING SCHEDULE				
	Sept 28	Oct 5	Oct 12	Oct 19
Elder	George Poortinga	Joe Lubbers	Gerard Steenbeek	Al Vanderlaan
Deacon	Marian & Joy	Joy & Anthony	Anthony & Dianne	Dianne & Marian
Coffee Clean-Up	Jake & Savannah Shawn & Angela	Anne Zwaan, Jean Vanderlaan, Adrian & Maria	Derek & Sharon Eugene & April	Matt & Jessica Ken & Trina
Greeters	Kathryn Langendyk, Wibbina Toonk	Lori Triebner & Norma Vanderlaan	Clarence Toornstra,	Ann Zwaan, Wendy Westerik
Ushers	Wilma Visscher & Gerald Kodde	Tim DeWeerd & Joe Lubbers	Sylvia Hulshoff & George Poortinga	Wilma Visscher & Joy DeWeerd
Children's Message	Karen Knip	Joan Brady	N/A	Bert V.
Nursery	Marian deBoer, Joanne Branderhorst, Lillian Crossen	Darren Bouman, Kassidy Heyink, Yvonne Vansoest	Norma Vanderlaan, Salome Kodde, Avery Knip	Katelyn Heyink, Sheila Vanderlaan, Sydney Lubbers
Sunday School	Joy DeWeerd, Jolene de Boer, Janelle Bouman, Sandra Ducharme	Sylvia Hulshof, Michelle Meinen , Angela Nyman Clara Steenbeek, Rachel Boersma	Teresa Buckman, Michelle Meinen , Angela Nyman Clara Steenbeek, Rachel Boersma	Sylvia Hulshof, Michelle Meinen , Angela Nyman Clara Steenbeek, Rachel Boersma
Valet	Greg Langendyk	Mike Zandwyk	Tim DeWeerd	Dan Vanderlaan