



# Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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**Sunday, October 12 2025**

**Worship: 10am**

**Pastor Jay Crossen**

**Musicians: Janece, Joe, Amy,  
Wilma, Bert, Laura, Peter & Shawn**

**God Gathers Us in His Presence**

Words of Welcome  
Call to Worship  
Psalm 100 Responsive Reading  
\* God's Greeting  
\* Song **Let All Things Now Living LUYH # 5**

**God Speaks to Us Through His Word and Renews Us In His Grace**

**The Lord's Supper**

Prayer of Illumination  
Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Romans 5: 1-2, 6-11  
Message: The Grace of Lord's Supper  
Baptism of Luke Herman Garritsen  
Song: **Parents Tell Your Children LUYH # 314**

**Communion**

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:42-47, 1 Corinthians 10:17, John 6:35  
Message: Holy Communion  
\*Song: **Come Unto Jesus CCLI 7228728**

The Lord's Supper Song: **Behold The Lamb LUYH # 840**

Children are dismissed for Sunday School (age 3 to Grade 6)

**The Eucharist**

Scripture Reading: Mark 14:22-26, 1 Corinthians 10:16, Colossians 3: 15-17  
Message: The Eucharist  
Prayer of Application

\*Song: **How Great Thou Art LUYH # 553**

**We Respond to God Through Giving and Prayer**

Announcements – Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Offering: Food Drive for Food Bank Offertory: **There is A Redeemer LUYH # 833**

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

\* God's Sending and Blessing  
\* Song: **God The Father of Your People LUYH # 927**

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

### Upcoming Services:

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| <u>Oct 12:</u> | Pastor Jay (Lord's Supper, Baptism) |
| <u>Oct 19:</u> | Pastor Jay                          |
| <u>Oct 26:</u> | Pastor Jay                          |
| <u>Nov 2:</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 Food Drive for Food Bank

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| <u>Oct 19:</u> | Children of the Promise    |
| <u>Oct 26:</u> | Turning Point              |
| <u>Nov 2:</u>  | World Renew - World Hunger |

**Thanksgiving Food Drive:** Let's bless our community by donating non-perishable food items to the Exeter Food Bank, here are some suggestions: canned soup, canned vegetables, Kraft Dinner, cereal, school snacks. Bring your donations to church on Sunday, October 5 and Sunday, October 12. Thank you for your generosity.

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](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

**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

**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.

### **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.

**Men's Breakfast** will start again on Saturday Oct. 18th. At 8:00 o'clock. We will start a new study (to be determined as of yet) this fall. Bring your appetites for food, fellowship, and the word of God. Please rsvp to pastor Jay or Mike Zandwyk.

**GEMS Fundraiser** We collect grocery receipts from Hansen's Independent for their Save-A-Tape program. Please deposit your receipts in the box marked in the foyer. Thank you for your support. Any questions please contact Karen Knip.

## From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

**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](mailto:auction@huronchristianschool.ca). Thank you for your support.

**Women's Event:** We are 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 – Debbie DeVries, Rebecca Nettleship and Sheryl Scott. Cost is \$25 per person which includes coffee, tea, snacks, and lunch. There are a few options to register - E-transfer to [treasurer@compasschurchstrathroy.ca](mailto: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 are going to have a great day together!

**Sanctuary** builds community alongside those who are pushed to the margins, isolated, and those who are unhoused. Our starting place is community, and out of that comes the relationships within which we assist people with housing, forms, appointments, and other day-to-day challenges. This community is an expression of the good news embodied in Christ. We are deeply grateful for the support of Exeter CRC over the years. Generous donors have committed to matching donations given in the first half of October, so all gifts are doubled."

**SOCO Beach Project Update:** Get the October update on the SOCO Beach Project. Learn more about the Moving Forward in Faith Conference (Nov. 14 & 15) - especially the special young adult stream and pricing. Need a cozy space for a small group retreat or family rental space - book the SOCO house and support the ministry (with special rates for young adult ministry groups). Newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-october-2-8571516>

**Groundwork: Discipleship During Life's Tragedies** - What happens to our discipleship while we experience grief, pain, frustration, anger, and the many other emotions we experience during these times? Join Groundwork as we study Job 1:13-22, Psalm 56:8, 1 Peter 5:7, and Job 42:10-11 to stay the course of discipleship during life's tragedies. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**YOUTH HOCKEY:** We have had a pretty good response with twenty-five people saying they are interested, including a couple of goalies. We have been chatting and think we still need a few more to commit before we move forward. We would love to kick this off as more of a pick-up league this year with the plan to try and get four teams running next year. Most of the interest so far is from Kitchener, Drayton, Listowel, and Stratford. For this year here is what we are thinking:

Games would be in Stratford at the Allman arena rotating between 8:30pm and 7:00pm starts and would be Saturday nights.

Games would be 50 min. w/ a ref for faceoffs, etc.

We would like to try to start on October 18

If we get close to thirty signed up cost would be around \$400 for 20 weeks

If you are interested, please confirm with Jonathan DeWeerd at [jddw.bldg@gmail.com](mailto:jddw.bldg@gmail.com) We will be making a call in the next week if we move forward.

**Huron Christian School:** Our annual Chocolate Letter Fundraiser is underway! Click on the link to use our new ordering system <https://form.jotform.com/252743775660263> or email the school at [office@huronchristianschool.ca](mailto:office@huronchristianschool.ca) and we can send you an order form. Orders are due by Friday, October 17, 2025, and the letters will arrive in early November.

**HCS 38th Annual Auction** is Thursday, November 20-Saturday, November 22, 2025.

Just over two weeks left to donate! Click [here](#) for the donation form.

Looking for ideas? Is there a favourite restaurant or activity your family enjoys? How about donating a gift certificate?

Handy in the kitchen? Homemade treats are always a hit.

Could you or your business donate an item, a service, or an advertisement?

Please send completed forms back to the school by Wednesday, October 22, 2025. Thank you for your support to make this a successful fundraiser. Any questions, please contact [auction@huronchristianschool.ca](mailto:auction@huronchristianschool.ca).

**You are Invited:** We are excited to announce the ordination service for Pastor Raymond on Saturday, October 25th, at 4:30 PM at Lucknow Community CRC. We warmly invite neighbouring churches to join us in this special celebration. Your presence will make this occasion even more meaningful as we come together to support Pastor Raymond in his calling.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

In Christ, Council of Lucknow CRC

| This Week Oct 12-18 2025                                           |                          |                                                               |                                                                                                       |                                   |               |                                               |
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| <u>Sunday</u><br>10am Worship<br>Sunday School age<br>3 to Grade 6 | <u>Monday</u><br>No Gems | <u>Tuesday</u><br>NHS Queensway 6<br>pm<br>Youth Group 7-9 pm | <u>Wednesday</u><br>Coffee Break 9:30 –<br>11 am<br>Elders Meeting<br>7:30<br>Deacons Meeting<br>7:30 | <u>Thursday</u><br>Cadets 7:00 pm | <u>Friday</u> | <u>Saturday</u><br>Men's Breakfast<br>8:00 am |

| SERVING SCHEDULE   |                                                                                |                                                                                |                                                                                |                                               |
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|                    | Oct 12                                                                         | Oct 19                                                                         | Oct 26                                                                         | Nov 2                                         |
| Elder              | Gerard Steenbeek                                                               | Al Vanderlaan                                                                  | Leo Weverink                                                                   | Jake Zantingh                                 |
| Deacon             | Anthony & Dianne                                                               | Dianne & Marian                                                                | Joy & Anthony                                                                  | Marian & Joy                                  |
| Coffee Clean-Up    | Derek & Sharon<br>Eugene & April                                               | Matt & Jessica<br>Ken & Trina                                                  | Darren & Janelle<br>Joan & Dave                                                | Bill & Cathy<br>Derek & Miranda               |
| Greeters           | Clarence Toornstra,                                                            | Ann Zwaan, Wendy Westerik                                                      | Sam Vanderlaan, Bert Visscher                                                  | Sandra Newton, Jean Vanderlaan                |
| Ushers             | Sylvia Hulshoff & George Poortinga                                             | Wilma Visscher & Joy DeWeerd                                                   | Cliff Knip & Al Vanderlaan                                                     | Betty Toornstra & Leo Weverink                |
| Children's Message | N/A                                                                            | Bert V.                                                                        | Leo W.                                                                         | Sylvia                                        |
| Nursery            | Marian deBoer, Salome Kodde, Avery Knip                                        | Katelyn Heyink, Sheila Vanderlaan, Sydney Lubbers                              | Wilma Visscher, Joanne Boersma, Wendy Stafford                                 | Anne Zwaan, Tanya, Steenbeek, Avery Poortinga |
| Sunday School      | Teresa Buckman, Michelle Meinen , Angela Nyman Clara Steenbeek, Rachel Boersma | Sylvia Hulshof, Michelle Meinen , Angela Nyman Clara Steenbeek, Rachel Boersma | Sylvia Hulshof, Michelle Meinen , Angela Nyman Clara Steenbeek, Rachel Boersma |                                               |
| Valet              | Mike Zandwyk                                                                   | Dan Vanderlaan                                                                 | Albert Hummel                                                                  |                                               |