



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday October 18, 2026

Worship: 10am

Pastor: Jay Crossen

Musicians: Michelle's Team

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

* Call to Worship

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

* God's Greeting

* Song: **Great Are You Lord CCLI # 6460220**

God Renews us in His Grace

Baptism: Scarlett Noelle Dykstra

Song: **In Christ Alone LUYH # 770**

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Dismissal of Children ages 3– Grade 6

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 12

Message: Who is Really King?

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

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: NewGround Endowment Fund

Offering Song: **Be Unto Your Name CCLI # 2177476**

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

* God's Sending and Blessing

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

* 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. Nursery is available for all children up to age 3. 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

Upcoming Services:

<u>Oct 18:</u>	Pastor Jay (Baptism of Scarlett Dykstra)
<u>Oct 25:</u>	Nick Geleynse
<u>Nov 1:</u>	Pastor Jay
<u>Nov 8:</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 NewGround Endowment Fund

<u>Oct 25:</u>	Turning Point
<u>Nov 1:</u>	World Renew - World Hunger Sunday
<u>Nov 8:</u>	Teen Challenge

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.

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

Food Drive Thank You: The Deacons wish to express their sincere gratitude to everyone who supported our recent Food Drive. Your generosity makes a tangible difference for those in our community who are facing food insecurity. May God bless you for your cheerful giving!

Volunteer Services Coordinator: After several years of service, Michael Buckman is stepping down from his role as VSC. Thank you, Michael, for all the meals, rides and other services that you coordinated for the members of our congregation. Thank you to everyone who answered and responded to those requests when Michael called on you. We are pleased to welcome Norma Vanderlaan as our new Volunteer Services Coordinator,



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.

Condolences: As a church family we extend our deepest sympathies to George and Tiffanie Poortinga and family on the passing of Tiffanie's Mom. May you feel God's presence as you grieve this loss.

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

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.

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

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. 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.

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

Women's Retreat Church can feel lonely sometimes. We often long for a deeper connection to others and to God. That's what this Women's Retreat is all about.

On Friday November 6 and Saturday November 7 We will have opportunity to worship together, laugh together and hear stories of God's goodness and faithfulness in our everyday lives.

Our stories for God's glory!

"Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power. Psalm 145:4
We have room for 16 participants. Cost is \$20 Please let us know of any food allergies.

Invites are in your mail slots. Please contact Kiera Vanderlaan to register

Keirawiersema14@gmail.com or text @ 519-851-7841

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.

Coffee Break: Wednesday's from 9:30 – 11:00 am. Child care will be available. We will be studying the book of Job. All welcome! link to material <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/> The Book of Job by Francis Chan

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.

Young Adults Kick Off Attention young adults! Caleb and Nathan Kodde are hosting a young adult's campfire at their place on Friday October 23rd. Come anytime after 7:30 and bring a lawn chair. Feel free to bring a friend as well.

From the Safe Church Committee (Laura Garritsen, Joe Dykstra, Mikayla Vink, Leo Weverink, Cam Knip)

Hello all if you are in a position of supervision with vulnerable persons (Council, Cadets, Gems, Nursery, Youth, Sunday School, Senior Care Team) you will be receiving an email on Monday, October 5, including a Safe Church training module, please take the time to complete this by Friday, October 23.

This will satisfy your annual training requirement per the Safe Church Policy.

Thank you for your cooperation, if you have any questions feel free to contact members of the Safe Church Committee.

Catechism will be starting up again this fall starting Sunday October 18th and will run for 8 weeks until December 6th for grades 7 & 8.

Budgets: It's that time of year again please submit your budget requests by Oct 30, 2026 to either Rick Hulshof or Greg Langendyk.

Nursery: A donation jar will be placed at the back of the sanctuary for those who would like to contribute toward a gift for the Boersma family as they celebrate the Lord's blessing of their recent addition to the family. - the nursery committee

A Few Reminders from the Nursery Committee Regarding Safe Church Guidelines

- A reminder to all parents and guardians that children must be signed in and out each Sunday.
- Nursery volunteers are asked to please sign their name at the top of the sign-in sheet each Sunday.
- If a child requires an immediate diaper change, a nursery volunteer will come and find the child's parent or guardian during the service so that they can attend to their child.

there will be a copy of the safe church guidelines posted in the nursery for parents and volunteers to look over when they are in there.

Thank you to all of our parents, guardians, and volunteers for helping us maintain a safe and caring environment for our little ones!

Council Highlights from Oct.7, 2026

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting, where George and Yvonne led opening devotions

The Executive reported on a few items

Congregational meeting was set for Nov. 18th

We are planning for a ½ day council retreat in late January

We are also planning on reducing the number of meetings come the New Year

Deacons reported on a number of items

Norma Vanderlaan has agreed to be the new volunteer co-ordinator

It is not too late for food drive donations

Safe church reported and brought forward some points of clarification to their policy.

Names were approved for potential Sunday school helpers, and Catechism for grades 7 and 8 will start up shortly

Community stream reported on the Women's retreat coming up, and there are still a few spots open; also, a float is being planned for the Christmas parade.

Remembrance Day wreath laying in Exeter was planned

A lot is happening in the church now, and it is encouraging to see all the volunteers responding to God's leading and calling.

On behalf of the council, thank you.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 😊

Collections for Sept 2026

Deacons	565	Resonate	347.5
World Renew Justice for All	613.1	World Renew Nepal	4325.3
Ministry to Seafarers	950.55	Lighthouse	500
Fellowship of Christian Farmers	912.95	Total	8214.4

From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

SOCO Beach Project Update Have an amazing evening of entertainment while supporting SOCO - The Downs on Friday, Oct. 23 at Faith CRC, Burlington. What does success look like in God's kingdom? Bigger isn't always better! Discover how God works through the slow, small, and often-unassuming moments of life—and why ministry happens at the speed of relationship. Read the latest newsletter for a fresh perspective on kingdom impact!

<https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-october-15-8578664>

Groundwork: The Pain and Struggle of Unanswered Prayer - A listener wrote to us about childlessness and asked us to talk more about unanswered prayer. Join our Groundwork conversation as we honor his request and study Galatians 6:2, Isaiah 55:8-9, Hebrews 2:17-18, and Hebrews 4:15 to bring compassion, awareness, and biblical insight to the tender, often painful experiences and unanswered prayers in our lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Family Outreach Ontario Addiction to alcohol and/or drugs; how bad is it? Not that bad? Is “*that bad*” 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.

Bethel CRC Young Adults invite you to a worship night on October 25. Come join us in worship and hear a message from Kevin Nethercott. Doors open at 7:00 PM for refreshments and worship starts at 7:30 PM.

Classis Huron seeks nominations for the part-time paid positions of Stated Clerk of Classis and the Alternate. The clerk ensures accurate records/minutes of all classis proceedings and manages the various communications of classis from routine correspondence to official communications relative to ministerial credentials, congregational status, and overtures to synod. A stated clerk also ensures that the protocols and decisions of the classis conform to the Church Order of the CRCNA. Nominations must be submitted to the current Clerk of Classis by January 13, 2027, at classishuron@gmail.com.

Classis Huron is seeking nominations for the Classis Huron representative to the Council of Delegates (COD). This is the governing board of the Christian Reformed Church. As an ecclesiastical governance entity serving in the interim of synod (the broadest assembly), the COD provides governance by means of the authority delegated to it by synod and with its synodically elected membership representing classes. This appointment is for three years. More information is accessible at Church Nominations must be submitted to the clerk of classis by January 13, 2027.

HCS 39th Annual Auction is Thursday, November 19-Friday, November 20 ONLINE and Saturday, November 21, 2026 LIVE!

Don't forget donation forms are due by this coming **Tuesday, October 20, 2026**. Thank you for your support to make this a successful fundraiser. Any questions, please contact auction@huronchristianschool.ca. Information on how to sign up for the online auction will be available soon!

Resonate Global Mission Last Day for Early Bird Rates - Early bird rates end tonight for the Moving Forward in Faith Conference (Nov. 13-14). Come for part of the conference or the entire conference! With over 20 dynamic workshops to pick from, plenary sessions and times of worship, this conference will equip you with practical skills and spiritual insights to better serve your local community. Registration details found at: resonateglobalmission.org/moving-forward-2026. (Group rates, a Young Adult Stream, and hotel discounts are also available!) We can't wait to see you there! See also poster on bulletin board.

Chocolate Letter Fundraiser: Huron Christian School's annual Chocolate Letter Fundraiser is underway! Proceeds support our Student Fund, helping with student resources, playground equipment, and field trips. **Orders are due by October 26.** Submit orders through <https://form.jotform.com/262784912345262> and send e-transfers to office@huronchristianschool.ca. Thank you for your support!

Kindergarten Registration – Huron Christian School: Registration is open for children born in 2022 or 2023 for the 2026/2027 school year! Join us Thursday, November 19, from 9:00–11:30 a.m. Families can meet the JK teacher and Principal, visit the classroom, tour the school, and meet with the local “Calling All Three-Year Olds” program. To request a registration package and schedule an appointment, call **519-482-7851** or email office@huronchristianschool.ca.

Disability Awareness Sunday - Today is Disability Awareness Sunday. Did you know that for many people with disabilities, church is one of the least accessible places they go? Thrive provides resources and partners with churches to help make them more welcoming and accessible. Please support Thrive and their work for disability access in CRC congregations with a financial gift to them today.

Classis Huron Corner.

- The delegates of Classis Huron (regional assembly) met on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at New Life CRC in Guelph.
- The chair of the meeting was Rev. Sid Couperus (First CRC, Owen Sound).
- The meeting began with devotions by New Life CRC pastor Rev. Jeff Vandermeer.
- Rev. Beth Fellingner (Resonate), Rev. Cam Oegema (Bethel CRC, Listowel) and Joan Brady (Classis Huron Mission Catalyst) led a sharing/prayer Round-Table session with a focus on *discipleship*.

Classis received several reports:

- Rev. Joel Vande Werken (Director of Ecclesiastical Governance) shared about his work at our denominational office, which includes responding to Church Order questions. He also explained why church governance is important.
- The four delegates who attended Synod 2026 (the annual general assembly of the CRC) reported on their experiences at Synod and encouraged the elders and deacons to consider attending future sessions of Synod.
- The Canadian Church Relations Liaison for Calvin Theological Seminary, Rev. Shawn Brix, reported that currently there are close to 400 students enrolled, including 60 Canadian students. Six of those are from churches in Classis Huron. After 150 years, Calvin Seminary continues to provide quality education to our future pastors.
- Classis also received reports from World Renew, Resonate and Diaconal Ministries Canada.
- Deacon Ed Koopman (New Life CRC) shared about their church's ministry, the Clothing Closet, that is providing individuals in the neighborhood with clothing. He invited the delegates to visit the ministry during the lunch break.

Classis made various decisions:

- In accordance with the Synod's decision to affirm the Covenant for Office Bearers, Classis shall have its delegates sign the Covenant before each Classis Huron session.
- Grace-Emma Bierma was welcomed as the new Classis Huron Youth Ministry Consultant. Her focus will be to serve local youth leaders as a prayer partner, encourager, equipper, connector, and be present. Classis appointed five individuals as an oversight and support team.

- Classis also approved the list of members of the Waterloo Campus Ministry Committee and that of the Classis Huron Safe Church Team.
- The 2027 proposed Classis Huron budget was accepted.
- Classis approved the work of Joan Brady, the Classis Huron Mission Catalyst, and the work of the Safe Church Consultant Carel Geleynse.
- Two Church Visitors' reports were received.
- The work of the Classical Counsellors was approved. It was noted that candidate Joey Tuttle accepted a call extended by the Blyth CRC.
Rev. Tim Keep (Trinity CRC, Goderich) has accepted a call to a church in Kalamazoo.
- Classis approved the request for the renewal of Stan Puklicz's license to exhort for five years.
- Classis thanked Jack Tacoma, who decided not to renew his license to exhort. He thanked Classis Huron for having allowed him the humble honour of serving the Church in this way for 29 years.
- Pastor Sid was thanked for his excellent leadership during the day.
- The New Life CRC volunteers were thanked for hosting Classis and for providing the excellent lunch, refreshments and audio/visual services during the day.
- Classis adjourned at 3:14 PM.
- The complete set of minutes will be available at www.classishuron.ca.

This Week Oct 18-24 2026

<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship Live Streamed Sunday School ages 3- to Grade 6 Catechism Grade 7&8	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u> Common Plate Meal 5:30 – 7:00 pm Precious Blood Catholic Church Craft & Connect 12:30-3:30 Youth Group 7-9 pm	<u>Wednesday</u> Coffee Break 9:30-11:00 Elders Meeting @ 7:30 pm Deacons Meeting @ 7:30 pm	<u>Thursday</u> Gems 7-8:45 pm Cadets 7-8:45 pm	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u> Young Adults Kick off Campfire @ Kodde's 7:30 pm
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	Oct 18	Oct 25	Nov 1	Nov 8
Elder	Al Vanderlaan	George Poortinga	Jake Zantingh	Leo Weverink
Deacon	Anthony, Teresa	Marian, Dianne	Teresa, Marian	Cam, Dianne
Coffee Clean-Up	Matt & Jessica Adrain & Maria * Please note announcement	Darren & Janelle. Bill & Cathy * Please note announcement	Dave & Joan Joanne & Leah * Please note announcement	Aaron & Jolene Derek & Miranda * Please note announcement
Greeters	Anne Z., Sandra N.	Jean, Wendy	Gerben & Ria Steenbeek	Kathryn, Clarence
Ushers	Tim. Cam	Betty, George	Sylvia, Leo	Colton, Adrian
Children's Message	Teresa	Bert	Joan	Sylvia
Nursery	Katelyn Heyink, Karen Knip, Sadie Bouman	Jody Mulder, Joanne Boersma, Alanna Nyman	Lisa Heyink, Laura Garritsen, Avery Poortinga	Melanie Buxton, Sarah Mulder, Lillian Crossen
Sunday School	Sunday School for ages 3-Grade 6 Tanya Steenbeek, Michelle Meinen, Angela Nyman, Sarah Mulder	Sunday School for ages 3-Grade 6 Sylvia Hulshof, Tanya Steenbeek, Michelle Meinen, Angela Nyman	Sunday School for ages 3-Grade 6 Sandra Ducharme, Kassidy Heyink, Micah Pickering, Mikayla Vink, Janelle Bouman	Sunday School for ages 3-Grade 6 Sandra Ducharme, Kassidy Heyink, Micah Pickering, Mikayla Vink, Janelle Bouman
Valet	Tim DeWeerd	Greg Langendyk	Albert Hummel	Mike Zandwyk
Tech Booth	<u>(P) Eli (A) Adrain (V) Tony</u>	<u>(P) Clara (A) Nathan (V) Dan</u>	<u>(P) Sam (A) Job (V) Gerard</u>	<u>(P) Greg (A) Trevor (V) Aaron</u>
Hall Monitor	Cam	George	Leo Weverink	Adrian Bakelaar