



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday, October 19 2025

Worship: 10am

Pastor Jay Crossen

**Musicians: Steve and the Kids
Praise Team**

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

- * Song **Come Now is the Time to Worship** LUYH # 526
- * God's Greeting
- * Song **Build Your Kingdom Here** CCLI # 6186078

God Renews Us In His Grace

Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message

Children's Song **This Little Light of Mine** LUYH # 930

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

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:42-47, 1 Corinthians 10:17, John 6:35

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Romans 12:1-2.

Message: Series "Come Follow Me" To Become Like Jesus

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

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Children of the Promise

Offertory **Instrumental**

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

- * God's Sending and Blessing
- * Song: **Go My Children, with My Blessing** LUYH # 946

* 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>Oct 19:</u>	Pastor Jay
<u>Oct 26:</u>	Pastor Jay
<u>Nov 2:</u>	Pastor Jay
<u>Nov 19:</u>	Walter Miedema

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 Children of the Promise

<u>Oct 26:</u>	Turning Point
<u>Nov 2:</u>	World Renew – World Hunger
<u>Nov 9:</u>	Christian Schools Bursary Fund



We would like to extend our deepest gratitude for your generous contributions to our annual Thanksgiving food drive for the Exeter Food Bank. Many families and individuals in our community will be blessed by your generosity. Thank you for demonstrating God's love in such a tangible and impactful way

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.

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

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.

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.

Budget: It is that time of year again, please forward your detailed budget requests to Rick Hulshof or Greg Langendyk by **Oct 29, 2025**. Thanks for your continued cooperation.

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!

HCS 38th Annual Auction Don't forget donation forms are due this coming Wednesday, October 22, 2025. Click [here](#) for the donation form. 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!

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."

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 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.

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

Dear Congregation: Thank you for stepping into God's mission through your generous support of Resonate! Through your church's giving to Resonate, your congregation has taken a step of faith into a bigger story to which God has called us as members of the global church. You have taken a step to share the gospel—and God is using your church's mission and generosity to bring transformation to lives, families, and communities all over the world! God's story is bigger than we could ever imagine, and we all have a part to play in this story. In a world marred by hunger, sickness, violence, grief, and despair, the gospel is good news. Your congregation is walking alongside Resonate missionaries, church planters, campus ministers, and other ministry leaders as they share the good news of the gospel that brings fullness, healing, peace, and hope! Thank you for joining people all over the world on their faith journeys. Through your partnership with Resonate, your church is not only a donor—you are a member of the global church who is responding to God's call to spread the gospel among peoples and nations! Serving with you, Kevin DeRaaf, Director, Resonate Global Mission

This Week Oct 19-25						
<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship Sunday School age 3 to Grade 6 Catechism Grade 7&8 Youth Room	<u>Monday</u> Gems 7-8:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	<u>Tuesday</u> NHS Bluewater 6:45 pm Youth Group 7-9 pm	<u>Wednesday</u> Coffee Break 9:30 – 11 am Executive Meeting 7:30 pm Small Group 7-8 :30 pm	<u>Thursday</u> Cadets 7:00 pm	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>

SERVING SCHEDULE				
	Oct 19	Oct 26	Nov 2	Nov 9
Elder	Al Vanderlaan	Leo Weverink	Jake Zantingh	Gerald Kodde
Deacon	Marian, Anthony	Joy, Anthony	Dianne, Joy	Anthony & Dianne
Coffee Clean-Up	Matt & Jessica Ken & Trina	Darren & Janelle Joan & Dave	Bill & Cathy Derek & Miranda	Mike & Teresa Joanne & Leah
Greeters	Ann Zwaan, Wendy Westerik	Sam Vanderlaan, Bert Visscher	Sandra Newton, Jean Vanderlaan	Gerben & Ria Steenbeek
Ushers	Wilma Visscher & Joy DeWeerd	Cliff Knip & Al Vanderlaan	Betty Toornstra & Leo Weverink	Colton Mulder & Jake Zantingh
Children's Message	Bert V.	Leo W.	Sylvia	Teresa
Nursery	Katelyn Heyink, Sheila Vanderlaan, Sydney Lubbers	Wilma Visscher, Joanne Boersma, Wendy Stafford	Anne Zwaan, Tanya, Steenbeek, Avery Poortinga	Marique Crossen, Lisa Heyink, Leah Branderhorst
Sunday School	Sylvia Hulshof, Michelle Meinen , Angela Nyman Clara Steenbeek, Rachel Boersma	Sylvia Hulshof, Michelle Meinen , Angela Nyman Clara Steenbeek, Rachel Boersma	Sandra Ducharme, Katelyn Heyink, Lillian Crossen, Maria Bakelaar, Bill Branderhorst	Sandra Ducharme, Jody Mulder, Lillian Corssen, Maria Bakelaar, Bill Branderhorst
Valet	Dan Vanderlaan	Albert Hummel		