



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday, October 5, 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

* Song **Gather Us In LUYH # 529**

* God's Greeting

* Song **Speak Oh Lord LUYH # 755**

God Renews Us In His Grace

Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song: **Just As I Am, I come Broken CCLI # 5635850**

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message

Children's **Jesus Strong & Kind CCLI # 7139992**

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

Prayer of Illumination:

Scripture: Mark 3:13-15 & John 15:1-11

Message: "Come Follow Me Series" Be with Jesus

*Song: **Slow Me Down CCLI 7212840**

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Sanctuary

Offertory: **Good and Gracious King CCLI 7073329**

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

* God's Sending and Blessing

* Song: **New Doxology CCLI # 5075025**

* 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 5:</u>	Pastor Jay (Preparatory)
<u>Oct 12:</u>	Pastor Jay (Lord's Supper, Baptism)
<u>Oct 19:</u>	Pastor Jay
<u>Oct 26:</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 Sanctuary



<u>Oct 12:</u>	Food drive for Food bank
<u>Oct 19:</u>	Children of the Promise
<u>Oct 26:</u>	Turning Point

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. 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 and to Anne Beimers and family on the loss of her sister Amy Davenport. 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.

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

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 – 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 (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!

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 25 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 4 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 30 signed up cost would be around \$400 for 20 weeks

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

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 Oct 5-11 2025						
<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship Sunday School age 3 to Grade 6 Catechism Grade 7 & 8	<u>Monday</u> Gems 7-8:30 pm	<u>Tuesday</u> NHS Exeter Villa 7:00 pm Youth Group 7-9 pm	<u>Wednesday</u> Coffee Break 9:30 – 11 am Worship Committee 7:30 pm	<u>Thursday</u> Cadets 7:00 pm	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>

SERVING SCHEDULE				
	Oct 5	Oct 12	Oct 19	Oct 26
Elder	Joe Lubbers	Gerard Steenbeek	Al Vanderlaan	Leo Weverink
Deacon	Joy & Anthony	Anthony & Dianne	Dianne & Marian	Joy & Anthony
Coffee Clean-Up	Anne Zwaan, Jean Vanderlaan, Adrian & Maria	Derek & Sharon Eugene & April	Matt & Jessica Ken & Trina	Darren & Janelle Joan & Dave
Greeters	Lori Triebner & Norma Vanderlaan	Clarence Toornstra,	Ann Zwaan, Wendy Westerik	Sam Vanderlaan, Bert Visscher
Ushers	Tim DeWeerd & Marian de Boer	Sylvia Hulshoff & George Poortinga	Wilma Visscher & Joy DeWeerd	Cliff Knip & Al Vanderlaan
Children's Message	Joan Brady	N/A	Bert V.	Leo W.
Nursery	Darren Bouman, Kassidy Heyink, Yvonne Vansoest	Marian deBoer, Salome Kodde, Avery Knip	Katelyn Heyink, Sheila Vanderlaan, Sydney Lubbers	Wilma Visscher, Joanne Boersma, Wendy Stafford
Sunday School	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	Sylvia Hulshof, Michelle Meinen , Angela Nyman Clara Steenbeek, Rachel Boersma
Valet	Tim DeWeerd	Mike Zandwyk	Dan Vanderlaan	Albert Hummel