



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday, October 13, 2024

Worship: 10am

Teacher: Jay Crossen

**Musician: Janece, Joe, Amy,
Wilma, Bert, Peter, Laura,
Shaun**

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

- * Song: **Let All Things Now Living** LUYH #5
- * Call to Worship
- * God's Greeting
- * Song: **Give Thanks** LUYH #358

God Renews Us in His Grace

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Song: **Behold the Lamb**

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children aged 3 – Grade 6 are dismissed for Sunday School

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: **Matthew 20:20-27, John 13:1-5, 12-17**

Message: **Why Church? We Gather to Serve**

- * Song of Response: **The Servant Song** LUYH #309

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayers of God's People

Offering: This week the Deacons will be using your gifts to support the **Exeter**

Community Food Bank Etransfers may be sent to ecrcgiving@gmail.com

Offertory: **Good and Gracious King**

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

- * God's Sending and Blessing
- * Song: **Great is thy Faithfulness** LUYH #348

* 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 – 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.

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 and the week ahead is for the **Exeter Community Food Bank**

October 20: Sanctuary London

October 27: Children of the Promise

November 3: 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 still available. Please ask one of the deacons for assistance if you are interested in buying coupons.

From the Deacons: Thanksgiving Day is fast approaching. A day set aside to remind us how blessed we are as a congregation and yet we should be thankful each and every day for the blessings we have, but there are those who have no idea where their next meal is going to come from. **The Deacons are having a food drive to help the local Foodbank provide food for those in need. Please bring donated food and sundries to the church by Thanksgiving Day weekend.** There will be a designated area in the church to place your donations and the deacons will have all donations delivered to the Foodbank. Thank you for blessing others in need.



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.

Dear Church family. Thank you for your prayers and visits to our mom **Julie Visscher**, while she was in Exeter Hospital for pneumonia and other health issues. As you know, this has left her weak and unable to live on her own. She has temporarily moved into a LTC home in Parkhill where she is being well cared for until the home of her choosing becomes available. Please continue to pray for her as this is quite the adjustment from what she is used to. Thank you for the love and support you showed her and us during this time. Thank you. Harry, Marg, Julia, Tom, Bert, Wilma, Mike, and Teresa

If you wish to visit Julie, her temporary address is:
Agecare-Parkhill, 250 Tain St., Parkhill, ON N0M 2K0
Room # T-2114, Telephone: 519-459-3644, Email: jeltjev30@gmail.com

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

Council Highlights: Council met on October 3, 2024

- after the congregation meeting, we had an abbreviated council meeting.
- we reviewed hosting classis Huron. All went well without too many hiccups. Thank you to all who donated time and food.
- Sylvia Hulshof is the new chair for worship committee.
- most programs are ready to start the fall session. GEMS and Cadets could use more leaders.
- Coffee break leadership is leading Alpha this fall. (Started last week Friday)
- Youth baseball game was canceled and rescheduled for Oct 8. I can report it was well attended and great fellowship was had. Pictures are on the family Facebook page.

Board of Administration is collecting budget requests for the 2025. Please forward your budget requests to Greg Langendyk or Rick Hulshof by October 23rd. Please prayerfully and thoughtfully consider your requests rather than "what was it last year?" Thanks for your cooperation.

Church Communication: Have you recently changed your email address? Do you want to be added to the church email list for the Bulletin emails? Does your mailbox need updating or do you need a mailbox? Please let the church office know so that we can make communication easier for everyone.

Christmas Choir: Do you love to sing? Especially Christmas songs??? Please join our Christmas choir! Practices will be Monday evenings at 7:30 starting Oct 28. For more information and to have a sneak peak at this year's cantata, please come to a quick and informal meeting in the sanctuary following the service on Sunday, October 20. All are welcome!

GEMS REGIONAL COUNSELOR TRAINING on Saturday, October 19/24 at Stratford CRC. Please register at <https://bit.ly/GEMSACTS2024> for a day of learning, sharing, and creating in fun-filled workshops. Come meet the new GEMS Executive Director, Wendy Hammond! Our speaker for the day is Dr. Jane Sinden. This training day is open to all current GEMS Counselors, C.I.T.s, and women interested in learning more about being a GEMS Counselor. Please speak to Karen Knip for more information.

From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

HCS 37th Annual Auction is Thursday, November 21-Saturday, November 23, 2024. Just 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 Tuesday, October 22, 2024. Thank you for your support to make this a successful fundraiser. Any questions, please contact auction@huronchristianschool.ca.

Youth pastor/volunteer event, at Maranatha CRC in Woodstock, October 17, 2024, at 7:00 pm. Join other youth leaders for a free event focused on best practices for working with youth struggling with anxiety. Hennie Schoon, former dean of students at Redeemer University College will lead this workshop followed by a time of networking. Dessert will be provided. RSVP at thereforego.com/ontario-youth-leader-dessert

“We want to connect with youth, so what should we do?” workshop at Bethel CRC in Listowel, on October 21, 2024, at 7:30 pm. Many “older” individuals in the church want to build relationships with young people in their congregation but aren’t sure where or how to begin. This workshop will explore the unique challenges facing youth and emerging adults (young people between the ages of 15-25) and discuss best practices for older individuals looking to connect across generations. For more information contact Joan Brady at jbrady@crcna.org or 226 237 3108.

Seniors Appreciation Day: London Christian High invites you to Seniors Appreciation Day on **Wednesday, October 16** from 9:30 to 1:00pm. We look forward to this special day of appreciation, where we celebrate the wonderful relationships you share with our students. You’ll be treated to coffee, refreshments, an inspiring assembly, and the chance to visit classrooms to see firsthand the school community your grandchildren are part of. We will conclude the day with lunch alongside our staff, students and fellow guests. No RSVP is necessary. Gluten and dairy free options will be provided. We hope to see you then.

Moving Forward in Faith Conference, November 15 & 16 (Burlington, ON) - Church members and leaders of all ages are invited to an inspiring event you don’t want to miss! God is doing great things within our region, our churches, and our denomination. We are chosen by God to walk alongside His vision for the world and play our part in its transformation. Diaconal Ministries Canada and Resonate Global Mission have put together a Friday evening and all-day Saturday event at Compass Point Church in Burlington, ON. Join us for worship, a plenary session by best-selling author and disciple-maker, Caesar Kalinowski, and a variety of workshops related to young adult ministry, mission in your own backyard, Indigenous ministry, being a deacon, and more! We promise there will be a workshop for (almost) everyone. **REGISTER TODAY:** <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/moving-forward-faith>. Hotel discounts are available until October 8th. (Register before Monday, October 14 and receive a free copy of Caesar’s newest book, “Transformed: A New Way of Being Christian”.)

This Week: October 13 - 19

<u>Sunday</u> ➤ Worship: 10am ➤ Sunday School	<u>Monday</u> ➤ Thanksgiving Worship Gathering: 10am	<u>Tuesday</u> ➤ Youth Group: 7pm	<u>Wednesday</u> ➤	<u>Thursday</u> ➤ Cadets: 7pm ➤ Praise Team Practice: 7:30pm	<u>Friday</u> ➤ Alpha: 6pm	<u>Saturday</u> ➤
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SERVING SCHEDULE

	October 13 (Lord's Supper)	October 14 (Thanksgiving)	October 20	October 27
Elder	George Poortinga	Gerard Steenbeek	Clarence Toornstra	Jake Zantingh
Deacon	Harry Knip, Dianne Soer	Dianne Soer, Connor VanSoest	Connor VanSoest, Joy DeWeerd	Joy DeWeerd, Harry Knip
Coffee Clean-Up	Ken & Trina Boersma Nathan Boersma	Darren & Janelle Bouman Dave & Joan Brady	Bill & Cathy Branderhorst Joanne Branderhorst Nathan Branderhorst	Derek & Miranda Breukelman Mike & Teresa Buckman
Greeters	Albert Hummel, Ann Zwaan	Wendy Westerik, Wibbina Toonk	Sandra Newton, Bert Visscher	Gerben & Ria Steenbeek
Ushers	Jason Mulder, Sylvia Hulshof	George Poortinga, Cliff Knip	Dianne Soer, Colton Mulder	Clare & Betty Toornstra
Children's Storyteller	No message (Lord's Supper)		Pastor Jay	Sylvia Hulshof
Nursery	Leah Branderhorst, Michelle Meinen, Sydney Lubbers	Volunteers	Kevin Mulder, Teresa Buckman, Janelle Vanderlaan	Rolinda deRuiter, Ria Steenbeek, Sam Vanderlaan
Sunday School	Sylvia Hulshof, Michelle Meinen, Jolene DeBoer, Laura Garritsen, Janelle Bowman	No Sunday School	Sylvia Hulshof, Michelle Meinen, Jolene DeBoer, Laura Garritsen, Janelle Bowman	Sylvia Hulshof, Michelle Meinen, Jolene DeBoer, Laura Garritsen, Janelle Bowman