



# Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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**Sunday, October 20, 2024**

**Worship: 10am**

**Teacher: Jay Crossen**

**Musician: Steve, Lori, Joanne,  
Bill**

## God Gathers Us in His Presence

- Words of Welcome
- \* Call to Worship
- \* Song: **Blest Be the Tie that Binds** LUYH #209
- \* God's Greeting
- \* Song: **O God, You Are My God** LUYH #277

## God Renews Us in His Grace

- Prayer of Confession
- God's Assurance
- Song: **They'll Know We are Christians by our Love** LUYH #256

## God Speaks to Us Through His Word

- Children's Message
- Children's Song: **Jesus Loves Me** LUYH #709
- Children aged 3 – Grade 6 are dismissed for Sunday School
- Prayer of Illumination
- Scripture: **Galatians 6:1-2, James 5:16, 1 Thessalonians 5:14**
- Message: **Why Church? We Gather for Accountability**
- \* Song of Response: **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 **Sanctuary London**
- Etransfers may be sent to [ecrcgiving@gmail.com](mailto:ecrcgiving@gmail.com)
- Offertory

## God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

- \* God's Sending and Blessing
- \* Song: **Take My Life and Let it Be** LUYH #863

\* 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 **Sanctuary London**

**October 27:** Children of the Promise

**November 3:** Teen Challenge

**November 10:** World Renew – World Hunger



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 still available. 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](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.

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](mailto: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 October 4)
- 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.

### **Collections paid in September.**

\$495 Deacons \$771 Family Outreach \$1,086 Seafarers Ministry \$819 Wycliffe - John & Marian Vandermeer

\$202,410 General Giving JAN-SEP \$291,209 Budget JAN-SEP (\$88,799) Deficit JAN-SEP

Total Annual Budget: **\$388,279**

**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!

## From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

**HCS 37th Annual Auction** Don’t forget donation forms are due by **Tuesday, October 22, 2024**. Click [here](#) for the donation form. Thank you for your support to make this a successful fundraiser. Any questions, please contact [auction@huronchristianschool.ca](mailto:auction@huronchristianschool.ca). Information on how to sign up for the online auction will be available soon!

**“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](mailto:jbrady@crcna.org) or 226 237 3108.

**Celebrating 75 years of God’s Faithfulness:** The Clinton Christian Reformed Church is celebrating the goodness of God and His faithfulness over 75 years on **Sunday, November 17, 2024**. You are invited to join us in worship at **10:00 am** and for refreshments afterwards.

**This Week: October 20 - 26**

<u>Sunday</u> ➤ Worship: 10am ➤ Sunday School	<u>Monday</u> ➤ GEMS: 7:30pm	<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**

	<b>October 20</b>	<b>October 27</b>	<b>November 3</b>	<b>November 10</b>
<b>Elder</b>	Clarence Toornstra	Jake Zantingh	Al Heyink	Gerald Kodde
<b>Deacon</b>	Connor VanSoest, Joy DeWeerd	Joy DeWeerd, Harry Knip	Harry Knip, Dianne Soer	Dianne Soer, Connor VanSoest
<b>Coffee Clean-Up</b>	Bill & Cathy Branderhorst Joanne Branderhorst Nathan Branderhorst	Derek & Miranda Breukelman Mike & Teresa Buckman	Aaron & Jolene DeBoer Tony & Marian DeBoer	Ron & Rolinda deRuitter Tim & Joy DeWeerd
<b>Greeters</b>	Sandra Newton, Bert Visscher	Gerben & Ria Steenbeek	Kathryn Langendyk, Wibbina Toonk	Clarence Toornstra, Sam Vanderlaan
<b>Ushers</b>	Dianne Soer, Colton Mulder	Clare & Betty Toornstra	Connor VanSoest, Wilma Visscher	Jake Zantingh, Tim DeWeerd
<b>Children's Storyteller</b>	Pastor Jay	Sylvia Hulshof	Leo Weverink	Joan Brady
<b>Nursery</b>	Angela Nyman, Curtis Heyink	Rolinda deRuitter, Ria Steenbeek, Avery Knip	Karen Knip, Sarah Mulder, Avery Poortinga	Marg Knip, Sylvia Heyink, Layla DenHollander
<b>Sunday School</b>	Sylvia Hulshof, Michelle Meinen, Jolene DeBoer, Laura Garritsen, Janelle Bowman	Sylvia Hulshof, Michelle Meinen, Jolene DeBoer, Laura Garritsen, Janelle Bowman	Joyce Pelley, Jody Mulder, Carly Ducharme, Bill Branderhorst, Joy DeWeerd	Joyce Pelley, Jody Mulder, Carly Ducharme, Bill Branderhorst, Joy DeWeerd