



# Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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**Sunday, October 6, 2024**

**Worship: 10am**

**Teacher: Jay Crossen**

**Musician: Michelle, Shawn,  
Sylvia, Marian, Shaun, Josh,  
Orrin**

## God Gathers Us in His Presence

- Words of Welcome
- \* Call to Worship
- \* Song: **Great Things**
- \* God's Greeting
- \* Song: **Speak O Lord LUYH #755**

## God Renews Us in His Grace

- Prayer of Confession
- God's Assurance
- Song: **Goodness of God**

## God Speaks to Us Through His Word

- Children's Message
- Children's Song: **We are Marching**
- Children aged 3 – Grade 6 are dismissed for Sunday School
- Prayer of Illumination
- Scripture: **Matthew 28:18-20**
- Message: **Why Church? We Gather for Discipleship**
- \* Song of Response: **Shout to the North**

## 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 **World Renew**
- Etransfers may be sent to [ecrcgiving@gmail.com](mailto:ecrcgiving@gmail.com)
- Offertory: **Oceans**

## God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

- \* God's Sending and Blessing
- \* Song: **Build Your Kingdom**

\* 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 **World Renew**

**October 13:** Food Bank – Food drive

**October 20:** Sanctuary London

**October 27:** Children of the Promise



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.

**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 donate 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](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.

**Holly Meinen** is now at home recuperating from her chemo treatments. Please continue in prayer for her.

**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

**GEMS Kick-Off and Registration Night** for all girls born 2011-2015 (grades 4-8). Parents are asked to join the Kick-Off on **Monday, October 7/24 at 7:00pm** at the church and register their daughter(s) 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. Everyone welcome!

**Alpha:** We have been teased over the last several weeks that Alpha is coming to Exeter.... I am sure you have been excited to hear a few more details. This is the first time that several churches in our community will be offering Alpha at the same time... how amazing is that....

Alpha is a 10-week series exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question and is designed to create conversation. There is no pressure, no follow-up and no charge; it's just an open, informal, and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together. We hope to begin Friday Oct 4 from 6-7:30 we will start with sharing a meal together... then watching a short video and then a time of reflection. This is an invitation for everyone invite your friends and neighbours. Childcare will be provided. What a great way to connect with each other and our community. If you feel lead to be involved in this ministry in any capacity, there is an opportunity to attend an Alpha Training Night Sept 25 @ 7pm at 63 Main Street South Exeter (Vital Point). This night will be filled with the training and equipping of Table Host/Helpers, prayer team, and food care teams. Praying that all those who attend may be ignited in their faith. For the next 2 Sundays there will be a table set up in the foyer to sign up and ask any questions you may have.

**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.

**Coffee with Pastor Jay:** I am excited to get to know you! One way we can start to get to know each other is over coffee (or in my case, tea, or water). Join me for coffee time in my office and tell me a bit about yourself! There is a sign-up outside my office.

## From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

**Huron Christian School Auction:** Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 23, 2024 for the 37th Annual Auction in the school gym, with the silent auction beginning online on Thursday, November 21 and closing Friday, November 22. *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 an item from your favourite local business? Please send completed forms back to the school no later than **October 22, 2024**. Forms and electronic copies of advertising can also be sent to [auction@huronchristianschool.ca](mailto:auction@huronchristianschool.ca). Thank you for your support to make this a successful fundraiser.

**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](https://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](mailto: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 for 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 is 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 6 - 12**

<u>Sunday</u> ➤ Worship: 10am ➤ Sunday School	<u>Monday</u> ➤ GEMS Kick-off: 7pm	<u>Tuesday</u> ➤ Youth Group: 7pm ➤ Praise Team Practice: 7:30pm	<u>Wednesday</u> ➤	<u>Thursday</u> ➤ Cadets: 7pm ➤ Elder's Mtg: 7:30pm ➤ Deacon's Mtg: 7:30pm ➤ Praise Team Practice: 7:30pm	<u>Friday</u> ➤ Alpha: 6pm	<u>Saturday</u> ➤
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**SERVING SCHEDULE**

	<b>October 6</b>	<b>October 13 (Lord's Supper)</b>	<b>October 14 (Thanksgiving)</b>	<b>October 20</b>
<b>Elder</b>	Jason Mulder	George Poortinga	Gerard Steenbeek	Clarence Toornstra
<b>Deacon</b>	Joy DeWeerd, Harry Knip	Harry Knip, Dianne Soer	Dianne Soer, Connor VanSoest	Connor VanSoest, Joy DeWeerd
<b>Coffee Clean-Up</b>	Matt & Jess Bakelaar Eugene & April Boersma	Ken & Trina Boersma Nathan Boersma	Darren & Janelle Bouman Dave & Joan Brady	Bill & Cathy Branderhorst Joanne Branderhorst Nathan Branderhorst
<b>Greeters</b>	Kathryn Langendyk, Jean Vanderlaan	Albert Hummel, Ann Zwaan	Wendy Westerik, Wibbina Toonk	Sandra Newton, Bert Visscher
<b>Ushers</b>	Joe Lubbers, Tim DeWeerd	Jason Mulder, Sylvia Hulshof	George Poortinga, Cliff Knip	Dianne Soer, Colton Mulder
<b>Children's Storyteller</b>	Karen Knip	No message (Lord's Supper)		Pastor Jay
<b>Nursery</b>	Anne Zwaan, Curtis Heyink, Sam Vanderlaan	Leah Branderhorst, Michelle Meinen, Sydney Lubbers	Volunteers	Kevin Mulder, Teresa Buckman, Janelle Vanderlaan
<b>Sunday School</b>	Sylvia Hulshof, Michelle Meinen, Jolene DeBoer, Laura Garritsen, Janelle Bowman	Sylvia Hulshof, Michelle Meinen, Jolene DeBoer, Laura Garritsen, Janelle Bowman	No Sunday School	Sylvia Hulshof, Michelle Meinen, Jolene DeBoer, Laura Garritsen, Janelle Bowman