



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday, Nov 23 2025

Worship: 10am

Nick Geleynse

**Musicians: Janece, Joe, Amy,
Laura, Peter & Shawn**

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 **Only a Holy God**, CCLI # 707332 Holy, Holy, Holy LUYH # 538

God Renews Us In His Grace

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance

Song: **Be Thou My Vision** LUYH # 859

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message

Children's Song: **Thy Word** CCLI # 14301

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

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 11: 25-30

Message: Come Messy (by Shawn Brix)

*Song: **Just as I Am , I Come Broken** CCLI # 5635850

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Huron County Christmas Bureau

Offertory **He Will Hold Me Fast** CCLI # 7016161

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

*God's Sending and Blessing

*Song: **Come Thou Fount** LUYH # 521

* 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>Nov 23:</u>	Nick Geleynse
<u>Nov 30:</u>	Pastor Jay
<u>Dec 7:</u>	Pastor Jay
<u>Dec 14:</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 Huron County Christmas Bureau

<u>Nov 30:</u>	Community Table
<u>Dec 7:</u>	Indwell
<u>Dec 14:</u>	South Coast Beach Project (SoCo)



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.

Congratulations: We as church family extend congratulations to Curtis & Kassidy Heyink they were blessed with a baby girl November 7, 2025, Ashlynn Diane. We thank God for the gift of life.

Condolences: We also as church family extended our deepest sympathies to Theresa Visscher and her daughters Angela, Melanie & Kathleen on the passing of Albert Visscher on November 7, 2025..

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 Community Meals: We are looking for some more volunteers for Common Plate Community Meals. We need at least 2 more people to help with meal prep on a 7 week rotation. We could also use more people to help with cleanup. We are specifically in need of people capable of taking down tables and stacking chairs at 7pm. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact Marique Crossen.

Common Plate A donation email has been set up for Common Plate it is as follows donations@Exetercommonplate.org

GEMS Fundraiser As a club, we participate in the Hansen's Independent Save-A-Tape program. This week the Exeter CRC GEMS received a cheque for \$566.00 from the store! Thank you to everyone who faithfully collects their receipts for the GEMS box in the foyer. We appreciate your support! Any questions please contact Karen Knip.

Church Sign: We are seeking a volunteer to do monthly/bi-weekly updates for the letterboard under the church sign. Anyone who is interested please reach out to Curtis Heyink.

Congregational Meeting: The Congregational Meeting is on Wednesday Nov 26th at 7:30 pm. The agenda has the wrong date on it, and we would not want you to show up on the wrong date. Your packages are in your mail slots.

Bible Reading Group For the month of November, we are reading the book of Acts individually. Then, we meet on the first Friday of the following month (Friday, December 5/25 at 3:00 pm) with Pastor Jay for an hour at the church to discuss. Everyone welcome, no experience needed! If this is something that appeals to you, speak with Cliff Knip or just show up.

Young Adults (ages 18–35) is kicking off this month with **cornhole, pizza, and fellowship** in the church gym on **Friday, November 28 at 7:30 PM**. Come out for a fun evening and feel free to bring friends! If you have any questions, contact Savannah Zantingh, Rachel Kaumanns, or Rachel Boersma. We look forward to seeing you there!"

Celebrating 75 Year's of God's Faithfulness at Exeter CRC!

Hello Church Family!

With great excitement, we are making plans for a special weekend of celebrations to take place **April 24-26, 2026, D. V.** In your mailboxes, you will find a **“Save the Date”** card with more details. Please mark your calendars and help spread the word to former members and friends of Exeter CRC. Extra cards are available by the church office – feel free to take a few to share.

Stay tuned for more information in the new year! We look forward to celebrating 75 years of God’s goodness and faithfulness together in Exeter.

Lost and Found: We have quite a collection of items that have been left here mostly kitchen items. If you are missing anything there will be a table of items by the library. Please check to see if anything belongs to you.

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! Our youth group will also be having an offering during this service for Ramoth House Life Center.

Huron Christian School: What a fantastic evening we had with our school community on Saturday night! A heartfelt thank you to all our donors, bidders, and volunteers for making the 38th Annual Auction a huge success! Above all, we give thanks to God for His continued blessings on HCS, both in the past and this year. Stay tuned for the final amount that was raised.

SAVE THE DATE! If you are between 18 and 30, this is for you! On Friday, January 2, 2026, the Young Adults of Stratford CRC are hosting a New Year's Banquet. Doors open at 7 pm. All Young Adults are called on to **“dress-your-best”** for a dinner, followed by a game show, and door prizes. Reserve your seat by e-transferring 15\$ to:

treasurer@stratfordcrc.org Include your first and last name with this transfer. For further questions, you can reach out to: estherlucille99@gmail.com It will be an evening to remember!

https://www.instagram.com/youngadults.stratfordcrc?igsh=MXZwcTQ4eG1ybnQxOA%3D%3D&utm_source=qr

Groundwork: Blessed are...the Merciful, the Pure in Heart, the Peacemakers, and those Who are Persecuted - Discover what Jesus taught us about the heart and mind of an ideal disciple. Study Matthew 5:7-12 with Groundwork as we examine the remaining beatitudes of Jesus as recorded in Matthew, and explore mercy, purity of heart, peacemaking, and the surprising blessing hidden behind persecution. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

EduDeo Ministries Thank you, Exeter Christian Reformed Church, for your generous gifts of \$740.40 to EduDeo Ministries! Your partnership plays a vital role in our mission to advance Christ-centred education that transforms the lives of students, teachers, and communities around the world. Through your generosity, we can continue initiatives such as teacher training, empowering vulnerable students, and improving classrooms—so that more children may learn to live as Christ. Thank you for being part of this transformative work!

This Week Nov 23-29 2025						
<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship Sunday School age 3 to Grade 6 Catechism Grade 7&8 Youth Room Youth Service Stratford CRC 6:30	<u>Monday</u> Gems 7-8:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	<u>Tuesday</u> Youth Group 7-9 pm	<u>Wednesday</u> Coffee Break 9:30 – 11 am Executive Meeting 7:30 pm Congregational Meeting 7:30 pm	<u>Thursday</u> Cadets 7:00 pm	<u>Friday</u> Young Adults 7-10 pm	<u>Saturday</u>

SERVING SCHEDULE				
	Nov 23	Nov 30	Dec 7	Dec 14
Elder	Gerald Kodde	Gerard Steenbeek	Leo Weverink	Al Vanderlaan
Deacon	Marian & Joy	Joy & Anthony	Anthony & Dianne	Dianne & Marian
Coffee Clean-Up	Tony & Marian Ron & Rolinda	Tim & Joy Job & Laura	Sandra Ducharme Al and Sylvia	Scott & Lisa Derek & Sylvia
Greeters	Scott & Wendy Stafford	Norma Vanderlaan Clarence Toornstra	Lori Triebner Albert Hummel	Anne Zwaan Sandra Newton
Ushers	Sylvia Hulshoff & Dianne Soer	Cliff Knip & Marian DeBoer	Colton Mulder & Gerald Kodde	Betty Toornstra & Joe Lubbers
Children's Message	Karen Knip	Joan Brady	Bert V.	Sunday School Program
Nursery	Hannah Glavin, Janelle Bouman, Lillian Crossen	Melissa Vansoest, Rolinda deRuiter, Angela Nyman, Avery Mulder	Kevin Mulder, Joanne Branderhorst, Avery Poortinga	Amanda Desgagne, Curtis Heyink, Lily Denhollander
Sunday School	Sandra Ducharme, Jody Mulder, Janelle Bouman, Bill Branderhorst,	Sandra Ducharme, Katelyn Heyink, Jordan Boersma, Janelle Bouman, Bill Branderhosrt,	Jolene deBoer, Sarah Mulder, Jordan Boersma, Janelle Bouman, Tanya Steenbeek	Jolene deBoer, Sarah Mulder, Janelle Bouman, Tanya Steenbeek
Valet	Bill Branderhorst	Albert Hummel	Mike Zandwyk	