



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday, Nov 2 2025

Worship: 10am

Pastor Jay Crossen

**Musicians: Steve, Bill, Lori,
Joanne**

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

- * Song **Come Thou Font LUYH # 521**
- * God's Greeting
- * Song **Come Holy Ghost LUYH # 232**

God Renews Us In His Grace

Confession/Assurance of Pardon

Song: **Be Still for the Presence of the Lord LUYH # 532**

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message

Children's Song **King of Kings and Lord of Lords Glory Hallelujah CCLI 23952**

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

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Mark 1:35; Luke 5:15-16; Matthew 6:16-21; John 15:4-5.

Message: Series "Come Follow Me" Apprenticeship Goal #3: Do as Jesus Did (Part 2)

*Song: **Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak LUYH # 754**

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: World Renew – World Hunger

Speaker: Chidi Nwene from World Renew

Offertory **Slow Me Down CCLI # 7212840**

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

- * God's Sending and Blessing
- * Song: **When We Walk With The Lord LUYH # 327**

* 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 2:</u>	Pastor Jay
<u>Nov 9:</u>	Walter Miedema
<u>Nov 16:</u>	Pastor Jay
<u>Nov 23:</u>	Nick Geleynse

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 World Renew – World Hunger

<u>Nov 9:</u>	Christian Schools Bursary Fund
<u>Nov 16:</u>	Deacons – Benevolence
<u>Nov 23:</u>	Huron County Christmas Bureau



Today, Chidi Nwene from World Renew will be participating in our worship service. Through a short presentation, he plans to highlight some of the key food security challenges in the global South and how World Renew is responding to them.

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.

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

Coffee Break: Please join Wednesday's from 9:30 – 11:00 am for coffee break. Childcare will be available. 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.

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.

GEMS Fundraiser We collect grocery receipts from Hansen's Independent for their Save-A-Tape program. Please deposit your receipts in the box marked in the foyer. Thank you for your support. Any questions please contact Karen Knip.

Catechism: Hey Grade, 7 & 8's! Catechism is starting a new session that will run from Oct 26-Dec 14. Elder Jake will continue the Bible back roads series! Hope to see you there!

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.

Attention young adults! The Kodde's warmly welcome you to their place after church for a coffee/social time **TODAY**. We and your peers would love to have you come out. Please pass along the invite. Prerequisite is to be a post-secondary person. Gerald and Sharon Kodde

Men's Breakfast: To all men young and old alike, there will be a men's breakfast on Saturday Nov. 15th starting at 8 a.m. We will continue our study on the book of James. Please RSVP to pastor Jay or Mike Zandwyk.

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!

The **HCS 38th Annual Auction** kicks off with the online portion on Thursday, November 20, closing Friday at 9 PM. The live auction will take place on Saturday, November 22, with bidding starting at 7 PM in the school gym. We would love to see you there—it's a fun social night!

We've received an amazing response from both the school and the surrounding community for contributions! We appreciate your support for this major fundraiser! Information on how to sign up for the online auction will be available soon! Reach out to auction@huronchristianschool.ca with any questions.

Kindergarten Registration: Children born in 2021 or 2022 can register for the 2026–2027 school year on Thursday, November 13, 2025, from 9:00–11:30 a.m at Huron Christian School. Call 519-482-7851 to book your appointment and get a registration package! See Bulletin board for more information.

Groundwork: Your Questions about God's Care and the Life of Faith - The life of faith is a journey, and it's natural to have questions along the way. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 16, Psalm 146:6-9, John 15:1-17, Micah 6:8, John 16:1-4, Luke 13:1-5, and Isaiah 55:8-9 to discover the Bible's answers to our questions about God's care for us as individuals, discipleship, suffering, and God's timing. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Hope Canadian Male Choir is excited to present their November Christmas concert series 'Glory to God in the Highest' with 4 concerts scheduled for:

Wednesday Nov. 19 – Knox Presbyterian Church – 59 Riddell Street, Woodstock

Thursday Nov. 20 – Emmanuel Canadian Reformed Church – 8037 Highway 7, Guelph-Eramosa

Friday Nov. 21 – Free Reformed Church – 3685 King Street, Vineland

Saturday Nov. 22 – Knox Presbyterian Church – 220 Livingstone Avenue North, Listowel

Directed by Martin Mans, the choir will be accompanied by Martin Zonnenberg on organ and piano, and feature Pieter Baarsen and Johan Petersen, tenors with the Urker Mans Formatie, and Josh Overbeek and Menze Feenstra, tenors with the Hope Canadian Male Choir.

To reserve or purchase your tickets, please email hopecanchoir@gmail.com, call/text 226 338 5459 or purchase tickets directly on our website hopecanadianmalechoir.com or on Eventbrite. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Ticket prices: Adult: \$20 in advance/\$25 at the door Youth 10-14: \$10 kids under 10: free.

Concerts start at 7:30 pm.

Pastor Kasey VanderVeen's Retirement Celebration Everyone is invited to **Pastor Kasey VanderVeen's** retirement celebration where we can collectively honour and thank God for his many years of service.

Date: Saturday November 15, 2025

Time: 2:00pm – 5:00pm

Place: Water Street Church (287 Water Street, Guelph ON Canada N1G 1B6)

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/3kXNHPJdYdy5JxcY6>

SAVE THE DATE! If you are 18+, this is for you! On Friday, January 2, 2026, we are hosting a New Year's Gala at the Stratford CRC. 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. 15\$ ticket will get you in the door. It will be an evening to remember! More details coming your way in November. Follow on [Instagram@youngadults.stratfordcrc](https://www.instagram.com/youngadults.stratfordcrc)

London Christian High School : Thank you for your gift to London Christian High towards Tuition Assistance. Your gift is such a blessing to many families. It is greatly appreciated and helps make a difference in the lives of our Students. Blessings

Moving Forward in Faith Conference - REGISTRATION ENDS SOON! You do not want to miss this conference happening Friday evening, November 14, and all-day Saturday, November 15, in Oakville, ON. Come for part of it or for the entire conference! With over 30 dynamic workshops to pick from, plenary sessions by well-known author, speaker, and justice advocate Danielle Strickland (daniellestrickland.com), and times of worship, this conference will equip you with practical skills and spiritual insights to better serve your local community. There is also a Bus Tour for those who want to see ministry in action! Visit the event website for info and to register: <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/moving-forward-faith>. (Group rates, a Young Adult Stream, and hotel discounts are also available!) We cannot wait to see you there!

SOCO Beach Project Update: Recruitment for SOCO 2026 has begun - and applications are available. Do not miss out on the **Moving Forward in Faith** conference, Nov. 14 & 15 - especially the **Young Adult Stream**. 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-30-8572004>

This Week Nov 2-8 2025						
<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship Sunday School age 3 to Grade 6 Catechism Grade 7&8 Youth Room	<u>Monday</u> Gems 7-8:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	<u>Tuesday</u> Youth Group 7-9 pm NHS Exeter Villa 7 pm	<u>Wednesday</u> Coffee Break 9:30 – 11 am Council Meeting 7:30 pm	<u>Thursday</u> Cadets 7:00 pm	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>

SERVING SCHEDULE				
	Nov 2	Nov 9	Nov 16	Nov 23
Elder	Jake Zantingh	George Poortinga	Joe Lubbers	Gerald Kodde
Deacon	Dianne, Joy	Anthony & Dianne	Dianne & Marian	Marian & Joy
Coffee Clean-Up	Bill & Cathy Derek & Miranda	Mike & Teresa Joanne & Leah	Aaron & Jolene Nathan and Rachel	Tony & Marian Ron & Rolinda
Greeters	Sandra Newton, Jean Vanderlaan	Gerben & Ria Steenbeek	Yvonne Van Soest Kathryn Langedyk	Scott & Wendy Stafford
Ushers	Betty Toornstra & Leo Weverink	Colton Mulder & Jake Zantingh	Tim DeWeerd & Anthony Nyman	Sylvia Hulshoff & Dianne Soer
Children’s Message	Sylvia	Teresa	N/A	Karen Knip
Nursery	Anne Zwaan, Tanya, Steenbeek, Avery Poortinga	Marique Crossen, Lisa Heyink, Leah Branderhorst	Joyce Pelley, Sylvia Hulshoff, Layla Denhollander	Hannah Glavin, Janelle Bouman, Lillian Crossen
Sunday School	Sandra Ducharme, Katelyn Heyink, Lillan Crossen, Maria Bakelaar, Bill Branderhorst	Sandra Ducharme, Jody Mulder, Lillan Corssen, Maria Bakelaar, Bill Branderhorst	Sandra Ducharme, Katelyn Heyink, Lillan Corssen, Maria Bakelaar, Bill Branderhorst	Sandra Ducharme, Jody Mulder, Lillan Crossen, Janelle Bouman, Bill Branderhorst,
Valet	Bill Branderhorst	Tim Deweerd	Greg Langendyk	