



# Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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**Sunday, Nov 30 2025**

**Worship: 10am**

**Pastor Jay Crossen**

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

**God Gathers Us in His Presence**

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

\* Song **Here I am to Worship LUYH # 567**

God's Greeting:

\* Song **O Little Town of Bethlehem LUYH # 88**

**God Renews Us In His Grace**

Advent Litany

Advent Prayer

Song: **Come Thou Long Expected Jesus LUYH 56**

Baptism of Lennon Joy Vink

Song: **The Blessing CCLI 7147007**

**God Speaks to Us Through His Word**

Children's Message

Children's Song: **Angels We Have Heard on High LUYH 82**

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

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Ruth 1

Message: The Night of Risk: Joy in the Promise of Redemption

\*Song: **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise LUYH # 579**

**God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings**

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Community Table

Offertory **Instrumental**

**God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing**

\*God's Sending and Blessing

\*Song: **He Shall Reign Forevermore CCLI # 7050416**

\* 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](mailto:michaelbuckman@hotmail.com)

### Upcoming Services:

<u>Nov 30:</u>	Pastor Jay (Sacrament of Baptism for Lennon Joy Vink by Pastor Kevin teBrake)
<u>Dec 7:</u>	Pastor Jay
<u>Dec 14:</u>	Pastor Jay (Sunday School Program)
<u>Dec 21:</u>	Pastor Jay ( and Candlelight Service pm )

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 Community Table

<u>Dec 7:</u>	Indwell
<u>Dec 14:</u>	South Coast Beach Project (SoCo)
<u>Dec 21:</u>	Food Grain Bank



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 available in the office; please ask one of the deacons for assistance if you are interested in buying coupons.



**MemberCare<sup>+</sup>** 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.

**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](mailto:donations@Exetercommonplate.org)

**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.

**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.

### **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.

**Smile!** immediately following the service on December 14, we are all asked to remain in our pews for 4 minutes after the benediction for a congregational picture. Many thanks from the 75th anniversary committee

## From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

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

[https://www.instagram.com/youngadults.stratfordcrc?igsh=MXZwcTQ4eG1ybnQxOA%3D%3D&utm\\_source=qr](https://www.instagram.com/youngadults.stratfordcrc?igsh=MXZwcTQ4eG1ybnQxOA%3D%3D&utm_source=qr)

**Groundwork:** Waiting for the Light of the World. - Advent is a season of waiting. We're waiting for Jesus, the Light of the World. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 18:27-28, Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 11:1-3, and Romans 13:11-14 to explore the Bible's theme of light and gain a fuller understanding of what we're waiting for as we begin to prepare our hearts for the arrival of Jesus at his birth at Christmas. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://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!

**Huron Christian School** invites you and your family to join us for this year's Christmas program, *Handel's Messiah for Young Voices*. Come celebrate the joy of Christmas as our students share the story of Jesus' birth through beautiful music and praise. Performances will take place on: Wednesday, December 10 at 1:00 PM, Friday, December 12 at 1:00 PM and Friday, December 12 at 7:00 PM. We look forward to worshipping and celebrating the Christmas season with you! Follow the link to reserve your spot at one of the performances: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/handels-messiah-for-young-voices>

**Centralia Faith Tabernacle** is putting on a Christmas Play titled *The Way Home* on Friday, December 5 and Saturday, December 6. All proceeds will be going towards Common Plate Community Meals! Come hear the hope of the Christmas story while supporting Common Plate! To purchase tickets go to: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-way-home-a-christmas-production-tickets>

**The Young Adult Winter Retreat (YAWR)** is back again at Maranatha CRC, Woodstock! We would like to encourage all young adults ages 18-30 to join us for this weekend of faith-based discussions, service, fellowship, and funtivities! We are excited to announce that Pastor Harry Frielink from Covenant CRC in Barrie will be leading us in a series of discussions on the importance of Christian friendships. The retreat will take place from January 23 to 25, 2026, with the theme *"The Gift of Friendship."* Early bird registration is \$60. Registration opens December 1st, 2025. Don't miss this chance to grow in faith, build lasting connections, and have fun! For more information or the registration link, follow us on Instagram ([yawinterretreat](https://www.instagram.com/yawinterretreat)), Facebook (Young Adult Winter Retreat), or email us at [ya.retreat.team@gmail.com](mailto:ya.retreat.team@gmail.com)

**Thank you from Huron Hub for Newcomers:** Thank you for your generous donation to the Huron Welcome Hub for Newcomers.

**SOCO Beach Project Update:** Call all young adults (ages 18 - 29). Recruitment for this summer's SOCO 2026 has begun - and applications are available. Keep SOCO in mind for this upcoming #Giving Tuesday and stay tuned for the Polar Bear Plunge Campaign. Newsletter:

<https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-november-27-8572567>

This Week Nov 30-Dec 6 2025						
<b>Sunday</b> 10am Worship Sunday School age 3 to Grade 6  Catechism Grade 7 & 8	<b>Monday</b> Gems 7-8:30 pm  Choir 7:30 pm	<b>Tuesday</b> Youth Group 7-9 pm  NHS Queensway 5:45 pm	<b>Wednesday</b> Coffee Break 9:30 – 11 am Council Meeting 7:30	<b>Thursday</b> Cadets 7:00 pm	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>

SERVING SCHEDULE				
	Nov 30	Dec 7	Dec 14	Dec 21
Elder	Gerard Steenbeek	Leo Weverink	Al Vanderlaan	Jake Zantingh
Deacon	Joy & Anthony	Anthony & Dianne	Dianne & Marian	Marian & Joy
Coffee Clean-Up	Tim & Joy Job & Laura	Sandra Ducharme Al and Sylvia	Scott & Lisa Derek & Sylvia	Greg & Kaitlyn Albert & Frances
Greeters	Norma Vanderlaan Clarence Toornstra	Lori Triebner Albert Hummel	Anne Zwaan Sandra Newton	Jean Vanderlaan Wendy Westerik
Ushers	Cliff Knip & Marian DeBoer	Colton Mulder & Gerald Kodde	Betty Toornstra & Joe Lubbers	Tim DeWeerd & George Poortinga
Children's Message	Joan Brady	Bert V.	Sunday School Program	Sylvia
Nursery	Melissa Vansoest, Rolinda deRuijter, Angela Nyman, Avery Mulder	Kevin Mulder, Joanne Branderhorst, Avery Poortinga	Amanda Desgagne, Curtis Heyink, Lily Denhollander	Marion deBoer, Savannah Zantingh, Angela Nyman
Sunday School	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	Sunday School is only for 3,4- & 5-year-olds Lauren Hoonaard , Keira Vanderlaan
Valet	Albert Hummel	Mike Zandwyk		