Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday Nov 8, 2026

Worship: 10am **Teacher: Pastor Jay** **Musicians: Michelle, Shawn, Shaun, Josh, Sylvia, Marian, Al**

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

* Call to Worship

* Song: **King of Kings CCLI # 7127647**

* God's Greeting

* Song: **Holy Forever CCLI # 7201044**

God Renews us in His Grace

Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Song: **His Mercy is More CCLI # 70650**

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message

Children's Song: **Read your Bible Everyday**

Dismissal of Children ages 3– Grade 6

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 15: 1-35 Key Verse 1 Samuel 15:22

Message: A Heart that Won't Listen

* Song: **Speak Oh Lord CCLI # 4615235 LUYH # 755**

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Teen Challenge

Offering Song: **Lord You Have My Heart CCLI # 1108735**

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

*God's Sending and Blessing

*Song: **O Canada**

* 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. Nursery is available for all children up to age 3. The Education Committee, Sunday School, and Nursery, with the support of Council, have developed a plan to safely care

Valet service - designed for worshippers with mobility challenges, valet service is available for free with advance arrangements. 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, please contact Mike Buckman in church, by phone (519-236-7940), by text (519-630-7827), through Facebook or via email at michaelbuckman@hotmail.com

Upcoming Services:

Nov 8:	Pastor Jay (Preparatory for Lord's Supper)
Nov 15:	Pastor Jay (Lord's Supper & Baptism of Casey Boersma)
Nov 22:	Kevin DeRaaf
Nov 29:	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 Teen Challenge



Nov 15:	Huron County Christmas Bureau
Nov 22:	Community Table
Nov 29:	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.

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

Ministry to Seafarers: From October 1-December 15, the Ministry to Seafarers is accepting parcels, new bulk items, and/or virtual donations for their Christmas Parcel Campaign. Please consider sharing your Christmas with a seafarer. Visit www.ministrytoseafarers.org/parcels
for details. Thank you.

Thank You for Your World Hunger Sunday Offering! Thank you for sharing God's love and abundance through your gifts and prayers on World Hunger Sunday. Your support makes a real difference for global families as they grow enough food, earn stable incomes, and become more food secure for the future. Together, we're creating a world where there is enough for every table. If you missed last Sunday's offering, or if you'd like to learn more, visit worldrenew.org/worldhunger.

. **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

Congregational Meeting: It is that time of year again: budget. Please keep November 18 open, as we plan to present the annual budget. Please note that we will be starting at 7 PM. At this meeting, we will also hear from committee representatives, who will share what is happening in the roles they play in this church and, ultimately, in God's church here in Exeter. We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting. Thank You

Coffee Clean-up Volunteers: To ensure we can continue to enjoy coffee and fellowship after the service each Sunday morning. There is a request that starting in June those on the list for coffee also put the coffee and sugar and creamers out. There will be a list in the kitchen of the duties needed. Thank you for all those who serve in this capacity. Any question reach out to Leo or Harry.

Women's Young Adults Bible Study (ages 18-35): We are excited to re-launch our fall session of the Women's Young Adults Bible Study. Come join a great group of ladies seeking deeper relationships with one another and with Jesus. We plan to meet **bi-weekly** throughout the fall (Tuesday or Wednesday evenings). Further details will be posted on the Young Adults Facebook page. If you have any questions, please reach out to Rachel Kaumanns or Rachel Boersma.

Common Plate is looking for more volunteers! Would you like to love our neighbors by helping to provide a meal and fellowship opportunity for them? Would you like to get to know and strengthen your ties with other Christians in Exeter by serving alongside them? Come join our Common Plate team! Did you know that 7 local churches are working together to provide complimentary weekly meals for our community!?! We are currently looking for people who would be willing to volunteer on one Tuesday every seven weeks. Please contact Marique Crossen if you are interested or have any questions.

Volunteers Needed: Coffee Break is Wednesday's, and will run weekly from 9:30-11:00am till December 9/26. 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 for one morning, please contact Karen Knip.

Nursery: A donation jar will be placed at the back of the sanctuary for those who would like to contribute toward a gift for the Boersma family as they celebrate the Lord's blessing of their recent addition to the family. - the nursery committee

Worship Committee is looking for readers for the upcoming Advent/Christmas season. If you would like to participate in a service, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the gym. We will need readers for the following dates: Nov. 29th(2), Dec. 6th(2), Dec. 13th(2), Dec. 20th (morning service (2)/ Candlelight service(4?), and Dec. 25th(2). If you have a preferred date, please add that behind your name. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve!"

Exeter Christmas Parade – Volunteers Needed! We are excited to be entering a float in this year's Exeter Christmas Parade! We are looking for **8–10 volunteers (ages 10 & up)** to walk alongside the float and hand out candy, as well as approximately **14 enthusiastic carollers** to ride on the float and spread some Christmas cheer through song!
Sign-up sheets are posted on the Bulletin Board. *Please note: Younger children participating to be accompanied by a parent.*

From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

SOCO Beach Project Update Read about the latest happenings with SOCO - including the power of partnerships. There's still time to register for the Moving Forward in Faith conference, Nov 13 & 14 (which includes a young adult stream). Looking for a weekend getaway or a cozy space for a small group retreat - check out the SOCO house rental ministry. Read the latest newsletter. https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-november-5-8579093

Groundwork: Prayer and Repentance - Most of us feel uncomfortable admitting our shame and our guilt when we make mistakes, but for Christians, it's an important and valuable part of our faith life. Join our Groundwork conversation as we dig into Luke 11:4, John 1:8-10, Psalm 51, Mark 2:1-7, Daniel 9:4-19, and 1 John 5:13-15 to learn about prayers of repentance and why honest prayers of confession matter. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

The HCS 39th Annual HCS Auction is coming up fast! It kicks off with the online portion on Thursday, November 19, closing Friday at 9 PM. The live auction will take place on Saturday, November 21, with bidding starting at 7 PM in the school gym. We would love to see you there-it's a fun social night! The booklet should be available soon so keep an eye out for that!
We've received an amazing response with so many wonderful contributions. We appreciate your support for this major fundraiser! New this year - each class contributed a themed gift basket of their choice - you'll have to come out and see how amazing they look! Reach out to auction@huronchristianschool.ca with any questions.
We're seeking volunteers to lend a hand! It's a fantastic opportunity to get involved at the school, connect with other parents, and earn volunteer hours. It's also great for high school students to earn their volunteer hours. We need help with various tasks including setting up on Saturday morning, assisting in the kitchen during the auction, serving as item holders, bid spotters, bid recorders, and helping with clean-up. If you're interested, please contact Maria Salverda at 226-222-9596.

Resonate Global Mission Join Us November 13-14 for Moving Forward in Faith 2026 - Moving Forward in Faith Conference registration closes this Friday, November 6! Come for all or part of it! With over 30 dynamic workshops to pick from, motivating plenary sessions by Victor Ko, and times of worship and networking, this conference will equip you with practical skills and spiritual insights to better serve your local community. Check out the workshops and registration link at: resonateglobalmission.org/moving-forward-2026. We can't wait to see you there!

Kindergarten Registration – Huron Christian School: Registration is open for children born in 2022 or 2023 for the 2027/2028 school year! Join us Thursday, November 19, from 9:00–11:30 a.m. Families can meet the JK teacher and Principal, visit the classroom, tour the school, and meet with the local "Calling All Three-Year Olds" program. To request a registration package and schedule an appointment, call **519-482-7851** or email **office@huronchristianschool.ca**.

Hope Canadian Male Choir is excited to present their Christmas concert series 'Oh Come, All Ye Faithful' with 4 concerts December 2-5, 2026. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit their website www.hopecanadianmalechoir.com. Email hopecanchoir@gmail.com or call/text 226 338 5459

Calvin Institute of Christian Worship: *February 3–5, 2027* | *Grand Rapids, Michigan*
The Calvin Symposium on Worship brings together people from many cultures, contexts, and Christian traditions to worship, learn, and connect. Whether you're an artist, musician, pastor, scholar, worship leader, ministry leader, student, or simply someone interested in worship and the Christian life, there's a place for you here.
Join us for worship shaped by diverse Christian traditions and expressions, along with plenary sessions and workshops that connect scholarship and practice. You'll also have opportunities to meet others, share experiences, and learn from the many ways God is at work in the church.
Registration for the 2027 Symposium is now open. We hope you'll join us this February.
https://symposium.eventsairsite.com/about
Come worship, learn, and connect with us!

On behalf of the Cornerstone Hensall Worship team, we would like to invite you to our upcoming Worship night on Friday November 27th 2026. Help us kick off the Advent season with an evening of Contemporary Christian music and the Word of the Lord.
To be held at Cornerstone Church, 78 King St, Hensall.
Doors open at 6:30 pm and Worship from 7 to 8:30 pm.
Admission is free will offering for the building fund.
Thank you very much and hope to see you there.

Invitation from Karis Disability Services, formerly Christian Horizons, a Christian organization that supports people with developmental disabilities and their families across Ontario and Saskatchewan This is to invite families within the community who have a loved one who experiences a developmental disability to participate in **Family Camp from March 15-19, 2027, at Camp Kintail in Goderich**, a Christ-centered camp experience that brings together people of all ages and abilities for a weekend of worship, fellowship, recreation, and spiritual encouragement. Family Camp is built on the belief that everyone belongs and has gifts to share. It provides a welcoming environment where families can grow in their faith, build relationships, enjoy camp activities, and experience Christian community together. Whether attending as a family or a volunteer, participants have the opportunity to connect with others, deepen their relationship with Christ, and create lasting memories. As a ministry of Karis Disability Services, Family Camp reflects our commitment to fostering belonging, inclusion, and meaningful relationships within the body of Christ. Many participants tell us that one of the most meaningful aspects of camp is the opportunity to worship and fellowship alongside people of differing abilities, united in community. For more information see bulletin board.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (April 2 - 12, 2027) - Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

This Week Nov 8-14 2026						
Sunday 10am Worship Live Streamed Sunday School ages 3- to Grade 6 Catechism Grade 7&8 Small Group Lunch Mtg Library Confession of Faith Class Lunch Meeting Ed Wing	Monday	Tuesday Common Plate Meal 5:30 – 7:00 pm Precious Blood Catholic Church Craft & Connect 12:30-3:30 Youth Group 7-9 pm NHS Bluewater @ 6:45 pm Youth Group 7-9 pm	Wednesday Coffee Break 9:30-11:00	Thursday Gems 7-8:45 pm Cadets 7-8:45 pm	Friday Bible Reading Group @ 3:00 pm	Saturday

	Nov 8	**Nov 15**	**Nov 22**	**Nov 29**
Elder	Leo Weverink	Yvonne VanSoest	Adrian Bakelaar	Cliff Knip
Deacon	Cam, Dianne	Marian, Anthony	Dianne, Teresa	Anthony, Cam
Coffee Clean-Up	Aaron & Jolene Derek & Miranda * Please note announcement	Joyce Pelley Tony & Marian * Please note announcement	Tim & Joy Ron & Rolinda * Please note announcement	* Please note announcement Sandra Ducharme, Lauren Hoonaard Job & Laura
Greeters	Kathryn, Clarence	Scott & Wendy Stafford	Michael & Teresa	Wibbina, Albert
Ushers	Colton, Adrian	Tim, Cliff	Betty, Yvonne	Sylvia, Marian
Children's Message	Sylvia	N/A		Leo
Nursery	Melanie Buxton, Sarah Mulder, Lillian Crossen	Sylvia Holshof, Melissa VanSoest, Avery Mulder	Michelle Meinen, Curtis Heyink, Ashley Breukelman	Danielle Dykstra, Darren Bouman, Avery Knip
Sunday School	Sunday School for ages 3-Grade 6 Sandra Ducharme, Kassidy Heyink, Micah Pickering, Mikayla Vink, Janelle Bouman	Sunday School for ages 3-Grade 6 Sandra Ducharme, Kassidy Heyink, Micah Pickering, Mikayla Vink, Janelle Bouman	Sunday School for ages 3-Grade 6 Sandra Ducharme, Kassidy Heyink, Micah Pickering, Mikayla Vink, Janelle Bouman	Sunday School for ages 3-Grade 6 Sandra Ducharme, Kassidy Heyink, Micah Pickering, Mikayla Vink, Janelle Bouman
Valet	Mike Zandwyk	Tim DeWeerd	Greg Langendyk	Bill Branderhorst
Tech Booth **Hall Monitor**	(P) Greg (A Trevor (V) Aaron Adrian Bakelaar	(P)Landon (A) Nathan (V) Tony Cliff Knip	(P) Eli (A) Adrian (V) Dan Yvonne VanSoest	(P) Clara (A) Job (V) Gerard Marian