



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday, November 17, 2024

Worship: 10am

Teacher: Pastor Jay Crossen

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

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

- * Call to Worship
- * Song: **How Great Thou Art** LUYH #553
- * God's Greeting
- * Song: **O God, You are my God** LUYH #743

God Renews Us in His Grace

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance

Celebration of Lord's Supper

Song: **I Need Thee Every Hour** LUYH #322

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Song: **He's Got the Whole World in His Hands** LUYH #26

Children aged 3 – Grade 6 are dismissed for Sunday School

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: **2 Corinthians 12:1-10**

Message: **What is your Flex?**

- * Song of Response: **In Christ Alone** LUYH #770

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 **Christian Schools**

Bursary Fund. Etransfers may be sent to ecrcgiving@gmail.com

Offertory: **Instrumental**

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

- * God's Sending and Blessing
- * Song: **What a Friend We Have in Jesus** LUYH #897

* 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.

Lord's Supper – We will celebrate Communion TODAY during our worship gathering.

Guest Preacher – On Sunday, November 24 we welcome Pastor Kevin DeRaaf to lead us in worship.

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 **Christian Schools Bursary Fund**

November 24: Deacons – Benevolence

December 1: Huron County Christmas Bureau

December 8: Community Table



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 still available. 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 to **Jake and Savannah Zantingh** who welcomed a healthy baby boy, **Zachary Jacob**, on Tuesday afternoon. All are well. God is good!

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

Council Highlights: Council met in regular session on Thursday evening, November 7

- Council learned they could sing. Our devotions consisted of a few songs selected from the hymn book.
- We accepted a membership transfer from Joe & Danielle Dykstra from Clinton. Welcome to Exeter CRC!
- Faith Formation reports all youth programs are up and running!
- Sunday School has a Christmas service planned for the 15th of December.
- Community stream is planning some events for the new year. Stay tuned!

Collections paid in October.

\$375 Deacons	\$3,994 Tuition Assistance	\$1,808 Resonate Global Missions
\$1,203 HCFDC	\$1,000 The Lighthouse Centre	\$908 Fellowship of Christian Farmers
\$4,265 Exeter Foodbank (Thanksgiving Offering)	\$1,000 Mississippi Christian Family Services	

Total Annual Budget: \$388,279

\$235,063 General Giving JAN-OCT **\$323,566** Budget JAN-OCT **(\$88,503)** Deficit JAN-OCT

Congregational Meeting: There will be a congregational meeting on Wednesday, November 27. We will review and accept the 2025 proposed budget. We also hope to approve names for a 5th deacon position and draw lots for our new deacon. As of publication of the bulletin we do not have two names confirmed, we hope to announce two candidates on Sunday morning. Packages with the budget and associated information are in your mail slots.

Men's Breakfast: We are planning a men's breakfast again for **Saturday Nov. 23rd from 8 - 9:30**. Come for some good food and fellowship. We will be having a speaker; his name is Dr. Tony Sarkis and he will be sharing his faith journey with us. Donations gladly accepted. Please RSVP to Pastor Jay or Mike Zandwyk.

Nursing Home Singers: Join us on Tuesday, November 19 at 6:45pm at Bluewater.

From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

HCS 37th Annual Auction: Join us for a fun and exciting evening on **Saturday, November 23 at 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:15 pm)** in the school gym. The auction booklet is now available—be sure to pick up your copy at the church Welcome Table! Inside, you'll find a great selection of items up for bid. To browse and start bidding on silent auction items, visit: <https://charityauction.bid/HCSAuction>. Silent bidding begins Thursday at 12:00 pm and ends Friday at 9:00 pm. Items can be picked up during the live event. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at auction@huronchristianschool.ca. We can't wait to see you there!

Celebrating 75 years of God's Faithfulness: The Clinton Christian Reformed Church is celebrating the goodness of God and His faithfulness over 75 years on **Sunday, November 17, 2024**. You are invited to join us in worship at **10:00 am** and for refreshments afterwards.

Fotocan Information Meeting this week Wednesday, November 13 @ 7:30PM at the Clinton Christian Reformed Church. This is for anyone interested in learning more about the Dominican Republic Missions Trip in February 2025. Questions? Contact Andy Uyl (text) 226 973 2343 or mandauyl@gmail.com.

Orphanage Service Trip Fundraising Breakfast: You are invited to come to a delicious breakfast on Saturday, November 30 at Huron Christian School from 8-10am. All the money raised will be used for projects being done by the 2025 Mission Teams. The cost is by donation. Come and bring your hungry family!

Family Outreach Ontario: Alcohol or drugs in your family or social circles? Get educated before you try to "fix" it. Family Outreach Ontario is available for speaking engagements in schools, churches etc. Visit us at www.familyoutreachontario.com or call 905-933-3994.

Dutch Christmas Hymn Sing: Immanuel CRC and Grace Community CRC invite you to a Nederlandse KERST SAMENZANG held on **Sunday December 15th** at **3pm** at **Grace Community CRC**, 70 Garner Road East in **Ancaster**. Put it in your calendar, and plan to join! For more information contact John VanderLaan at 905-648-3170 or Femke Visser-Elenbaas at visser.elenbaas@gmail.com.

Community Cookbook: The Huron County Ministerial has published their cookbook. Sales will benefit the Community Table. If you would like to order a cookbook for a minimum donation of \$10, please sign-up on the sheet on the Administrators office door.

REGIONAL INFORMATION EVENING ON SYNOD'S DECISIONS – Tuesday, November 26, 7:30-9:00pm, Clinton Christian Reformed Church (243 Princess St E). Recently words not in our daily vocabulary like overtures, HSR, gravamen, limited suspension, Synod 2024, disaffiliation, confessional status and more have take on some real significance in the CRC and in one way or another will have impact on CRC churches. At this information and discussion evening Pastor Ray and Nick Geleynse, Council Chair, from Clinton CRC will share a presentation that was well received by their congregation, regarding synod's recent major decisions and their potential impact.

This Week: November 17-23

<p><u>Sunday</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Worship: 10am ➤ Sunday School ➤ Catechism: Grades 7/8 	<p><u>Monday</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ GEMS: 7:00pm ➤ Christmas Choir: 7:30pm 	<p><u>Tuesday</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Youth Group: 7pm ➤ NHS: 6:45pm Bluewater 	<p><u>Wednesday</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 	<p><u>Thursday</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cadets: 7pm ➤ Praise Team Practice: 7:30pm 	<p><u>Friday</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Alpha: 6pm 	<p><u>Saturday</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Men's Breakfast: 8am
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SERVING SCHEDULE

	November 17	November 24	December 1	December 8
Elder	Joe Lubbers	Jason Mulder	George Poortinga	Gerard Steenbeek
Deacon	Connor VanSoest, Joy DeWeerd	Joy DeWeerd, Harry Knip	Harry Knip, Dianne Soer	Dianne Soer & Connor Van Soest
Coffee Clean-Up	Sandra Ducharme Harm & Jennifer Garritsen	Job & Laura Garritsen Al & Sylvia Heyink	Curtis & Cassidy Heyink Scott & Lisa Heyink	Greg & Kaitlyn Heyink Derek & Sylvia Hoonard
Greeters	Lori Triebner, Norma Vanderlaan	Jean Vanderlaan, Albert Hummel	Sam Vanderlaan, Yvonne Van Soest	Kathryn Langendyk, Anne Zwaan
Ushers	Al Heyink, Sylvia Hulshof	Harry Knip, Cliff Knip	Gerald Kodde, Colton Mulder	Joe Lubbers, Tim DeWeerd
Children's Storyteller	N/A	Bert Visscher	Teresa Buckman	Karen Knip
Nursery	Joanne Branderhorst, Amanda Desgagne	Yvonne Van Soest, Laura Garritsen, Sydney Lubbers	Kassidy Heyink, Sylvia Hulshof, Lily Den Hollander	
Sunday School	Joyce Pelley, Jody Mulder, Carly Ducharme, Bill Branderhorst, Joy DeWeerd	Joyce Pelley, Jody Mulder, Carly Ducharme, Bill Branderhorst, Joy DeWeerd	Joyce Pelley, Jody Mulder, Carly Ducharme, Bill Branderhorst, Joy DeWeerd	Joyce Pelley, Jody Mulder, Carly Ducharme, Bill Branderhorst, Joy DeWeerd