



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday, Dec 14, 2025

Worship: 10am

Pastor Jay Crossen

**Musicians: Steve and the Kids
Praise Team**

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

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

God's Greeting:

* Song **O Come O Come Emmanuel** LUYH # 61

God Renews Us In His Grace

Advent Litany

Advent Prayer

Song: **Go Tell it On The Mountain** LUYH # 93

Sunday School Program

Song: **Hope Has Come**

Christmas Readings:

Song: **Christmas Medley**

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

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

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Ruth 3

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

*Song: **Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming** LUYH # 79

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: South Coast Beach Project (SoCo)

Offertory **Instrumental**

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

*God's Sending and Blessing

*Song: **Joy To The World** LUYH # 92

* 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

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:

<u>Dec 21:</u>	Pastor Jay (Advent 4) Preparatory for Lord's Supper (and Candlelight Service 6 pm)
<u>Dec 25:</u>	Pastor Jay (Christmas)
<u>Dec 28:</u>	Pastor Jay (Lord's Supper)
<u>Jan 4:</u>	Pastor Jay (Baptism Ashlynn Heyink)

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 South Coast Beach Project (SoCo)



SOCO
Beach Project

<u>Dec 21:</u>	Food Grain Bank
<u>Dec 25:</u>	Mission Services of London
<u>Dec 28:</u>	The Common Plate

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 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

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.

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

Blue Christmas - There will be a Blue Christmas service Friday December 19, 2025, at 7pm at Exeter CRC hosted by the Exeter Ministerial (the local Exeter pastors working together). This collaborative service acknowledges that Christmas is not always so Jolly for everyone, and names the truth of the pain that many people carry around the holiday season and

BOA is taking tenders for both Landscaping and Custodial contracts. If you are interested in submitting a tender for either of these, please contact Rick Hulshof or Greg Langendyk for a copy of the mandate. Contract is for a 3-year term. Tenders must be submitted by Dec 19, 2025. Please send tenders to exetercrcboa@gmail.com

Collections Paid out in Oct 2025

Deacons	\$605.00
Resonate	\$1,756.45
World Renew	\$1,350.60
Fellowship of Christian Farmers	\$630.78
Huron Newcomers	\$1,060.65
Huron Turning Point	\$1,020.00
Total	\$6,423.48

Collections Paid out in Nov 2025

World Renew – World Hunger	\$3,912.30
Sanctuary London -	665.15
Exeter Food Bank	\$2,309.52
Children of the Promise	\$2,090.65
Deacons	\$2,637.20
Total	\$11,614.82

Candlelight Dec 21 @ 6pm: Please bring goodies to share.

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 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

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), Facebook (Young Adult Winter Retreat), or email us at ya.retreat.team@gmail.com

SOCO Beach Project Update: Calling all young adults - ages 18 (one year post highschool) to 29. Recruitment for this summer's SOCO 2026 has begun - and Jan 12, 2026, is the deadline for first consideration. Join in the fun of the year end Polar Bear Plunge Campaign - all proceeds strengthen SOCO's mission, opening the door for young adults to say "yes" to an enriching summer experience.

<https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-dec-11-8572843>

Thank you: we wanted to thank your congregation for their generous support of Huron Turning Point.

Classis Huron update:

In a special meeting on Monday evening, December 8, Classis Huron recognized Kitchener's Cornerstone CRC as an emerging congregation under the supervision of Stratford CRC.

This congregation is an offshoot of Kitchener's Community CRC.

Additionally, Classis committed itself to monitor and guide the ongoing relationships, shared ministry considerations, and emerging concerns in both churches.

Were all church separations conducted with the same care and faithfulness shown here, the witness of Christ's church to the watching world would be greatly strengthened.

Moreover, Classis pledged to evaluate its current Church Visitation program and work to enhance its ability to support the local churches.

Groundwork: Out of Darkness and into the Light - Turning on a light changes everything. What changes can we anticipate when Jesus brings his light to our world? Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 2:2-5, John 8:12-19, and John 12:44-50 to discover the significant effects we can expect the presence of the Light of the World to bring in our lives and our world. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Huron Christian School: We are thrilled to share that the online and live auctions, along with purchased advertising space and generous financial donations, raised over \$72,000! What a fantastic evening we had with our school community on November 22. A heartfelt thank you to all our donors, bidders, volunteers, and attendees 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.

The HCS Auction Committee

Join Classis Huron as Our Youth Ministry Leader!

Are you passionate about **equipping and inspiring youth ministry leaders**? Classis Huron is looking for a **Youth Ministry Consultant (YMC)** — a pastoral role (30 hrs/week) focused on **supporting, training, and encouraging youth leaders** in our congregations and Campus Ministries.

This is your chance to **shape vibrant discipleship pathways for youth and young adults**, build strong leader networks, and make a lasting impact in our churches.

What we're looking for:

- 3–5 years of youth ministry leadership experience
- Bachelor's in theology, ministry, or youth ministry (Master's preferred)
- Ordination/commissioning **preferred but not required**.
- Strong relational, leadership, and organizational skills

Deadline for applications: Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, so early applications are strongly encouraged. Applications will be received until the position is filled.

Start date: September 01, 2026

Applications or requests for further information may be sent to: jbrady@crcna.org. A full job description can be found on the [Youth Ministry](#) page on the Classis Huron website.

Be the **catalyst that strengthens youth ministry across Classis Huron!**

This Week Dec 14-20 2025						
<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship Sunday School age 3 to Grade 6 Sunday School Program Catechism Grade 7 & 8	<u>Monday</u> Choir 7:30 pm	<u>Tuesday</u> Praise Team Practice 7 pm NHS Bluewater 6:45 pm	<u>Wednesday</u> Deacons Meeting @ 7:30 pm Elders Meeting 7:30 pm	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u> Blue Christmas @ 7 pm	<u>Saturday</u>

SERVING SCHEDULE				
	Dec 14	Dec 21	Dec 25	Dec 28
Elder	Leo Weverink	Gerald Kodde	Jake Zantingh	Joe Lubbers
Deacon	Dianne & Marian	Marian & Joy	Joy & Anthony	Anthony & Dianne
Coffee Clean-Up	Scott & Lisa Derek & Sylvia	Greg & Kaitlyn Albert & Frances	Worship Committee	Rick & Linda Lucas & Rachel
Greeters	Anne Zwaan Sandra Newton	Jean Vanderlaan Wendy Westerik	Bert Visscher Sam Vanderlaan	Gerben & Ria Steenbeek
Ushers	Betty Toornstra & Joe Lubbers	Tim DeWeerd & George Poortinga	Sylvia Hulshoff & Jake Zantingh	Cliff Knip & Gerald Kodde
Children's Message	Sunday School Program	Bert	Teresa	N/A
Nursery	Amanda Desgagne, Curtis Heyink, Lily Denhollander	Marion deBoer, Savannah Zantingh, Angela Nyman	Danielle Dykstra, Jody Mulder, Sandra Ducharme	Jolene deBoer, Michelle Meinen, Wendy Stafford
Sunday School	Jolene deBoer, Sarah Mulder, Janelle Bouman, Tanya Steenbeek	Sunday School is only for 3,4- & 5- year-olds Lauren Hoonard , Keira Vanderlaan	No Sunday School	No Sunday School
Valet	Greg Langendyk	Tim DeWeerd	Teresa Buckman	Albert Hummel