



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday, Dec 28, 2025

Worship: 10am

Pastor Jay Crossen

Musicians: Steve

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

* Song **O Come All Ye Faithful** LUYH # 76

God's Greeting:

* Song **Go Tell it on the Mountain** LUYH # 93

God Renews Us In His Grace

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Song: **Joy to the World** LUYH # 96

Lord's Supper

Song: **What Feast of Love** LUYH # 96

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children (Dismissal age 3-4- and 5-year-olds only) for Sunday School

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11: 17-34

Message:

*Song: **O Worship the King** LUYH # 2

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: The Common Plate

Offertory **Instrumental**

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

*God's Sending and Blessing

*Song: **All People that on Earth Do Dwell** LUYH # 1

* 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 28:</u>	Pastor Jay (Lord's Supper)
<u>Jan 4:</u>	Pastor Jay (Baptism Ashlynn Heyink)
<u>Jan 11:</u>	Pastor Jay
<u>Jan 18:</u>	Timothy DeWeerd

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 Common Plate

<u>Jan 4:</u>	Therefore Go Ministry
<u>Jan 11:</u>	Mississippi Christian Family Services
<u>Jan 18:</u>	Deacons Benevolence
<u>Jan 25:</u>	John & Marian Vandermeer - Wycliffe

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.

Prayer Request: Jacob Hulshof fell and shattered his elbow in 5 places. He has had surgery. He has been in a lot of pain; we pray that God will heal him quickly and that his pain subsides.

Prayer Request: We continue to pray for Henry Post he is now home recovering. Make God grant him healing and peace during his recovery time.

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 January 6, 2026 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

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.

Young Adults (ages 18–35) are invited to go sledding at Morrison Dam on **Sunday, January 4, at 3:00 PM.** Kids are welcome to join! Whether you're eager to sled or simply join us for fellowship, we'd love to see you there. Please bring extra sleds if you have them. Coffee, hot chocolate, and Timbits will be provided. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Savannah Zantingh, Rachel Kaumanns, or Rachel Boersma. We look forward to a fun afternoon together—and stay tuned for the next Young Adults event on **Friday, January 30!**

Small Group Kickoff Soup Potluck: As we as a church begin our journey of growing into the spiritual disciplines together let's kickoff with a soup potluck after church on January 11. All are welcome whether part of a small group or not.

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: Read some reflections on Christmas Eve as we ponder God's breathtaking love and Mary's audacious yes to being part of his plan. 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. Still time to give to 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 - and have Willemina wade deeper into the icy waters of Lake Erie as part of Port Dover's New Year's Day Plunge. This week's newsletter:

<https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-december-24-8573141>

You're invited to worship: Over this Christmas/New Years season, you are invited to join us at the Clinton Christian Reformed Church in worshipping our glorious God on New Years Eve, Dec 31 at 7 pm and New Years Day, Jan 1 at 10 am. Childcare is provided at all services. On January 1, we will worship in our Fellowship Hall next to the childcare rooms, allowing parents to stay near their little ones while joining in worship. We are so very thankful for these opportunities to share the message of God's love and faithfulness during this season. We would love to see you!

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 are looking for:

- 3–5 years of youth ministry leadership experience
- Bachelors 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 28-Jan 3 2026						
<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship Sunday School age 3.4- & 5-year-olds only	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u> Young Adults 7-10 pm	<u>Saturday</u>

SERVING SCHEDULE				
	Dec 28	Jan 4	Jan 11	Jan 18
Elder	Joe Lubbers	Gerard Steenbeek	George Poortinga	Leo Weverink
Deacon	Anthony & Dianne	Dianne, Marian	Marian, Anthony	Dianne, Anthony
Coffee Clean-Up	Rick & Linda Lucas & Rachel	Cliff & Karen Cameron, Josh & Sarah	Gerald & Sharon Greg & Kathryn	Amy & Joe Bernie & Helen
Greeters	Gerben & Ria Steenbeek	Wibbina Toonk, Yvonne V.S.	Scott & Wendy Stafford	Norma V., Clarence T.
Ushers	Cliff Knip & Gerald Kodde	Al V., Colton M.	Tim D., Leo	Sylvia H., Anthony
Children’s Message	N/A	Leo W.	Karen K.	Joan B.
Nursery	Jolene deBoer, Michelle Meinen, Wendy Stafford	Tanya Steenbeek, Joe Dykstra, Leah Branderhorst	Sylvia Heyink, Laura Garritsen, Avery Mulder	Sylvia Hulshof, Lisa Heyink, Avery Poortinga
Sunday School	Sunday school only 3,4,5-year- olds Keira Vanderlaan	Joy DeWeerd, Sheila Vanderlaan, Danielle Dykstra, Kathryn Langendyk	Joy DeWeerd, Sheila Vanderlaan, Danielle Dykstra, Kathryn Langendyk	Joy DeWeerd, Sheila Vanderlaan, Danielle Dykstra, Kathryn Langendyk
Valet	Albert Hummel	Bill Branderhorst	Mike Zandwyk	