



# Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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**Sunday, January 16, 2022**

**10 AM Worship**

**Pastor: Kevin teBrake**

**Musicians: Eric, Rick, Ashley**

**God Gathers Us In His Presence**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship & Prayer**

**Song:** My Soul Finds Rest LUYH 370:1-3

**Prayer and Greeting**

**Song:** Be Thou My Vision LUYH 859:1-4

**God Renews Us in His Grace**

**Time of Confession and Assurance**

**Song:** Your Name LUYH 375

**God Speaks to Us Through His Word**

**Children's Message**

**Children's Song:** When We Walk With the Lord / Trust and Obey LUYH 327:1

**Scripture:** Joshua 14

**Sermon:** Claiming the Mountain in Faith

**Song:** By Faith

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

**Prayer of God's people**

**Offering:** For the second half of January the Deacons will be using your gifts to support WISH to be Home. E-transfers may be sent to [ecrcgiving@gmail.com](mailto:ecrcgiving@gmail.com)

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

**God's Sending & Blessing**

**Song:** How Great is Our God LUYH 574

\*LUYH stands for Lift Up Your Hearts (the red song book in the pews)

## Gathering for Worship

### Teaching Schedule:

**Sunday, January 16,** 10AM: Pastor Kevin continues with the book of Joshua.

**Sunday, January 23,** 10AM: Pastor Kevin leads in worship.

**Attendance:** Currently attendance at worship is restricted to 50% capacity, as per provincial guidelines, and we continue to physical distance and wear masks at all times when in the building. If you feel safe in re-gathering on Sunday morning, we will have room available in the sanctuary and chairs will be set up at a distance in the foyer.

*As always, if you feel unwell, we ask that you stay home. We trust that at the building or at home, our Lord will be worshipped, and his people will be strengthened in their faith.*

We continue to worship together as a community of God's people in-person and online through

**YouTube:** <https://bit.ly/3yYa4ze>

## From the Deacons

### January Offerings

For the second half of January the Deacons will be using your gifts to support **WISH to Be Home**, a division of Ark Aid Street Mission, located in London, Ontario. E-transfers may be sent to [ecrcgiving@gmail.com](mailto:ecrcgiving@gmail.com)



**WISH to be Home** is working towards being a community where people who recently experienced homelessness can find stabilization, reconnection, and home. Stabilization involves having a space where people can come in from the weather, receive regular meals, and feel a little less alone. WISH to Be Home also strives to be a place that facilitates reconnection - to family, friends, the legal system, and to medical care. Contributions will build the funds needed to run current programming and allow staff and residents together to find permanent housing solutions.

You can 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.



**MemberCare<sup>+</sup>** is a free counselling program for Exeter CRC members provided by 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.

**Norma Vanderlaan's** mother, Annie Boersma, passed away on Tuesday morning, January 11. We extend our condolences to Norma and Al and the family and pray for God's presence and comfort during this time.

**Bert Visscher** and his wife Wilma are in Florida and Bert has cellulitis in his foot. This causes concern and pain. Please remember him in prayer

**Council Prayer Request:** Pray for energy and passion to carry out the activities related to our time of visioning and to have wisdom and discernment in mapping out the next steps in finding a new Pastor.

**Continued prayer concerns:**

- **Rowan Otten** as he awaits a surgery date for his bladder and kidney
- **Lori Triebner** as she deals with post-concussion syndrome. She is thankful for prayers and support.
- **Bill Brady** as he continues to recover from heart issues. He will be off work 16-18 weeks.
- **Bode deBoer** and his stomach issues. Pray for easing of discomfort and that a cause of pain may be found.

### Nursery and Sunday School (ages 3-grade 6)

Nursery and Sunday School programs will be available during the church service for those parents who wish to participate. Children will be dismissed during the worship gathering. Faith Formation, Sunday School, and Nursery, with the support of Council, have developed a plan to safely care for your children.

NURSERY SCHEDULE		
DATE	ADULT	HELPER
January 16	Miranda Breukelman	Nadine Van Breda
January 23	Sarah Mulder	Sam Vanderlaan
January 30	Liv Jackson	Eli VanBreda

### Youth

**Youth Programs on Hold:** Listed below are the normally scheduled times for our youth programs. Due to Ontario moving back to a modified Stage 2 of the Covid reopening plan we have put all programming on hold until it is deemed safe to gather again. Please check here weekly or on the website calendar for any updates to the meeting schedule.

**GEMS:** Mondays – Girls Grade 4-8 (7-8:30pm) – ON HOLD

**YOUTH:** Tuesdays – Teens Grade 9-12 (7-9pm) – ON HOLD

**CADETS:** Thursdays – Boys Grade 4-8 (7-8:30pm) – ON HOLD

### Exeter CRC Announcements

**Note from BOA:** In light of the recent announcement from the province, effective Wednesday January 5th, the church will be closed with the exception of Sunday service and praise team practice. Please contact Heather at [bulletin@exetercrc.on.ca](mailto:bulletin@exetercrc.on.ca) for zoom links.

### **Council Highlights from our Zoom Meeting on January 5, 2022**

- The 4-month training transition from Vice to Chair is complete with Dan Vanderlaan and Tim DeWeerd switching roles, Dan is now the acting Chair of Council.
- Motion was passed to approve the January 9th baptism of Daxton deBoer, infant son of Aaron and Jolene.
- We happily welcomed the membership of Wendy Westrick into our fold.
- Church closure was discussed as we are continuing to follow Ontario Health guidelines
  - All weekday meetings are cancelled at the church
  - Sunday morning church services are still open to all
  - Sunday School is also able to continue to meet safely on Sunday Mornings
- Congregational meeting has been set for January 26
  - Agenda will be circulated a week prior
  - Items being discussed at the congregational meeting
    - Ignite 22 – Theme ‘Dare to Dream’ update
    - New Governance model update
    - Financial update
    - Pastor Kevin’s departure update
- At 10pm we had passed our allowable screen time for the day, so the meeting was adjourned.

**Library News:** Are you looking for interesting ways to pass the long, cold winter? The library has several challenging puzzles to loan out, anywhere from 500 – 2000 pieces with pictures of beautiful landscapes, flowers and other fun pictures. What a great way to spend some indoor time!

**Mark your Calendars:** There will be a congregational meeting on **January 26, 2022, at 7pm**. A financial update will be provided as well as information on the new governance model, the Ignite 22 program and plans as we look to the future and Pastor Kevin’s departure.

**Banner:** Copies of the January Banner magazine arrived this week and are available for pick-up in the basket outside the office.

### **From the CRCNA and the Broader Community**

**Huron Christian School (HCS)** invites applications for part-time grade 2 term position, effective March 21, 2022- June 2022. If you are an OCT qualified, Christian educator who is passionate about sharing your love for God and discovering the wonder of His creation with children, we would like to hear from you. If you would like to become part of a school community that is growing, and is still enjoying newly renovated building, please submit your cover letter, resume, statement of faith, philosophy of Christian education, along with three references (professional, personal and pastoral) electronically to the attention of the principal, Mr. Michael Huizenga at [principal@huronchristianschool.ca](mailto:principal@huronchristianschool.ca). Receipt of all applications will be acknowledged, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Closes February 25, 2022

**January Series 2022** - Coming this January for the 35th year, Calvin University presents the January Series 2022 – the award winning free liberal arts education delivered in 15 weekly, lunchtime lectures. This year the series begins on January 10 and continues weekdays through January 28 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Viewing options include attending the live presentations on Calvin’s campus, attending simulcast presentations at over 50 remote sites across the continent, or watching digitally on demand each day until midnight on your own device. For all the details visit [www.calvin.edu/january](http://www.calvin.edu/january)

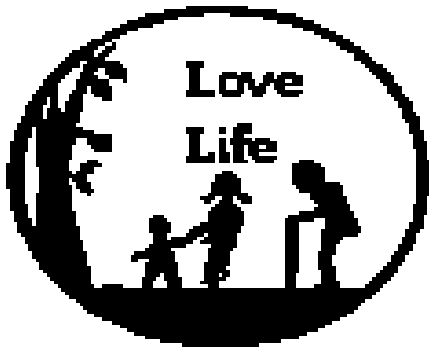
**Camp Shalom Summer Staff** - Working at Camp Shalom has been life-changing for so many people. Grow in your faith, meet great new friends, make a meaningful impact on other people and earn money for your future. Located just outside of Cambridge, Camp Shalom offers programming for kids in grades 1-12 and for adults with special needs. We are now accepting applications for our summer staff positions. All positions are paid and you must be 16 years old before Dec. 31st, 2022 to apply. Visit [www.countrysidecamp.com](http://www.countrysidecamp.com) to apply and for a list of available positions.

**Christian Stewardship Services** - Is there a charity close to your heart that you would love to see thrive for years to come? Christian Stewardship Services is hosting open Q&A sessions every week this winter to answer all of your questions on charitable giving and estate planning. Explore the topics and register on our website at: <https://csservices.ca/winter-conversations-series/>.

Each session will have a 10 minute introduction, and then an interactive Q&A. The first four topics are: Multiplying your Gift, Pets, Life Insurance, adding a Charity Child, and Cryptocurrency.

**CRCNA Canada - Please Pray** - On Saturday, January 29, 2022, delegates, the Canada CRCNA staff, and Canada Corp members will gather online to converse together about how we can grow deeper into God's mission in our Canadian context. The primary hope is that we might emerge from this Canadian Catalytic Conversation with some clarity on what structure might help CRCNA ministry in Canada flourish. In the readings and conversations, those gathered will hear about some of the related opportunities and challenges. Each Classis has been invited to designate 4 delegates to participate in this Canada-wide event. Please pray for our denominational staff, board members, organizing team, classes, and churches as together we seek God's guidance for the CRCNA within its Canadian context.

**World Renew - Disaster Response for BC Flooding** - On Nov. 14-15, vast areas of the lower Fraser River flooded; the rebuild will likely be measured in years. The Gateway CRC sprang into action right away to support flood victims, and also helped to form the Abbotsford Disaster Response Coalition. This group is partnering with World Renew's Disaster Response Services to make a long-term impact on flood-ravaged lives. Donations can be made to the work of this coalition through World Renew (send a cheque with Abbotsford Disaster Response Coalition in the memo line).



**Why should I be a pro-life member?**

1. When pro-life groups approach government, the greater the number of voters represented, the greater the government listens.
2. Your membership dollars contribute to your local group's advertising on Facebook, billboards, newspapers, radios, and websites.
3. To offer emotional support to leaders in the pro-life movement who may be feeling drained at times.
4. To protect the lives of the vulnerable: the preborn, the disabled, and the elderly.
5. To make your voice heard.

**Wingham and District Right to Life** is now selling memberships for 2022. You may e-transfer the money to [winghamrighttolife@gmail.com](mailto:winghamrighttolife@gmail.com). Membership money may also be mailed to Wingham and District Right to Life, c/o Mrs. Lorraine Clugston, P. O. Box 1001, Wingham, N0G 2W0. Family memberships are \$20 and single persons are \$10. Thank you for supporting the pro-life movement in this area.