



# Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

**10 AM Worship**

**Pastor: Kevin teBrake**

**Musicians: Miranda, Ashley, Rick, Sylvia,  
Marian**

## God Gathers Us In His Presence

Welcome

Call to Worship & Prayer

Prayer and Greeting

Song: Here I Am to Worship LUYH 567

## God Renews Us in His Grace

Call to Confession

Responsive Prayer of Confession

Song: Lift Up Your Hearts Unto the Lord LUYH 844

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Response of Thanksgiving: A Prayer of Praise LUYH 686

## God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Song: My God is So Big

Scripture: Ephesians 1:1-14

Video Message: The Mystery Made Known (Rev. Dr. Joel Kok, Covenant CRC, Sioux Centre, Iowa)

Song: Come, Holy Ghost LUYH 232

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

Prayer of God's people

Offering: For the first half of January the Deacons will be using your gifts to support **World Renew**. 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: Words of Hope

God's Blessing

Song: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow LUYH 965

## Gathering for Worship

### Teaching Schedule:

**Sunday, January 2, 2022** – 10:00 AM – On this first Sunday of the “new year” we celebrate hope and promises in 2022. We join with several other Christian Reformed Churches in North America listening to a video sermon prepared by Rev. Joel Kok on Ephesians 1:1-14 – The Mystery Made Known. We also celebrate the Lord’s Supper on this first Sunday of this new year.

On Sunday, January 2, we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper as the community of the saints. We are reminded what God has done for us through his son, Jesus Christ. And together we respond in faith, hope and love. May this be meaningful and God glorifying for those worshipping in person and on line.

- For those worshipping online, please prepare the bread and the cup for those who are present with you.
- For those worshipping in person, gluten free bread and grape juice will be provided. Please be assured that the bread and the cup will be prepared and served in a safe way.

May the Lord be blessed and his people be strengthened through this sacrament and worship.

**Sunday, January 9** – 10AM – Pastor Kevin continues with the series from 2021 on the book of Joshua. We also celebrate God’s faithfulness and promises through the baptism of Daxton, son to Aaron & Jolene deBoer.

**Attendance:** We continue to physical distance and wear masks and we are no longer restricted to a specific capacity at worship services. 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

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**World Renew** is compelled by God's deep passion for justice and mercy, joining communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation. World Renew embraces a family-centred approach to ending global poverty with food security, peace and justice, financial stability and health. They join families in more than 30 developing countries and change global

hunger, poverty, and illness. World Renew also works in 30 countries responding to both natural disasters and civil unrest. With partner organizations, they provide for displaced families and invest in local economies to help rebuild communities and renew hope, bringing long-term stability for future storms.

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.

**Lori Triebner** is greatly encouraged and thankful for the prayers offered on her behalf as she deals with post-concussion syndrome. It may be a long road to recovery but being a part of this community of faith helps to sustain her daily.

**Bill Brady**, the son of Dave and Joan was able to come home before Christmas to be with his family. He is in good spirits and adjusting well to his recovery process. The entire family is blessed by your prayers.

**Bode deBoer**, son of Nathan and Stefani continues to suffer from stomach pain for unknown reasons. Please pray for Bode, his parents and the doctors, that discomfort may be relieved and a cause for the pain may be found.

**Council Prayer Request:** Continue to pray for our council as we work through our Visioning exercise and that we continue to move forward to ascertain our purpose and grow this mission for God as Exeter CRC.

## 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 2	Darren Bouman	Sophia Buckman
January 9	Lisa Heyink	Leah Branderhorst
January 16	Miranda Breukelman	Nadine Van Breda

## Youth

**GEMS:** Mondays – Girls Grade 4-8 (7-8:30pm) **GEMS will meet again on January 10, 2022**

**YOUTH:** Tuesdays – Teens Grade 9-12 (7-9pm) **Youth Group will meet again on January 11 at the church at 7:00 pm.**

**CADETS:** Thursdays – Boys Grade 4-8 (7-8:30pm) **Cadets will resume meeting on January 13, 2022**

## Exeter CRC Announcements

**Budget Envelopes:** As we begin 2022, some of you will find new budget envelopes in your mail slots. Please begin to use these envelopes for 2022 and discard any old envelopes you may have at home. For those of you on the Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) system, you will not have been issued budget envelopes. For members that have started on the PAR system in 2020 and 2021, you will find a letter in your mailslot with your PAR number. You will be able to use this number for all of your contributions. If you have any questions, please contact Marian de Boer by email [marian.deboer@syfilco.on.ca](mailto:marian.deboer@syfilco.on.ca) or call 519-235-1822.

### **NIV Bibles and LUYH Songbooks**

The worship committee is excited to share that songbooks and Bibles have returned to the pews. It does bring some normalcy back into these uncertain times. You may notice that the colours and versions have changed. Our church has purchased the most recent songbook from the CRCNA called "Lift Up Your Hearts" (LUYH). This book includes both traditional and contemporary songs. Our church has also purchased the most recent version of the New International Version Bibles. A big thank you to the group of youth who unpacked the books and distributed them into the pews!! May we be blessed in using these to bring worship and glory to God.

**Reminder from Board of Administration:** Please wear masks at all times in the church. All meetings must be booked through the office at [bulletin@exetercrc.on.ca](mailto:bulletin@exetercrc.on.ca) to avoid overlap. As the church is being used more we are finding that there are missing items such as chairs, tables, trays, etc. If you are borrowing items from the church, please return as soon as possible. Please also notify the office if you are borrowing an item. Please report any damage before using. Thanks for your cooperation.

## From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

**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)