



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday, January 9, 2022

10 AM Worship

Pastor: Kevin teBrake

Musicians: Janece, Amy, Tara, Al

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Welcome & Responsive Call to Worship

Song: He Knows My Name LUYH 339

Prayer & Greeting

Song: My Jesus, I Love Thee LUYH 366

God Speaks to Us Through the Sacrament and Celebration of Baptism

Baptism of Daxton Henry deBoer

Song: Forever LUYH 578

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message

Song: He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Scripture: Joshua 10:1-15

Sermon: God Acts and so Do We

Prayer

Song: Goodness of God

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Prayer of Application and Prayers 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

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

God's Sending & Blessing

Song: Go, My Children, with My Blessing LUYH 946

Gathering for Worship

Teaching Schedule:

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

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

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-centered 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. Please state in the memo the cause(s) you are supporting.



MemberCare* is a free counselling program for Exeter CRC members provided by 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.

Rowan Otten, 2 ½ year old grandson of Arend and Cheri continues to have kidney problems. He was scheduled for surgery on his kidney and bladder on January 5 but that has been postponed. Please pray that his surgery is rescheduled as soon as possible after the ban is lifted.

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 is home. 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 9	Lisa Heyink	Leah Branderhorst
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

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.

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 for zoom links.

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 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.

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 mail slot 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 or call 519-235-1822.

From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

Faith Practices Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Engaging Scripture: Read Deuteronomy 11:18-20 and ponder or discuss the following questions. This passage envisions a community that is shaped and guided

by God's Word—one in which God's people keep God's Word continually in front of themselves and pass it on to others. How do the Christian communities you are a part of (such as family, friends, church, other groups) live out God's commands in this passage? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

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

Show the World - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Have you ever grumbled? Say the word "grumble" a couple of times. Most likely, it will make your eyebrows crease and your mouth turn to a frown. In Philippians 2, Paul wrote to a church telling them to do everything without grumbling or arguing. How do we do that? Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.