



# Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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**Sunday, March 19, 2023**

**Worship: 10am**

**Teacher: Vicki Cok**

**Musician: Eric, Debilyn,  
Marian, Al, Sylvia**

**Elder of the Day: Kevin Mulder    Deacon of the Day: Leo Weverink**

**God Gathers Us in His Presence**

Words of Welcome

- \* Call to Worship
- \* Song: **Ten Thousand Reasons** LUYH #559
- \* God's Greeting
- \* Song: **How Deep the Father's Love for Us**

**God Renews Us in His Grace**

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance

Song: **Nearer Still Nearer** LUYH #659

**God Speaks to Us Through His Word**

Children's Message

Children's Song: **I Love You Lord**

Children's Dismissal to Sunday School

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: **John 3: 1-7**

Sermon: **More than a Soundbite**

Song: **There's a Wideness in God's Mercy / I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace**  
LUYH #689/690

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

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: This week the Deacons will be using your gifts to support the **Huron County Foodbank Distribution Centre**. Etransfers may be sent to  
[ecrcgiving@gmail.com](mailto:ecrcgiving@gmail.com)

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

- \* God's Sending and Blessing
- \* Song: **Go Now in Peace**

\*Indicates to please stand if you are able

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

**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.

### Gathering for Worship

#### **Teaching Schedule:**

**Sunday, March 19, 10am:** We welcome Pastor Vicki Cok, pastor of Waterloo CRC. It is the fourth Sunday in Lent.

**Sunday, March 26, 10am:** We welcome Pastor George Lubbers. It is the fifth Sunday in Lent

**Sunday, April 2, 10am:** Pastor Rick DeGraaf, retired pastor from Maranatha CRC in Cambridge will lead us in worship. It is a preparatory Sunday for the Lord's Supper and the sixth Sunday in Lent.

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.

**Coffee Servers:** We will continue to serve coffee after our Sunday worship service. We will be using ceramic mugs and invite members of the congregation to serve and clean-up. If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please switch with someone else on the list. The coffee servers schedule for is posted here:

March 19 Sandra DuCharme, Harm and Jennifer Garritsen, Job Garritsen

March 26 Al & Sylvia Heyink, Scott & Lisa Heyink

April 2 Curtis & Cassidy Heyink, Derek & Sylvia Hoonard

### From the Deacons



The offering this Sunday and the week ahead is for the **Huron County Foodbank Distribution Centre**

#### **Upcoming Collections:**

**March 26, 2023:** To be scheduled.

**April 2, 2023:** World Renew – Refugee Sunday

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.

**Due to more online giving by e-transfer, the Deacons have decided to once again receive the Sunday morning offering as you exit the sanctuary after the service.**



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

**Tammy Scott**, sister to Chris Scott has passed away, pray for comfort and peace as this young family mourns in the loss of a mother, grandmother, and sister.

**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.**

## Nursery (ages 0-2) 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. The Education Committee, Sunday School, and Nursery, with the support of Council, have developed a plan to safely care for your children.

NURSERY SCHEDULE					
DATE	ADULT	HELPER	DATE	ADULT	HELPER
March 19	Liv Jackson Lisa Heyink	Melanie Langendyk	April 7	Volunteers	
March 26	Ann Zwaan Anthony Nyman		April 9	Darren Bouman Kennedy Boersma	Jenelle Vanderlaan
April 2	Kathryn Langendyk Marg Knip		April 16	Sarah Mulder Joanne Boersma	

## GEMS, Cadets, Youth Group

**GEMS** will meet this week on Monday night at 7pm

**Youth Group** will meet this week on Tuesday night at 7pm

**Cadets** will meet this week on Thursday night at 7pm

## Exeter CRC Announcements

**Mixed Choir** will NOT meet on Monday, March 20. Join the choir again for practices on March 27 and April 3 at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary for practice.

**Music for Missions:** Special Event: SERVE 2023 has 18 willing and eager participants from our Youth group heading out this summer. SERVE has impacted many people's lives in this congregation, both young and old alike. The Worship committee along with our Youth would like to present for you an evening of Musical Talent in singing, dance, instruments, or something in sign language, testimonies, a favorite poem. We would love to hear from you if you would like to participate in this evening of community and support (financial or otherwise) to our youth! It is your time to SHINE! April 30th, 6 pm right here at the church. Please speak to Maria Bakelaar or Sharon Kodde for more information or to sign up.



**South Huron Community Band Concert:** Please join us for an evening of fun and music as Friendship hosts the South Huron Community Band on Thursday, March 30/23 at the Exeter CRC. Doors open at 7:00pm. After the concert, there will be fellowship and refreshments in the gym. Everyone is Welcome!

**FROM THE BOA:**

**New FOB Access System:** BOA is in the process of switching church access from keys to a FOB system. If you currently have a key and require access or require access because of your activities within our church, please contact Rick Hulshof to arrange the exchange of your key for a FOB. Soon BOA will be having the doors re-keyed so your current keys will not work.

**Scheduled church access:** It is possible to have the entrance door remotely unlocked. We do ask that if you need to have the church opened that you do it as was normally done in the past. Please schedule this in advance through our custodians.

**Volunteer Copier:** A new black and white copier has been added to the education wing resource room. We hope that our musicians and other program volunteers will find this helpful. We ask that if you use the last of the supplies, or if they are running low to please let administration know so replacements can be ordered.

**Nursing Home Singers:** No Nursing Home Singers this week due to an outbreak at Bluewater. Next week (28th) we are at the Exeter Villa.

**From the CRCNA and the Broader Community**

**Invitation to Leaders:** We are inviting those in a leadership role from the surrounding churches to an evening of discussion at Vanastra CRC on Wednesday, March 29 at 6:30 pm. (Supper will be provided.) If you play an active leadership role in a ministry at your church (Gems/Cadets, Bible study, worship team, community life, safe church, etc.) consider joining us as we brainstorm and discuss volunteerism, curriculum and problem-solving. Contact Michelle: 519.525.5809

**Huron Christian School:** On March 31, 2023 from 7:30-10:00pm, Huron Christian School will be hosting a 'Coffee House Social' evening in the school gym with music and food. A free will offering will be held at the door and go towards our Special Needs Fund. This will be a wonderful evening spent together with our school community. If you have any questions please email the fundraising committee at [fundraising@huronchristianschool.ca](mailto:fundraising@huronchristianschool.ca) or the school office at [office@huronchristianschool.ca](mailto:office@huronchristianschool.ca).

**SOCO Beach Project Update:** Join the fun in showering the SOCO home with household items. Check out the registry. Give a gift. For any gift over \$25 - your name is put in the ***SOCO Get-Away Giveaway - an overnight stay in Port Dover.*** Details in this week's newsletter. And limited space is still available for SOCO '23. Email your application ASAP! Newsletter link: <https://mailchi.mp/0243c12cc262/soco-update-march-1-23>

**Inspirational Women's Conference:** Ladies, you're invited to attend the Inspirational Women's Conference! The theme for this year is I Belong... Completely and Forever. In Christ, we belong (Romans 12:5). All women are welcome, and you are encouraged to share this with someone who is exploring the Christian faith. Mark your calendar on April 29th, 2023, 9:00am - 3:30pm (Eastern Time), at Compass Point Bible Church in Burlington, Ont. Registration is required. Lunch and refreshments are included. For more details about speakers and to register, go to [www.inspirationalwomen.ca](http://www.inspirationalwomen.ca)

**Ready, Set, Alphabet:** Is your child ready for Junior Kindergarten in the fall? Ready, Set, Alphabet! is a 6-week program for children turning 4 in 2023. Through engaging devotions, arts and crafts, worship, games and stories, your child will be challenged to begin an exciting and life-long journey of reading and writing. This program will take place at the Huron Christian School on Thursdays beginning April 6, 2023. The cost is \$60. Morning and afternoon sessions are available. Call or email the school to register! 519-482-7851 or [office@huronchristianschool.ca](mailto:office@huronchristianschool.ca)

**Wingham and District Right to Life** invites you to join us in celebrating our 47th year! We will be hosting our annual dinner at the Wingham Columbus Centre, Wednesday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for students. We are excited to have guest speaker Cindy joining us! Through her personal testimony, she will be sharing about Hope and Healing after an Abortion. Purchase tickets by contacting a board member from your parish (Kathy Waechter, Marilyn VanHeesh, Anna Menkveld, Lorraine Clugston, Sonya Wubs, Darby Kikkert, T'Miika Sjaarda, by calling president Brenda Sjaarda (519-440-2744), or sending us an email: ([winghamrighttolife@gmail.com](mailto:winghamrighttolife@gmail.com)). Tickets must be ordered before April 24, 2023.

**Benevolence and Refugee Workshop:** Are you interested in learning more about Benevolence and refugees? You are invited to come and join the deacons of Classis Huron for a day of learning. In the morning we will be hosting a workshop, *Helping Without Hurting*, led by Mark Vanderwees from Diaconal Ministries Canada. You will learn to explore ways to alleviate poverty without hurting those less fortunate. In the afternoon we have two streams: one led by World Renew staff on *Refugee Sponsorship*. Your church can participate in sponsoring refugees, even if you are not ready to host your own refugee family. The second stream is a *Sharing Your Ideas for Diaconates*, led by Jane Vander Velden. Find out what other diaconates are doing in their churches and communities. This exciting event is scheduled for April 15, 9:00 am at the Drayton CRC. A fee of \$10 is requested for lunch. For pre-registration, by April 11, go to <https://forms.gle/AmwAsEddxzPDmy79>. If you have any questions, you can contact Jane Vander Velden([janevandervelden5318@mail.com](mailto:janevandervelden5318@mail.com)), or Mary Blydorp ([mblydorp@sympatico.ca](mailto:mblydorp@sympatico.ca)).