



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday, March 26, 2023

Worship: 10am

Teacher: Pastor George Lubbers

Musician: Steve

Elder of the Day: Tony DeBoer Deacon of the Day: Harry Knip

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

- * Call to Worship
- * God's Greeting
- * Song: **God of Wonders** LUYH #4

God Renews Us in His Grace

Prayer of Confession

Song: **Give Us Clean Hands** LUYH #628

God's Assurance

Song: **How Great is our God** LUYH #574

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message

Children's Song: **Ho Ho Ho Hosanna**

Children's Dismissal to Sunday School

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: **John 21: 1-19**

Sermon: **The Grace to Grow**

Song: **How Deep the Father's Love**

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 **World Renew**

Disaster Relief – Turkey/Syria Earthquake, Etransfers may be sent to

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 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.

Friday, April 7, 10am: We will hold our annual Good Friday service led by the Worship Committee.

Sunday, April 9, 10am: Pastor Kevin DeRaaf will lead our EASTER SUNDAY morning service. We will also celebrate the Lord's Supper.

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 26	Al & Sylvia Heyink, Greg26-Ma & Lisa Heyink
April 2	Curtis & Cassidy Heyink, Derek & Sylvia Hoonard
April 9	Rick & Sylvia Hulshof, Albert & Frances Hummel

From the Deacons



The offering this Sunday and the week ahead is for the **World Renew Disaster Relief – Turkey/Syria Earthquake**

Upcoming Collections:

April 2, 2023: World Renew – Refugee Sunday

April 7, 2023: Deacons – Benevolence

April 9, 2023: Resonate Global Mission

You can respond with your offering by e-transfer to 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⁺ 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.

John Beimers had a fall on Wednesday, March 15 and was admitted to Brantford Hospital suffering from lacerations and broken bones. He has since been released from the hospital and is recovering. The fall was caused by a fainting spell and the doctors are following up. John and Anne are back up north and would like to thank everyone for their prayers and concerns. Please continue to pray.

Renio Wiltz will be admitted to hospital for surgery on March 31. Please pray for a successful outcome and a speedy recovery.

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 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	
April 7	Volunteers		April 23	Teresa Buckman Kassidy Heyink	

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

Council Highlights: The council met in February and March but has neglected to report to the congregants till now. A few items which we have discussed and are continuing to work on:

1. Upcoming nominations....yes it is that season again and we ask for you to please help us out. Talk to a council member and let them know that you would love to have a term on council, or if not so bold volunteer another member whom you believe to have a heart for the church and ask them if you can bring their name to council. It would be wonderful to have a full slate of names for both deacon and elder.
2. Council has passed its revised playbook for the next year with the current goal being to 'Focus on re-building church community for all generations'. Talk to a council member for more information.
3. Harry Knip and Clarence Toornstra attended the last classis meeting ask them about this always riveting experience.
4. Council partook in the CRC's next steps program for Challenging Discussions. It was a full night of learning and we are now discussing what the take away's will be from this meeting.
5. Prayer requests....we ask the church (this is you) to pray for:
 - a. A Minister.... Gosh a humble leader would be a great gift for our church
 - b. New council members We are a group of church loving folk, prayerfully consider this ministry.
 - c. Wisdom as we navigate the Human Sexuality Report

Family Skate Night GEMS is hosting this event on Friday, April 14, 2023, 6:30-7:30pm at the South Huron Arena.

Mixed Choir will meet on Monday, March 27, and April 3 at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary for practice.



Music for Missions:

What impact did SERVE or SWIM (if you know you know) have on your life? Are you willing to share and tell? April 30 — Music for Missions: Special Event is happening right here at the church. The youth need \$10000 to go to Muskegon, Mi, July 8-15. Do you have a special talent you would be willing to share for this evening's event? Please connect with Sharon Kodde (youth) or Maria Bakelaar (Worship Committee)

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, 2023 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 will be at the Exeter Villa this week at 7pm.

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 or the school office at 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 are 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

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

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), or Mary Blydorp (mblydorp@sympatico.ca).

Will Clinic: Gain peace of mind and answers to your charitable giving and estate questions by participating in Christian Stewardship Services' upcoming Partner Community Will Clinic! You can support your church or learn more about some our [Partner Charities](#) and others. As we present these across the country, this April's live events are April 5th [in Chatham](#) and April 17th [in Barrhaven, ON](#). No matter where you live, right across the country, you can join our Online Partner Community Will Clinic presentation on April 5th 8:30pm EST. Register [HERE](#) for the online will clinic.