



# Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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**Sunday, March 5, 2023**

**Worship: 10am**

**Teacher: Pastor Bart Eisen**

**Musician: Steve**

**Elder of the Day: Al Heyink**

**Deacon of the Day: Harry Knip**

## God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

- \* Call to Worship
- \* God's Greeting
- \* Song: **Shout to the Lord** LUYH #603

## God Renews Us in His Grace

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance

Song: **Just As I Am** LUYH #627 V 1-4

## God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message

Children's Song: **This Little Light of Mine** V 1-3

Children's Dismissal to Sunday School

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: **Matthew 7: 1-12**

Sermon: **False Judgements and Attitudes**

Song: **Mighty to Save** LUYH #611 V 1-2

## 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 Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Etransfers may be sent to [ecrcgiving@gmail.com](mailto:ecrcgiving@gmail.com)

Offertory: **He Will Hold Me Fast**

## God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

- \* God's Sending and Blessing
- \* Song: **My Friends May You Grow in Grace** LUYH #938

\*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 12, 10am:** We welcome Pastor Peter Tuininga of Smithville and former pastor of Exeter CRC. It is the third Sunday in Lent.

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

**Sunday, March 19, 10am:** We welcome Pastor George Lubbers. It is the Fifth 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 5	Eric & Debilyn DenHollander, Ron & Rolinda deRuiter
March 12	Mike & Amanda Desgagne, Tim & Joy DeWeerd
March 19	Sandra DuCharme, Harm and Jennifer Garritsen, Job Garritsen

## From the Deacons

The offering this Sunday and the week ahead is for **World Renew: Canadian Foodgrains Bank**

### **Upcoming Collections:**



**March 12, 2023:** Christian School Bursary Fund

**March 19, 2023:** Huron County Foodbank Distribution Centre

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

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 starting March 5.



**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.

**Adrian, Maria, Derek and Sharon Bakelaar** would like to thank you for your love, prayers and support over the last several weeks of Dad's life and passing into glory. We have deeply felt the love of this church community. Thank You.

**Tammy Scott**, sister to Chris Scott has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer, pray for freedom from pain and peace as she comes to terms with this and gets her plans in place.

**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 5	Sylvia Heyink Angela Nyman	Kennedy Boersma	March 26		
March 12	Yvonne Van Soest Sarah Van Breda	Jenelle Vanderlaan	April 2		
March 19	Liv Jackson Lisa Heyink	Melanie Langendyk	April 7		

## GEMS, Cadets, Youth Group, Young Adults

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

**Youth** will meet again on Tuesday night at 7pm

**Cadets** will meet and practice for Cadet-o-rama at 7pm

## Exeter CRC Announcements

**Mixed Choir:** All are welcome to join the mixed choir as we practice for the upcoming Good Friday service. Practices will be Monday evenings at 7:30 starting Monday, February 27. Questions? Contact Sylvia Heyink.

### **Nursing Home Singers**

When: Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Where: Exeter Villa

Why: to praise God with our voices, to bring joy to our local Seniors, and to sing some of our/their favourite hymns

Reminders: Two vaccinations required. Test at home and bring it with you that evening.

Questions? Talk to Betty Toornstra

**Books and Puzzles:** Does the winter seem to drag on? Come to the library for some good books. We also have a nice variety of jigsaw puzzles for a variety of ages. Pick one up to challenge yourself or puzzle with the kids or grandkids.

### From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

**2023 Inspirational Women's Conference:** Plans are underway, and registration is open for the next conference, so we hope you'll mark your calendars and join us for another day of contemporary worship, great teaching, food, and fellowship. Saturday, April 29 with more details to follow. Link for registration is here: <https://globalcoffeebreak.org/womensconference>

**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.

**COLOSSIAN FORUM WORKSHOP:** Can you imagine if it was possible to reframe conflict to be an opportunity rather than a disruption? Or to remain in Christian fellowship even through deep disagreement? What if there existed a framework to help communities engage their most divisive conflicts faithfully? On **March 25, 2023, from 9:00am - 1:00pm**, London Christian High will be hosting The Colossian Forum, an organization based out of Grand Rapids Michigan, that views conflict as an opportunity to walk faithfully alongside Jesus' promise that, "*He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together (Colossians 1:17).*" The Colossian Forum training offers a helpful framework for approaching conflict and division, equipping Christians to navigate the process of conflict management in a way that models Christ. We are excited to invite our supporting community to join in this workshop for this training; we would love to see ALL our parent community join us! The content is appropriate for all Christians who desire to glorify God as they navigate conflict and division in a healthy way. Visit [www.colossianforum.org](http://www.colossianforum.org) if you are curious about this organization! The cost of this workshop is \$40 per person, lunch provided. Space is limited so we encourage everyone to respond early and RSVP on the registration form on our website ([www.lchonline.ca](http://www.lchonline.ca)). Payments can be made in person at the event or via e-transfer to [finance@lchonline.ca](mailto:finance@lchonline.ca). Please be sure to include 'Colossian Forum' in the payment note. Please reach out to Jacky Dieleman if you have any questions...and feel free to spread the word and invite your friends!

**2023 World Day of Prayer** (WDP) Join together as we celebrate the theme: *I Have Heard About Your Faith* (Ephesians 1:15-19). The women of Taiwan prepared the service this year. We are encouraged to reflect on the changes and challenges faced by that country as the citizens evolve amidst struggles for independence internationally. Regardless of changes, women in Taiwan remain somewhat oppressed and encounter many challenges in gender equality both politically and in the labour market.

Everyone is invited to view the fifty-five-minute WDP service video. Some may choose to gather as a small group over coffee and snacks. The video was prepared by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada and is available at [World Day of Prayer 2023 Taiwan - YouTube](#). Join in solidarity with over 1000 communities across Canada for World Day of Prayer.