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Sunday, July 31, 2022

10 AM Worship

Stan Pucklicz

Musicians: Steve, Marian, Al

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Song: Gather Us In LUYH #529

God's Greeting

Song: Cornerstone

God Renews Us In His Grace

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance

Song: They'll Know We Are Christians LUYH #256

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message

Children's Song: Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah

Children age 3, 4, & 5 are dismissed for Sunday School

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Genesis 1: 26-31, 2: 15-25

Message: The Divine Order

Song: All Are Welcome LUYH #269

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 **Christian School Bursary Fund**. Etransfers may be sent to ecrcgiving@gmail.com

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

God's Sending and Blessing

Song: God Of Wonders LUYH #4

***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.

Coffee will be available in the gymnasium after the church service, along with tea and juice. We will do our best to allow for distancing with 2 or 3 coffee stations, and coffee will be served in paper cups, or you are welcome to bring your own mug.

At Exeter CRC we are a community that strives to be loving and welcoming. To provide a safe space for all people to worship we will be reserving the last two rows of pews on the west side of the building for our members and guests who prefer sitting at 2 metres social distance. Out of respect for others needs we ask that you wear a face covering and keep a safe distance when sitting in these two rows. Thank you for helping to create a space where we all can worship together.

Gathering for Worship

Teaching Schedule:

Sunday, August 7, 2022, 10am: We welcome one of the elders to lead our worship.

Sunday, August 14, 2022, 10am: We welcome Richard Poortinga to lead our worship.

We will worship in person with no capacity limits and the wearing of masks is optional. Please self-screen for COVID symptoms and if you are feeling unwell 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.

From the Deacons



The offering this Sunday and the week ahead is for the **Christian School Bursary Fund**

Upcoming Collections:

August 7, 2022: ThereforeGo Ministries

August 14, 2022: Deacons: Benevolence

You can respond with your offering by e-transfer to ecrcgiving@gmail.com. Please state in the memo the cause(s) you are supporting.

Offering Coupons are back! See the deacons prior to the service to obtain coupons. They are available in denominations of \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10 and \$20.



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.

Dear ECRC family. I am excited to share with you that I have accepted a position at the Christian School Foundation (<https://www.christianschoolfoundation.ca/>) as the Director of Gift Planning and Investments. It will be a blessing to continue to do kingdom work engaging in the Christian schools across Canada. This organization is in Hamilton and allows me to work from home part of the week. At this time, Mechele and I do not need to contemplate a move. I want to thank you for your encouragement, support and prayers over these past months of transition. This could not have occurred like this without the support of my church family, and I say this with gratitude.
In His Service, Kevin & Mechele teBrake & family

WEDDING BANNS: Connor Van Soest and Melissa Flynn have expressed their desire to be united in Christian marriage. If there are no lawful objections, the ceremony will take place on Saturday, August 13, 2022 in the Exeter CRC with Pastor Kevin teBrake officiating. We wish Connor & Mel God's blessings leading up to this day, and as they begin life together as husband and wife.

Condolences: As a church family, we request your prayers for Albert and Fran Hummel, with the passing of Albert's twin brother Herman on last Tuesday July 19th. This past Tuesday on July 26th they laid him to rest. We pray for strength and comfort and yet celebrate the life he had and now the joy as he is with our father in Heaven.

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 3,4,5) and Youth

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	DATE	ADULT	HELPER
July 31	Teresa Buckman, Jolene de Boer	Eli Van Breda	August 21	Rolinda DeRuiter Joe Lubbers	Leigha Poortinga
Aug 7	Marian DeBoer, Kassidy Heyink,	Ethan Boersma	August 28	Sylvia Heyink, Sarah Mulder	Kennedy Boersma
Aug 14	Janelle Bouman, Karen Knip	Avery Knip	Sept 4		



Ignite 2022, August 23-27: Dare to Dream You are invited to a week full of praise, worship, games, fellowship and fun! It begins on Tuesday, August 23 at 6:30 pm until 8 pm. Pastor Ben VanStraten will lead us in worship each evening. This year our theme is 'Dare to Dream' based on Genesis 40:8b "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me your dreams." Praise teams will be leading us in song each evening and there will be nursery for the small children and a program for the school aged children! Something for everyone! Invite your friends and neighbours to join us!

Seniors' Dinner: Are you 65 years old or older? After several years off, the deacons would like to invite you to our annual Senior's Dinner. It will be held on Tuesday, August 23 at 5:00 p.m. Following the dinner, you are invited to join us for our first evening of Ignite 2022: Dare to dream. It will be a special evening with singing, worship, prayer, and fellowship. Check your maillots for your invitation and don't forget to RSVP to a deacon.

ALL ONTARIO Camporee: This week we have 3 cadets, Sam, Josh, and Gavin, going to the all Ontario Camporee in Innerkip. We pray they have a great week of camp.

Pastor Search Team Update:

We continue our work with a steady rhythm.

We have now completed the **church profile** as well as a **position profile** and they are very soon (if not already) going to be available on several internet-based message boards. To be clear, the **church profile** is in a generic format that is standard for all congregations to use. The **position profile** is an additional document that will be appealing for interested pastors to view. [CRC Network](#) is the website used by our denomination, and is a place where everyone, including pastor's, can view all job opportunities. You would find this information under the "church positions" section. The next printed versions of both the Banner (September), and the Christian Courier, will also have a printed ad. We anticipate some good feedback from interested pastors once the information is available to them.

We have of course had discussion as to how to involve interested congregants in our search. At this point, we feel the most practical and meaningful approach is to encourage you to submit any pastor(s) name to one of the team members along with a written description of why you support that name (much like we do with council nominations each year)

We now also have access to the "pastor portal", a spot on the CRCNA website where approved search teams/committees can view all CRC pastor profiles. It's a big list! Our work over the next months is to earnestly filter through these names to come up with a manageable list to further explore. Our coach Ed has encouraged us to "fish " on an individual level with some efficiencies in place and not to narrow our search unnecessarily at this point. So, we need time, prayer, and perseverance to do this well. We have each been randomly assigned an equal number of profiles to view. We will continue to meet through the rest of the summer, but not necessarily each week as to allow good time to discern the list. We covet your prayer and support as we do this work. We desire to respond to God's will in this and hope that you walk alongside us as we do.

Tim Deweerd (Team Leader)
Dan Vanderlaan (Council Rep)

Gerard Steenbeek
Gerald Kodde

Sylvia Hulshof (Scribe)
Pastor Ed Visser (Coach)

Karen Knip

HOUSING URGENTLY NEEDED: Housing is needed for Ukrainian war victims. Check the bulletin board for more information on how to be involved in preparing for their arrival and what you can do when they get here.

From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

Classis Huron invites students from this Classis who are considering ministry within the CRC to apply for a forgivable loan. These students must be planning to attend seminary in the school year 2022-2023. For applications and further information, please contact Rev. Brian Bork by email: bbork41@gmail.com. Applications and further information are available at <https://classishuron.ca/classical-ministry-leadership-team/>. As churches in Classis Huron let us pray for God to raise up workers in His kingdom from our congregations. The CMLT is also looking for new members, especially lay and female leaders. If you have a heart to support folks training for ministry from our Classis, please email Rev. Bork.

Disability Concerns: Ableism Training Hosted by CRC-RCA Disability Concerns - Join us online August 11 & 12 (from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm EDT) for our annual training event. We will unpack ableism and consider ways we can help reduce the impact of ableism in churches. This event is open to everyone interested in learning more about this very important topic. We will continue to release more information about this event on our dedicated website: Let's End #AbleismAtChurch Register at <https://bit.ly/ableismatchurch>

Indigenous Ministry - Hearts Exchanged: This Fall - If you have questions about the church and its role in the current and historical relationship with Indigenous peoples, consider participating in the upcoming cohorts of Hearts Exchanged. Find out more details about what's involved and sign up at crcna.org/Hearts-Exchanged

Office of Social Justice - Season of Creation: Celebrate this time on the liturgical calendar starting September 1st. During this season the church praises God for Creation's beauty, focuses on their call as caretakers, and laments the brokenness and the groaning of all creation. For resources go to: network.crcna.org/biblical-justice/seasons-creation

Diversity Sunday - August 14: In two weeks we will recognize and celebrate the growing number of non-Anglo congregations in the CRC. Learn more about the CRC Office of Diversity and its mission to serve and grow diverse leadership throughout the denomination. Check out the website: crcna.org/Diversity