



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Office Hours: Tues/Thurs, 9am-12pm
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Sunday, September 24, 2023

Worship: 10am

Teacher: Pastor Rick DeGraaf

Musician: Steve

Elder of the Day: Joe Lubbers

Deacon of the Day: Joy DeWeerd

God Gathers Us in His Presence

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

God Renews Us in His Grace

- Call to Confession: Responsive Reading
- Assurance of Pardon
- Song: **Open the Eyes of My Heart LUYH #537**

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

- Children's Message
- Song: He's God the Whole World
- Dismissal of Children ages 3 – Grade 6 are dismissed to Sunday School
- Prayer of Illumination
- Scripture: **Genesis 3:2-3; 22-23** and **Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 9**
- Message: Our Life Connection
- * Song of Response: **In Christ Alone LUYH #770**

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

- Beyond the Pew: Andy Uyl
- Announcements
- Prayer of God's People
- Offering: This week the Deacons will be using your gifts to support **The Fellowship of Christian Farmers**. Etransfers may be sent to ecrcgiving@gmail.com

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

- * God's Sending and Blessing
- * Song: **All People That on Earth Do Dwell LUYH #1**

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, September 24: Pastor Rick DeGraaf will lead us in worship

Sunday, October 1: Pastor Kevin teBrake will lead us in worship

Sunday, October 8: Pastor Reick DeGraaf will lead us in worship

Monday, October 9: Join us for our Thanksgiving Day service followed by a time of desserts and coffee.

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 is posted below:

September 24	Derek & Miranda Breukelman, Mike & Teresa Buckman
October 1	Aaron & Jolene deBoer and Ron & Rolinda deRuiter
October 8	Tony & Marian deBoer and Tim & Joy DeWeerd
October 9	Members of the Worship Committee

From the Deacons



The offering this Sunday and the week ahead is for: **Fellowship of Christian Farmers**

October 1, 2023: Christian School Bursary Fund

October 8, 2023: World Renew

October 9, 2023: Exeter Community Foodbank

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

The offering will be taken as you leave the sanctuary at the end of the service.

Thanksgiving Day is coming soon and helps us reflect on all we have to be thankful for. All our material blessings and food blessings. Most of us have never had to wonder where our next meal will be coming from. Unfortunately, there are many in our own community who do. The Exeter area Foodbank is there to help them. The Deacons would like to encourage the congregation on Thanksgiving Day weekend to donate to the Foodbank by bringing food and dry goods donations to a food drive being held here in our church. We have been informed by the Foodbank that the need is higher than ever. Canned soup, canned veggies, canned meals, rice, and lunch snacks for children are the most in need. The Deacons will have a designated area in the church for you to drop off your donations. There also will be a collection for your monetary gifts for the Foodbank on Thanksgiving Day. Thank you for your willingness to share your blessings.



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.

Thank you: thank you for the prayers, visits, cards, and kind words over the past days, weeks, and months. Especially this past week as we said goodbye to Rita. Thank you, Klaas VanWieren and family

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 through Grade 6)

Nursery and Sunday School programs will be available during the church service for those parents who wish their children 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
September 24	Marg Knip	Janelle Bouman	October 15		
October 1	Sheila Vanderlaan	Angela Nyman	October 22		
October 8			October 29		

Sunday School will again collect money for the local Community Table each Sunday. This ministry is such a good way for our children to be able to bless others in our own community. Great News we were able to donate 287.20 to them this past spring. Great job kids.

Note as well, there is a sign-up sheet for teachers on the table in front of the education wing. If you feel led to this ministry, we would love it if you could take a look at available slots and sign up for a time that works best for you. Thank you in advance for considering getting involved in this ministry. If you have any questions please reach out to Joy DeWeerd, Jody Mulder, or Joyce Pelley.

GEMS, Cadets, Youth Group

Cadets: A new season of Cadets has begun! Our theme this year is Rooted and Grounded. We will kick off the season on Oct 5, at 7:00pm. We will meet at Morrison Dam for some fishing and games. Feel free to bring a parent and a friend. Regular nights will be Thursdays from 7-9 at the church. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to talk to Derek Schreuders or Joe Lubbers.

GEMS Kick-Off and Registration Night for all girls born 2010-2014 (grades 4-8). Parents are asked to join the Kick-Off on Monday, October 2/23 at 7:00pm at the church and register their daughter(s) in-person. This will give you a chance to meet the leaders, hear about the plans for the year and have your questions answered. There will be refreshments. Girls are encouraged to bring a friend. Invite a neighbour, classmate or teammate to come out and see what GEMS is all about. Everyone welcome!

GEMS Planning Meeting will be Monday, September 25/23 at 7:00pm at the church. All leaders are asked to come out as we plan the year. Would you like to join the GEMS team? Please talk with Karen Knip for more information. We would love to have you join the Sisterhood of GEMS.

Youth Group Kick-off! “Let’s play ball...”October 3 from 7-9 pm at the church. Bring a baseball glove if you have one.

Exeter CRC Announcements

Office Hours: In Heather’s absence her tasks will be completed by Sylvia Hulshof and Mel Van Soest. We are grateful for their willingness to help in this manner. They will be working from home and office hours will not be maintained. Emails will be checked in a timely manner but if you have any immediate concerns, please contact your elder. Please extend grace and kindness to everyone as they take on new tasks and things operate a little differently in the next few weeks. If all goes well Heather hopes to return to the office on November 7

Budget 2024. It’s that time of year again that BOA prepares for next year’s budget. Please forward your requests to Greg Langendyk at langendyk@icloud.com. Please submit by October 10, 2023.

Do you love to sing? Please join our mixed choir as we sing and practice for the upcoming Christmas season. First practice will be Monday, October 2 at 7:30 in the sanctuary. Then there will be a couple weeks off and we will resume practices Monday, October 23 at 7:30 and continuing every Monday until Christmas. Questions? Contact Sylvia Heyink for further details.

Small groups is starting up again! I would encourage everyone to participate in small groups as it is a great way to connect with fellow church members and to grow your faith. If you are not part of a group please sign up on the sheet by the gym doors.

From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

London Christian High Golf Tournament: Join us! The LCH golf tournament is scheduled for Friday, September 29 at 1:30 pm at Echo Valley Golf Course. Includes 18 holes of golf, cart & dinner. Visit our website for details, check out our sponsorship information or register your foursome. <https://londonchristianhigh.ca/event/golf-tournament-2023/>. Feel free to email golf@lchonline.ca with any questions.

Huron Christian School: Don’t Forget! Donation forms for the HCS Auction are due by October 10, 2023. Go together with your family or friends and put together an item for the auction! What about supporting a local business and purchasing something from them to donate to the auction? Need ideas? Contact auction@huronchristianschool.ca. Information on how to sign up for the online portion of the auction will be available in the next few weeks.

One Care is looking for volunteers in Exeter to assist in delivery of meals to older adults, starting mid-September. If you would like more information, please call Grace at 1-877-502-8277 x 2001, or email ggowanlock@onecaresupport.ca

You are warmly invited to **London Christian High's Senior Appreciation Day!** This event will take place on Wednesday, October 18th, 2023 from 9:30AM to 1PM with refreshments, lunch, a program, and time with students. No registration necessary. London Christian High is located at 24 Braesyde Avenue, London.