



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Worship: 10am

Sunday, January 18, 2026

Pastor Timothy DeWeerd

**Musicians: Janece, Rachel, Joe,
Amy, Laura, Peter & Shawn**

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

* Song **Blessed Assurance** LUYH # 363

God's Greeting:

* Song **Christ our Hope In Life & Death** CCLI 7147502

God Renews Us In His Grace

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance

Song: **Living Hope** CCLI # 7106807

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message

Song: **Give me Oil in My Lamp** CCLI # 475580

Children (Dismissal age 3-to Grade 6) for Sunday School & Grade 7 & 8 Catechism

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 25: 1-13

Message: Expect the Expected

*Song: **Rejoice Rejoice Believers** LUYH # 477

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Deacons Benevolence

Offertory **He Will Hold Me Fast** CCLI # 70161

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)

Gathering for Worship

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. Large print copies of songs not in LUYH are available from the ushers.

Nursery and Sunday School programs will be available during the church service for those parents who wish their children to participate. We have classes for children aged 3 to Grade 6. 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

Valet service - designed for worshippers with mobility challenges, valet service is available for free with advance arrangements. Simply drive your car up to the east door (under the car port) and one of our friendly drivers will meet you, help unload your mobility device and park your car for you! If you are interested, please contact Mike Buckman in church, by phone (519-236-7940), by text (519-630-7827), through Facebook or via email at michaelbuckman@hotmail.com

Upcoming Services:

<u>Jan 18:</u>	Timothy DeWeerd
<u>Jan 25:</u>	Pastor Jay
<u>Feb 1:</u>	Pastor Jay
<u>Feb 8:</u>	Pastor Jay

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.

From the Deacons

The offering this Sunday is Deacons Benevolence

<u>Jan 25:</u>	John & Marian Vandermeer – Wycliffe
<u>Feb 1:</u>	Christian School Bursary Fund
<u>Feb 8:</u>	Children of the Promise

The Deacons will collect your offering during the worship service. You can also respond with your offering by e-Transfer to ecrcgiving@gmail.com. Please state in the memo the cause(s) you are supporting. Coupons for the offering are available in the office; please ask one of the deacons for assistance if you are interested in buying coupons.

Common Plate A donation email has been set up for Common Plate it is as follows donations@Exetercommonplate.org



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.

Prayer Request: We lift up in prayer Bethany Schmidt's and the Meinen family as Nelda Meinen went to Jessica's house for end-of-life care. We Pray for comfort for her children, siblings & friends 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.

Exeter CRC Announcements

Celebrating 75 Year's of God's Faithfulness at Exeter CRC!

Hello Church Family!

With great excitement, we are making plans for a special weekend of celebrations to take place **April 24-26, 2026, D. V.** In your mailboxes, you will find a **"Save the Date"** card with more details. Please mark your calendars and help spread the word to former members and friends of Exeter CRC. Extra cards are available by the church office – feel free to take a few to share. Stay tuned for more information in the new year! We look forward to celebrating 75 years of God's goodness and faithfulness together in Exeter.

Catechism Attention grade 7 & 8 kids! Catechism classes will be starting up again, running from Jan 11-Feb 22. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Young adults (ages 18-35) are welcome to come out on January 30th, at 7:30 pm for volleyball in the church gym. If you don't want to play volleyball you can come and mingle; there will be other games too 😊 Feel free to bring friends. We hope to see you there! Reach out to Savannah Z, Rachel B, or Rachel K if you have any questions.

Coffee Break: Ladies it's a New Year of Coffee Break... Join us every other week – beginning Wednesday Jan 21 from 9:30-11 am. Childcare provided. All welcome Bring a friend.

From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

The Young Adult Winter Retreat (YAWR) is back again at Maranatha CRC, Woodstock! We would like to encourage all young adults ages 18-30 to join us for this weekend of faith-based discussions, service, fellowship, and funtivities! We are excited to announce that Pastor Harry Frielink from Covenant CRC in Barrie will be leading us in a series of discussions on the importance of Christian friendships. The retreat will take place from January 23 to 25, 2026, with the theme *"The Gift of Friendship."* Early bird registration is \$60. Registration opens December 1st, 2025. Don't miss this chance to grow in faith, build lasting connections, and have fun! For more information or the registration link, follow us on Instagram (yawinterretreat), Facebook (Young Adult Winter Retreat), or email us at ya.retreat.team@gmail.com

SOCO Beach Project Update: In this week's newsletter, have a chuckle as you watch the video of the year end Polar Bear Plunge Campaign - all proceeds strengthen SOCO's mission. Recruitment for this summer's SOCO 2026 has begun - and Jan 12, 2026, is the deadline for first consideration (and rolling applications thereafter). This week's newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-final-appeal-dec-2025-8573326>

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (April 3 - 13, 2026): Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110) or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

Wingham and District Right to Life is now selling memberships for 2026. Family memberships are \$20 and individuals are \$10. E-transfer to winghamrighttolife@gmail.com, mail to Wingham and District Right to Life, c/o Mrs. Lorraine Clugston P. O. Box 1001, Wingham, NOG 2W0, or contact any board member from your parish. **Why should I be a pro-life member?**-When pro-life groups approach government, the greater the number of voters represented, the greater the government listens.-Your membership dollars contribute to your local group's advertising on Facebook, billboards, newspapers, radios, and websites.-To offer emotional support to leaders in the pro-life movement who may be feeling drained at times.-To protect the lives of the vulnerable: the preborn, the disabled, and the elderly.-To make your voice heard. Thank you for supporting the pro-life movement in this area.

Huron Christian School: Join us on Friday, January 30, 2026, for our annual Pancake Supper! Enjoy a delicious meal of pancakes and sausages, then test your luck in our exciting game rooms. Doors are open from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and we'd love to see you there!

Groundwork: Did Paul and James Agree on Salvation? - Paul emphasizes salvation by grace, but James teaches the importance of our works. Do our works contribute to our righteousness? Join Groundwork as we study James 1:1-8, James 2:14-26, Colossians 3:5-10, and 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 to compare what we learn from James to what Paul teaches about the relationship between God's grace and our works, and then consider what it means for our daily lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

An Opportunity to Serve - The CRCNA is looking for nominees willing to serve as At-Large members of the Council of Delegates and the Canada Ministry Board. The [Council of Delegates](#) acts as the interim governing body of the CRCNA, providing governance and oversight of the denomination's ministries and activities between our annual Synods. The [Canada Ministry Board](#) provides governance and oversight of the work of the Canadian Ministries. If you have skills and expertise in board governance and a heart for the CRCNA, or know of someone who does, we invite you to complete this [nomination form](#) (<https://bit.ly/COD-nominations>).

Join Classis Huron as Our Youth Ministry Leader!

Are you passionate about **equipping and inspiring youth ministry leaders**? Classis Huron is looking for a **Youth Ministry Consultant (YMC)** — a pastoral role (30 hrs/week) focused on **supporting, training, and encouraging youth leaders** in our congregations and Campus Ministries.

This is your chance to **shape vibrant discipleship pathways for youth and young adults**, build strong leader networks, and make a lasting impact in our churches.

What we are looking for:

- 3–5 years of youth ministry leadership experience
- Bachelor's in theology, ministry, or youth ministry (Master's preferred)
- Ordination/commissioning **preferred but not required**.
- Strong relational, leadership, and organizational skills

Deadline for applications: Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, so early applications are strongly encouraged. Applications will be received until the position is filled.

Start date: September 01, 2026

Applications or requests for further information may be sent to: jbrady@crcna.org. A full job description can be found on the [Youth Ministry](#) page on the Classis Huron website.

Be the **catalyst that strengthens youth ministry across Classis Huron!**

This Week Jan 18-24 2026						
<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship Sunday School age 3 to Grade 6 Catechism Grade 7 & 8	<u>Monday</u> Gems 7-8:30 pm	<u>Tuesday</u> Common Plate Meal 5:30 – 7:00 pm Precious Blood Catholic Church NHS Bluewater 6:45 pm	<u>Wednesday</u> Elders Meeting 7:30 pm Deacons Meeting 7:30 pm Coffee Break 9:30 – 11:00 am	<u>Thursday</u> Cadets 7 pm	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
SERVING SCHEDULE						
	Jan 18	Jan 25	Feb 1	Feb 8		
Elder	Leo Weverink	Al Vanderlaan	Jake Zantingh	Gerald Kodde		
Deacon	Dianne, Anthony	Anthony, Dianne	Dianne, Marian	Marian, Joy		
Coffee Clean-Up	Amy & Joe Bernie & Helen	Jason & Jody Mulder Kevin & Sarah Mulder	Sandra Newton, Ang & Anthony, Joyce P	Gerrit & Dianne , Curtis & Kassidy, Henry & Sadie		
Greeters	Norma V., Clarence T.	Albert H., Anne Z.	Sandra N., Jean V.	Wendy W., Sam V.		
Ushers	Sylvia H., Anthony	Cliff, Dianne	Betty, Joy	Colton, Al V.		
Children’s Message	Joan B.	Sylvia Hulshof	Teresa B.			
Nursery	Sylvia Hulshof, Janelle Bouman, Avery Poortinga	Marique Crossen, Joanne Boersma, Lisa Heyink	Karen Knip, Norma Vanderlaan, Mikayla Vink			
Sunday School	Joy DeWeerd, Sheila Vanderlaan, Danielle Dykstra, Kathryn Langendyk, Avery Knip	Joy DeWeerd, Sheila Vanderlaan, Danielle Dykstra, Kathryn Langendyk, Jordan Boersma	Joyce Pelley, Rachel Boersma, Sandra Ducharme, Janelle Bouman	Joyce Pelley, Rachel Boersma, Sandra Ducharme, Janelle Bouman		
Valet	Greg Langendyk	Tim DeWeerd	Albert Hummel			