



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Worship: 10am

Sunday, May 3, 2026

Pastor: Jay Crossen

Musicians: Rachel Boersma &
GEMS

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

* Call to Worship

* Song: **Lord I lift Your Name on High LUYH # 610**

* God's Greeting

* Song: **God of Wonders LUYH # 4**

God Renews us in His Grace

Gems Litany

Song: My Lighthouse

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's message

Children's Song: **He Knows My Name LUYH # 339**

(Age 3–5-year-olds)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14: 22-33

Message: Walking on Water: Trusting the One Who Comes to You

Song: **Jesus Strong and Kind**

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Prayer of God's People

Offering: GEMS

Offertory: Video

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

*God's Sending and Blessing

*Song: **Days of Elijah**

* 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>May 3:</u>	Pastor Jay	(Gems Sunday)
<u>May 10:</u>	Pastor Kevin	(Profession of Faith Lucas Kaumanns & Salome Kodde)
<u>May 17:</u>	Pastor Jay	(Baptism Levi John Zantingh)
<u>May 24:</u>	Pastor Jay	(Lord's Supper & Profession of Faith Jenelle Vanderlaan, Cameron Knip & Eli Crossen)

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 Gems

<u>May 10:</u>	Room to Grow
<u>May 17:</u>	Canadian Food Grains Bank
<u>May 24:</u>	Edudeo



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.

Births: Our church has been blessed in the month of April and we thank God for the safe arrival of Blair Elizabeth Bakelaar born April 7 to Matt & Jessica and Levi John Zantingh born April 10 to Jake & Savannah. Praying for these parents as they raise their children to know that Jesus loves them.

Condolences: As a church family we extend our deepest condolences to Betty & Clarence & family and Josh & Sarah Knip on the passing of mother and grandmother Dina Neevel. May you all feel God's presence during this time of loss.

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

Thank you for your prayers, texts, meals and visits over the last 5 weeks (4 weeks of being in Exeter). The road of recovery is coming along. My equilibrium has mostly returned, I no longer reach for pain meds every 4 hours, the nausea is mostly gone and the dizziness is mostly in the evenings. However, that said I do have a headache 24 hours a day, I am just learning to cope with it. A lot of stimulation seems to take a lot out of me as it takes several hours of quietness to settle my senses down again. I am having to learn how to pace myself to not have these spikes in the headaches and extra stimulation. The doctors and therapists inform me I have a long way to go yet -- but I am getting there. Thank you for your continued prayers, Maria Bakelaar

Musicians Needed: there are a few weeks this summer that our regular musicians are not available to lead us during the worship service. We are seeking musicians who can lead us in worship. Whether it be with voice, piano, or guitar; for one week or two. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please talk to Sylvia Hulshof.

Nursery: The nursery needs a few more adult volunteers and helpers. If you are able to help in this ministry, please contact Cassidy Heyink.

Catechism: Next session of catechism will be running March 22,29, April12,19 May 3& 10. Hope to see you there!

The Nursery Committee is once again collecting donations to bless members of our church family who are expecting babies this year. If you would like to contribute, a donation tin will be available at the back of the sanctuary. Thanks - Katelyn & Cassidy

Craft & Connect: We are having such a wonderful time together that we have decided to continue to meet every Tuesday (1-3pm) in May. Whether you are finishing a project or beginning a new one, join us in the church library for a time of creativity and conversation.

Young Adults: The young adults are warmly invited to the Kodde's for a cheesecake social on May 3 after church. We look forward to you all coming!

Young Adults (ages 18-35) - Pickleball Night - Join us on **Friday, May 1st at 7:30 pm** in the church gym for a fun evening of pickleball! Whether you're an experienced player or trying it for the first time, you're welcome. We'll go over the rules before we start playing. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Kaumanns or Rachel Boersma.

Collections Paid out Feb 2026

London Christian High	491.15	Huron Christian School	1543.6
Stratford Christian School	304.04	Deacons	520
Coldest Night of the Year	2090.85	SOCO	20
Wycliffe		Canadian Food Grains	40
John & Marian Vandermeer	70	Calvinist Cadet Corps	798.99
Mississippi Christian Family Services	20	Exeter Cadets	266.33
Therefore Go Ministries	20	Children of the Promise	1551
Total	7735.96		

From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

SOCO Beach Project Update Join us for a special evening as we present another performance of the one-woman play, *The Downs* by Sheryl Scott, our spring SOCO fundraiser, on Friday, June 19 at the Vittoria Community Centre. Experience a touching story set in rural Eastern Canada, capturing life before the arrival of modern conveniences. It's a night of inspiration, community and meaningful storytelling. Tickets available at: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/the-downs-fundraiser-2> Pray for the participants as this summer's cohort kicks off on May 10. And calling all young adults - our first Sunday Night SOCO is May 31. Newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-april-30-8575516>

Young Adults: "What are you doing May 2nd at 7:00pm?! Stratford CRC would you to invite you to join us for a fun and lively Square Dance Night hosted by our Young Adults. Dancing, laughter, and community—no experience needed! We will have a caller to guide you, live music to keep things moving, and a photo booth to capture the memories. Open to all ages 18+, food and drinks provided, and it's all by donation! Bring friends. We can't wait to see you there!"

Groundwork: Understanding the Purpose of God's Law - After emphatically teaching that salvation comes by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, Paul explores the contrasting paths of legalism and freedom in faith. Join Groundwork as we study Galatians 3-4 to hear Paul's encouragement to stay focused on Christ, to embrace our identity as God's children, and to find our unity as believers in Christ. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

This Week May 3-9 2026

<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship Sunday School age 3 – Grade 6 Gems Sunday	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u> Common Plate Meal 5:30 – 7:00 pm Precious Blood Catholic Church Craft & Connect 1-3 Library Youth 7-9 NHS Exeter Villa 7 pm	<u>Wednesday</u> Council Meeting @ 7:30	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
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SERVING SCHEDULE

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24
Elder	Jake Zantingh	Gerald Kodde	Joe Lubbers	Joe Lubbers
Deacon	Joy, Anthony (Gems)	Anthony, Dianne	Dianne, Marian	Marian, Joy
Coffee Clean-Up	Derek & Miranda Mike & Teresa, Sandra D	Aaron & Jolene Ron & Rolinda	Tony & Marian Tim & Joy	Job & Laura Al and Sylvia
Greeters	Gems	Anne Z., Sandra N.	Jean, Wendy	Gerben & Ria Steenbeek
Ushers	Gems	Colton, Jake	Betty, Anthony	Tim, Gerard
Children’s Message	GEMS	Joan	N/A	Sylvia
Nursery	Amanda Desgagne, Yvonne VanSoest,	Salome Kodde, Sylvia Heyink, Lillian Crossen	Laura Garritsen, Leah Branderhorst, Ashley Breukelman	Kathryn Langendyk, Marique Crossen, Avery Knip
Sunday School	Teresa Buckman, Sandra Ducharme, Janelle Bouman	Sylvia Hulshof Sandra Ducharme, Janelle Bouman	Teresa Buckman, Sandra Ducharme, Janelle Bouman	Sylvia Hulshof Sandra Ducharme, Janelle Bouman
Valet	Mike Zandwyk	Tim DeWeerd	Bill Branderhorst	
Tech Booth	((P) Dan (A) Trevor (V) Tony	((P) Sam (A) Nathan (V) Dan	(P) Eli (A) Adrian (V) Gerard	(P) Greg (A) Job (V)
Hall Monitor	Joe Lubbers	Jake Zantingh	Anthony Nyman	Gerard Steenbeek