



# Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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**Sunday, June 14 2026**

**Worship: 10am**

**Pastor: Toyosi Awesu**

**Musicians: Steve, Joanne, Lori, Bill**

## **God Gathers Us in His Presence**

Words of Welcome

\* Call to Worship

\* Song: **O Worship the King LUYH # 2**

\* God's Greeting

\* Song: **How Great is Our God LUYH # 574**

## **God Renews us in His Grace**

Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Song: **Give Us Clean Hands LUYH # 628**

## **God Speaks to Us Through His Word**

Sunday School Presentation: Grade 6 Graduates

Children's Message

Song: **I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy**

Dismissal of (Age 3– Grade 6)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Daniel 4:1-18

Message: The Danger of Pride

\* Song: **Take My Life and Let It Be LUYH # 863**

## **God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings**

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Thrive - Race Relations - Video

Offertory: **Instrumental**

## **God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing**

\*God's Sending and Blessing

\*Song: **My Friends May You Grow LUYH # 938**

\* 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](mailto:michaelbuckman@hotmail.com)

### Upcoming Services:

<u>June 14:</u>	Pastor Toyosi Awesu (Sunday School Picnic)
<u>June 21:</u>	Melissa Burmaster (Sunday School Grade 6 Graduates)
<u>June 28:</u>	Pastor Jay (Lord's Supper)
<u>July 5:</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 Thrive - Race Relations

<u>June 21:</u>	Indwell
<u>June 28:</u>	World Renew - Refugee Sunday
July 5:	Family Outreach Ontario

The Deacons will collect your offering during the worship service. You can also 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. 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](mailto:donations@Exetercommonplate.org)



**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.

**We would like to thank the congregation** for your prayers, phone calls, meals and visits during Frieda's sickness and passing. She was so special to so many people and will be missed. Special thanks to Pastor Jay for his visits to Frieda and praying alongside of her and our family. Your message at the funeral truly captured who she was and her faithfulness to God. Psalm 28:7 says "the Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him and he helps me" Albert and Fran Hummel and Darren and Janelle Bouman

**Pastor Jay:** Pastor Jay will be away at Synod beginning this week Thursday June 11 and next week, returning Monday June 22nd. If there are any congregational concerns, please reach out to your elder.

**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

**Council:** Council would like to share who our new council members are for Elder: Adrian Bakelaar, Cliff Knip and Yvonne Van Soest. For Deacon Teresa Buckman and Cameron Knip. May all these members feel God's guidance as they transition into their new roles.

**Council would like to thank the following members of Council for their time spent on Council.**

Joy DeWeerd. Thank you for your servant heart, your care for the community, and the church. I can see why it will take two to replace you.

Gerard Steenbeek. Thank you for serving as clerk (we haven't had a reading service in a while) and for your love for the church and the wisdom you brought to the table in all matters.

Joe Lubbers. Thank you for taking on the role of chair of council, for your caring heart, and positive attitude.

Gerald Kodde, thank you for being sweet enough to take on the role of Youth Elder. I'm sure the young adults will miss the dessert social, but maybe this will keep going.

As council, we look forward to seeing where God is going to use you in the future.

**Coffee Clean-up Volunteers:** To ensure we can continue to enjoy coffee and fellowship after the service each Sunday morning. There is a request that starting in June those on the list for coffee also put the coffee and sugar and creamers out. There will be a list in the kitchen of the duties needed. Thank you for all those who serve in this capacity. Any question reach out to Leo or Harry.

**Save the Date – Church in the Park** Mark your calendars for July 26, for Church in the MacNaughton Park! Join us for a special time of worship, fellowship, food, and fun outdoors as we gather together.

More details will be shared in the coming weeks. We hope you can join us for this wonderful time together!

**SAVE THE DATE- SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC!**

Mark your calendars for the Sunday School Picnic on June 14th right after the service. Stay and join us for a hot dog lunch right after the service. All are welcome!

We will celebrate our Grade 6 Graduation the following week, on June 21st and will wrap up our regular Sunday School season that day as well.

**VBS** will be Tuesday August 4th-Friday August 7th from 9am-12pm for kids going into JK-Gr 6 with the Community Breakfast following on Saturday August 8th!! Registration is now open!

We are in need of group leaders, station helpers, kitchen help and nursery volunteers. Even if you are able to help out for a day or two every little bit helps!! This is a great opportunity for high school students to get in their community hours! We are also looking for volunteers for the community breakfast! Please contact Jody Mulder or sign up as a volunteer on the registration website [www.vbspro.events/p/rockyrailway26](http://www.vbspro.events/p/rockyrailway26) if this is something you are able to do!!

**From the counting committee:** Please check the date on all coupons you may have, as the 2025 coupons are no longer valid. They have all been accounted for. Also, when using your envelopes, please specify on the outside of the envelope what cause you would like your donation to go towards. Thank you, In His service, Helen, Sylvia and Joanne.

**Young adults summer activity:** summer BBQ, bonfire, games night Saturday July 4th hosted by Trevor DeVries. More details to follow

**Men's Breakfast:** To all men young and old, there will be a men's breakfast on Saturday June 20th. We will continue our study of James. Please RSVP to Mike Zandwyk.

May 2026 Collections

Deacons	\$	1,649.00	Huron Christian School	\$	511.67
London Christian High	\$	162.80	Stratford Christian School	\$	100.78
Exeter Food Bank	\$	1,050.00	Cadets	\$	60.00
Serge Carlos & Kimberly	\$	427.60	HCFD	\$	200.00
SOCO	\$	100.00	Common Plate	\$	1,887.75
Canadian Foodgrains	\$	1,644.35	Resonate Mario Matos	\$	469.18
Edu Deo	\$	1,678.40	Room2 Grow	\$	917.55
Fresh Start	\$	33.95	Resonate	\$	45.00
Gems	\$	1,368.80			
				\$	12,306.83

**Council highlights June 4, 2026**

- Joe opened the meeting with a devotion: God the Loving Servant
- Deacons reported on Small Town Big Mission. How are we fitting into our community, what more can we do, and are we welcoming when the community comes to church? These were a few of the topics discussed that evening.
- BOA reported and are discussing nursery renovation ideas. More info is coming.
- Senior care team is visiting.
- Park service plans are coming together for July 26
- Some time was spent on the upcoming congregational meeting, June 10, 7 pm

Jake closed the meeting in prayer. There is a lot to lift up in prayer: thanksgivings and requests; it has been a busy time

**From the CRCNA and the Broader Community**

**SOCO Beach Project Update** There's no place like home - read about it in this week's newsletter. Tickets are still available for the upcoming SOCO Fundraiser, on June 19, featuring *The Downs*, the powerful one-woman play by Sheryl Scott, along with inspiring stories from current participants. For tickets: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/the-downs-fundraiser-2> . Calling all young adults! Next Sunday Night SOCO - June 28. And join us for the annual SOCO Camping Retreat - July 17 - 19 (details and registration link in newsletter). <https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-june-11-8576353>

**Groundwork: God Speaks Judgment and Calls Samuel** - When corruption and darkness seem to be in control, it can be hard to hear and see God. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study 1 Samuel 2:12-3:21 to learn from the stories about Israel and Samuel. Together, we'll learn where to look for God and discover hope even when situations in life seem hopelessly unjust and bleak. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes

**Seminary Education Financial Support:** Are you feeling called to deepen your theological knowledge through seminary-level education in order to serve in ministry? Classis Huron ("Classis Ministry Leadership Team") provides financial support for seminary students called to serve in our Christian Reformed denomination. Please contact Pastor Wes Collins at [pastor.wes@draytoncrc.org](mailto:pastor.wes@draytoncrc.org) for more information or applications (due no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>).

**Calling all Graduates:** If you are graduating from high school, are pursuing post-secondary education, and have made a contribution to the pro-life movement, we would love to hear from YOU. You may be eligible to WIN the Wingham and District Right to Life Bursary of \$100.00. Please contact Brenda Sjaarda at 519-440-2744 or email [jaardabrenda@gmail.com](mailto:jaardabrenda@gmail.com) to obtain an application for this award. If you know of someone who may be eligible, please encourage them to apply. We would love to hear all of the wonderful ways youth are making a difference in support of life. Deadline for applications is June 1, 2026.

**Single in Classis Huron?** Inge Rylaarsdam (Palmerston CRC), Samantha Kappers (Bethel CRC - Listowel) and Grace-Emma Bierma (Stratford CRC) are collaborating to host a curated speed dating social for Christian singles between the ages of 25-40. **When:** Friday, June 26 from 6:00pm-10:00pm [Dinner will be served at 6:30pm hosted by Holy Smokes BBQ] **Where:** Moorefield, ON **Cost:** \$25 Reserve your spot (as space is limited) by June 12, by emailing: [speeddatingsocial1@gmail.com](mailto:speeddatingsocial1@gmail.com) Once you've registered, you will receive a confirmation email with the details regarding payment, the specific location and an overview of the evening. Looking forward to seeing you there.

**You are Invited:** Join us for an original production of The Way Back, featuring our Creative Arts youth team – this one is GREAT for families! The Way Back invites the audience into a day on the Father's farm where we're quickly introduced to two sisters. One is task-driven, taking delight in doing what is asked of her, while the other dreams of a world outside her boring life on the farm. As we watch the story unfold, the sister with stars in her eyes is lured into the life of her dreams only to discover the price is higher than she realized. But when all seems lost, one encounter with Truth sets her on the way back home.

2 Showings Available:

**Saturday, June 13 at 2pm**

**Sunday, June 14 at 2pm**

Tickets are on [Eventbrite.ca](http://Eventbrite.ca) \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under.

Following the 1-hour long performance, join us for treats, games and lots of family fun

! All donations and ticket proceeds will be given to the Creative Arts program at CFT. We are looking to raise money to purchase some microphones to use in our program.

**Hope Canadian Male Choir** is excited to present their June 2026 concert series 'Grateful for the Breath of Life' with their director Martin Mans and with Martin Zonnenberg on the organ and piano. The choir will be joined by special guests the Urker Mans Formatie from The Netherlands.

June 25 – Vineland Free Reformed Church, 3685 King Street, Vineland

June 26 – Maranatha Christian Reformed Church, 735 Frontenac Cres, Woodstock

June 27 – St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 54 Benton Street, Kitchener

Special Urker Mans Formatie matinee concert June 27 at 1:00 pm – Knox Presbyterian Church, 51 Church Street, Elora

To purchase/reserve tickets, visit [www.hopecanadianmalechoir.com](http://www.hopecanadianmalechoir.com); call/text 226 338 5459; or email [hopecanchoir@gmail.com](mailto:hopecanchoir@gmail.com).

Tickets are \$25 in advance/\$30 at the door; \$10 youth 10-14; under 10 years Free. 10% discount when purchasing tickets for Elora and one other concert.

Concerts start at 7:30 pm, doors open at 7:00 pm.

**Calling all men!** Join Martin Mans, Hope Canadian Male Choir and the Urker Mans Formatie for an all men's sing along on Monday June 29 at Redeemer University, 777 Garner Road East, Ancaster, starting at 6:00 pm. Free will offering will be collected with proceeds going to Sycamore Centre in Ingersoll. Reserve your spot at [www.hopecanadianmalechoir.com](http://www.hopecanadianmalechoir.com). For inquiries, please email [hopecmcfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:hopecmcfundraising@gmail.com)

**Biblical Study Tour to Italy** (April 12-22, 2027): Visit the Vatican with its Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Cathedral; the impressive monuments of ancient Rome; Hadrian's Villa; Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius; the spectacular Amalfi Coast; and much more! Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational tour. Contact Dr. Weima at [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu) or [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110).

**Huron Christian School Graduation**: Join us on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Huron Christian School as we celebrate our Grade 8 graduates and God's faithfulness through the ages. Inspired by our theme verse, "Let your light shine" (Matthew 5:16), we invite family, friends, and community members to share in this special evening of thanksgiving and celebration.

**The young adults at Bethel CRC** welcome you to a worship night on Sunday July 5 at 7:00 P.M. with Nick Beirma bringing us a message from Psalm 1.

When: July 5 @ 7:00 P.M. Where: 345 Elizabeth St E Listowel

Who: Anyone aged 18-30ish

**This Week Jun 14-20 2026**

<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship Sunday School age 3 – Grade 6 Sunday School Picnic after service	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u> Common Plate Meal 5:30 – 7:00 pm Precious Blood Catholic Church	<u>Wednesday</u> Elders Meeting @ 7:30 pm Deacons Meeting @ 7:30 pm	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
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	<b>June 14</b>	<b>June 21</b>	<b>June 28</b>	<b>July 5</b>
<b>Elder</b>	Al Vanderlaan	George Poortinga	Leo Weverink	Gerard Steenbeek
<b>Deacon</b>	Dianne, Marian	Anthony, Dianne	Dianne, Marian	
<b>Coffee Clean-Up</b>	Rick & Sylvia H, Rick & Linda J ** Please note announcement	Rachel & Lucas Josh & Sarah ** Please note announcement	Cliff & Karen Gerald & Sharon ** Please note announcement	Amy & Joe Greg & Kathryn ** Please note announcement
<b>Greeters</b>	Scott & Wendy Stafford	Norma V, Sam V	Lori & Albert H.	Ann Zwaan, Sandra Newton
<b>Ushers</b>	Colton, George	Sylvia, Al	Cliff, Leo	Colton, Joe
<b>Children's Message</b>	Teresa	Sylvia	N/A	Pastor Jay
<b>Nursery</b>	Norma Vanderlaan, Kevin Mulder, Alanna Nyman	Karen Knip, Lisa Heyink, Avery Poortinga	Janelle Bouman, Mickayla Vink, Avery Mulder	Kassidy Heyink, Michelle Meinen, Lily Denhollander
<b>Sunday School</b>	Joy DeWeerd, Kassidy Heyink, Laura Garritson, Sharon Kodde, Sarah Mulder	Joy DeWeerd, Kassidy Heyink, Laura Garritson, Sharon Kodde, Sarah Mulder		
<b>Valet</b>	Mike Zandwyk	Sophia Buckman	Bill Branderhorst	Ron deRuiter
<b>Tech Booth</b>	(P) Sam (A) Adrian (V) Gerard	(P) Eli/Clara (A) Job (V) Aaron	(P) Greg (A) Trevor (V) Tony	(P) Landon (A) Nathan (V) Dan
<b>Hall Monitor</b>	George Poortinga	Al Vanderlaan	Leo Weverink	Joe Lubbers