



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday, June 7 2026

Worship: 10am

Pastor: Pastor Jay

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

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

* Call to Worship

* Song: **Come Let us Worship & Bow Down LUYH # 510**

* God's Greeting

* Song: **Yet No I but Through Christ in Me CCLI # 7121852**

God Renews us in His Grace

Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Song: **Just As I Am, I Come Broken CCLI # 5635850**

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message

Song: **Be Still and Know LUYH # 907**

Dismissal of (Age 3– Grade 6)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 46

Message: God is Our Refuge

* Song: **Crown Him with Many Crowns LUYH # 223**

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Christian School Bursary Fund

Offertory: **God of Every Grace CCLI # 7223235**

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

*God's Sending and Blessing

*Song: **Go My Children with My Blessing LUYH # 946**

* 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>June 7:</u>	Pastor Jay
<u>June 14:</u>	Pastor Toyosi Awesu
<u>June 21:</u>	Melissa Burmaster
<u>June 28:</u>	Pastor Jay (Lord's Supper)

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 Christian School Bursary Fund

<u>June 14:</u>	Thrive - Race Relations
<u>June 21:</u>	Indwell
<u>June 28:</u>	World Renew - Refugee Sunday

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.

Condolences: As a church family we extend our sincerest sympathies to Albert & Fran Hummel & Darren & Janelle Bouman and their extended families on the passing of Frieda Zandbergen. Our prayer is that you may all feel God's presence during this time of grief.

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 bring forth these people for Elder: Adrian Bakelaar, Cliff Knip, Sylvia Hulshof, Tim DeWeerd, Yvonne Van Soest and Shawn Westerik. For Deacon Teresa Buckman, Joe Dykstra, Kathryn Langendyk, and Cameron Knip. The affirmation vote will take place June 7 after the service followed by the casting of lots. Absentee ballots are available from your District elder or Al Vanderlaan Note: They must be signed.

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.

Congregational Meeting Save the Date: June 10th @ 7:00 pm we are planning a congregational meeting to review the 2025 Financials. After the meeting we are hosting listening circles. This is an invitation for all active participants in the Exeter CRC to share their thoughts on council's stance concerning the H.S.R

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 if this is something you are able to do!!

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 Food, Fellowship and a Front Porch Welcome - read about it in this week's newsletter. Be sure to mark June 19 on your calendar for the upcoming SOCO Fundraiser 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! Register for the SOCO Camping Retreat, July 17 - 19. Early **bird rate is \$70 until July 1. Newsletter:** <https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-june-4-8576248>

Groundwork: Hannah's Prayer and God's Big Answer - Sometimes the deepest prayers are the ones nobody hears but God. Join Groundwork as we begin a study on the book of 1 Samuel by examining 1 Samuel 1:1-2:10. Together, we'll see how Hannah's sorrow and private prayer becomes part of God's public plan for his people. Listen now at 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 for more information or applications (due no later than June 1st).

Family Outreach Ontario: Special Event Family Outreach Ontario invites you to an information evening on Friday, June 5 at Bethel Christian Reformed Church (345 Elizabeth St E, Listowel, ON N4W 2P7). Our Executive Director, John Kowtecky, will present "An Overview of Addiction" and Rick H. will give his story of addiction and recovery. Please plan to attend and tell others about it as well. It will be an evening you will be sure to remember. A collection will be taken to cover our costs. 7:00 - Doors open, Refreshments/Meet & Greet; 7:30 - 9:00 - Presentation and Q&A period followed by refreshments and opportunity for talk with Mr. Kowtecky or other Family Outreach members

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 sjaardabrenda@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 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](https://www.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; call/text 226 338 5459; or email 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. For inquiries, please email hopecmcfundraising@gmail.com

New Family Information Evening: On Monday, June 8th we will be hosting our New Family Information night at Huron Christian school. We will be welcoming our new families for the 2026/27 school year! If you know of anyone who is interested in the school and would be interested in this evening and learning more about HCS please have them contact the school office at 519-482-7851 or by email to office@huronchristianschool.ca

This Week Jun 7-13 2026

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