



# Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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**Sunday, Aug 24, 2025**

**Worship: 10am**

**Pastor Sara DeMoor**

**Musicians: Steve and the Kids  
Praise Team**

**God Gathers Us in His Presence**

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

\* Song: **Come, Now is the Time** LUYH # 526

\* God's Greeting

\* Song **Build Your Kingdom Here** CCLI 6186078

**God Renews Us In His Grace**

Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Song: **In Christ Alone** LUYH # 770

**God Speaks to Us Through His Word**

Children's Message

Song: **This Little Light of Mine** LUYH # 930

Children (Dismissal age 3,4,5-year-olds only) for Sunday School

Prayer of Illumination:

Scripture: Galatians 5

Message: Freedom in Christ: to receive and to love

\*Song: **For Freedom Christ has Set Us Free** LUYH # 679

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

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: The Lighthouse

Offertory **Instrumental**

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

\* God's Sending and Blessing

\* Song: **We Receive Your Blessing** LUYH # 947

\* 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 3,4,& 5-year-olds (for summer months) 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.

**Valet service** - designed for worshippers with mobility challenges, valet service is available from 9:35 to 9:55 Sunday mornings. 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, contact Mike Buckman in church, by phone (519-236-7940), through Facebook or via email at [michaelbuckman@hotmail.com](mailto:michaelbuckman@hotmail.com)

### Upcoming Services:

Aug 31: Pastor Kevin DeRaaf

Sept 7: Pastor Jay Crossen

Sept 14: Pastor Jay 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 for The Lighthouse



Aug 31: Huron Country Food Distribution Centre

Sept 7: Resonate Global Missions

Sept 14: Fellowship of Christian Farmers

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.



**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.

**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

**Common Plate Community Meals** Come on out from 5:30-7pm at Precious Blood Catholic Church on August 19 to enjoy a complimentary meal, Common Plate, and build relationships with our broader community. Weekly dinners start on September 2!

**VBS & Community Breakfast:** A Huge Thank you to everyone who made VBS and the Breakfast the success that it was. From those on the front lines and those who worked behind the scenes none of this would have been possible without the many willing hands.

**Congratulations:** We as a church family congratulate Kelvin & Autum Knip on the birth of their son Wilson Graham born Aug 5. Mom and baby are doing great.

**GEMS Regional Counselor Training** Join us for a day of learning, sharing, and creating on Saturday, September 20/25 at the Stratford CRC from 8:30am-3:00pm. CITS will have their own workshop and a special outing. Main presenter will be Ron Devries. Cost is \$45/person. Lunch will be provided. To register go to <https://bit.ly/GEMSCounselor2025>

**Vacation:** Pastor Jay will be away on vacation next week. If you have any pastoral needs, please contact your elder.

**Small groups** will soon be starting up again. Are you interested in joining a group this fall? Please speak to Sheila Vanderlaan to sign up or find out more information

**Hey Kids (Age 3 – Grade 6)** We're excited to welcome you back for a brand-new year of Sunday School starting September 7th!

If you have any questions about the upcoming year—or if you're interested in signing up as a teacher or helper (hint hint, nudge nudge.... Youth Grades 7-12! 😊) —please connect with one of our new Sunday School supervisors: Jolene de Boer, Janelle Bouman, or Sarah Mulder.

Enjoy the rest of your summer—we can't wait to see you in just a couple of weeks! 😊 "

## From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

**SOCO Beach Project Update:**Read about the last week at SOCO and the participants' final reflections...you'll be encouraged! Check out the SOCO house for small group retreat or family rental space in beautiful Port Dover from late August to early April - with special rates for young adult ministry groups.

Newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-august-21-8570734>

**Diaconal Ministries Canada Moving Forward in Faith Conference Is Back!** - Diaconal Ministries Canada and Resonate Global Mission are once again hosting the "Moving Forward in Faith Conference", happening November 14 & 15, 2025, at King's Christian Collegiate in Oakville, ON. This year's theme is The Church Released. Our plenary speaker is Canadian author and justice advocate, Danielle Strickland. Workshops promise to be practical and helpful, covering topics like prayer, mission, ministry for youth and young adults, and more. An optional bus tour will also be available -- go and see local ministry in action! We highly recommend coming with your entire ministry team! REGISTRATION WILL OPEN IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. Save these dates and get your team ready to attend. More info is on the event website: <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/moving-forward-faith>.

**Calvin University Calvin University 150th Anniversary Events** - Calvin University is celebrating its 150th anniversary and you're invited to join us in marking the occasion all year long! Check the [calvin.edu/150](http://calvin.edu/150) website for details on many events going on at Calvin throughout the anniversary year. Some ways we're celebrating include Celebration Weeks on campus, Calvin On-the-Road events to 30 cities, an Anniversary Worship Celebration in March 2026, and a 150th Anniversary Hymn Text Contest.

**Huron Christian School:** Join us for our Back-to-School Assembly on Tuesday, September 2, 2024 at 9am in the school gymnasium. Let's gather in faith and fellowship as we welcome in the 2025-26 school year together!

**The Hastings County Concert Band** invites you to a special evening of music and community with purpose! The Best of Broadway, a benefit concert in support of New Life Women's Home. Hosted by the Hastings County Concert Band whose mission is to provide skilled local musicians with the opportunity to rehearse and perform a wide variety of music. This concert will feature vocalists Sara Gray, Yona Harvey, Sonya Zaback and soloist Robin Dupre.

Join us Saturday, August 23rd @ 7pm, Maranatha Church, 100 College St. W., Belleville.

Enjoy a rich selection of Broadway's most beloved songs, brought to life by the powerful sounds of the Hastings County Concert Band and stunning voices of the vocalists.

This is a free event with donations being gratefully accepted in support of New Life Women's Home.

Your attendance helps support women on their journey to healing and transformation from the devastating grip of addiction. We hope to see you there!

**Retirement:** Open house celebrating Peter & Cindy Tuininga Aug 30, 2025, 2-5 pm 6522 Townline Rd. Smithville, Ont L0R 2A0

This Week Aug 24-30						
<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship Sunday School age 3,4,5-year old's only-	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u> Executive Meeting 7:30 pm	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>

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SERVING SCHEDULE				
	Aug 24	Aug 31	Sept 7	Sept 14
<b>Elder</b>	Al Vanderlaan	Gerard Steenbeek	Leo Weverink	Jake Zantingh
<b>Deacon</b>	Joy & Elder	Joy & Marian	Anthony & Marian	Anthony & Dianne
<b>Coffee Clean-Up</b>	Gerben & Ria Betty & Clarence	Al & Norma Conner & Melissa	Dan & Sheila Jeff & Yvonne	Bert & Wilma Mike & Emmy
<b>Greeters</b>	Wendy Westerik, Sandra Newton	Jean Vanderlaan, Sam Vanderlaan	Bert Visscher, Yvonne Van Soest	Gerben & Ria Steenbeek
<b>Ushers</b>	Tim DeWeerd & Leo Weverink	Sylvia Hulshoff & Jake Zantingh	Colton Mulder Dianne Soer	Cliff Knip & Marian DeBoer
<b>Children's Message</b>	Bert V.	Leo W.	N/A	Sylvia
<b>Nursery</b>	Katelyn Heyink, Sheila Vanderlaan, Sydney Lubbers	Tanya Steenbeek, Wendy Stafford, Joe Dykstra	Melissa VanSoest, Kathryn Langendyk, Avery Mulder	Curtis Heyink, Michelle Meinen, Avery Poortinga
<b>Sunday School</b>	SS only 3,4,5-year-olds Marique, Lillian	SS only 3,4,5-year-olds Janelle,	Sylvia Hulshof, Jolene Deboer, Janelle Bouman, Sandra Ducharme	Joy Deweerd, Jolene Deboer, Janelle Bouman, Sandra Ducharme
<b>Valet</b>	Tim Deweerd	Bill Branderhorst	Dan Vanderlaan	Albert Hummel