



# Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Worship: 10am

**Sunday, Aug 31 2025**

**Pastor Kevin DeRaaf**

**Musicians: Janece, Joe, Amy & Peter**

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

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

\* Song: **Here I Am to Worship LUYH # 567**

\* God's Greeting

\* Song **God the Father LUYH # 927**

## **God Renews Us In His Grace**

Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Song: **Only a Holy God CCLI # 707332**

Preparatory for Lord's Supper

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

Children's Message

Song: **He's Got the Whole World LUYH # 26**

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

Prayer of Illumination:

Scripture: Psalm 96

Message: An Invitation to a Vibrant Life in God's Resonant World

\*Song: **Sing to the Lord LUYH # 515**

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

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Huron County Food Distribution Centre

Offertory **Holy Forever CCLI # 7201044**

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

\* God's Sending and Blessing

\* Song: **How Great Thou Art LUYH # 553**

\* 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 Lord Supper

Sept 14: Pastor Jay Crossen

Sept 21: 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 Huron County Food Distribution Centre



Sept 7: Resonate Global Missions

Sept 14: Fellowship of Christian Farmers

Sept 21: Christian School Bursary Fund

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\*** 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 for weekly dinners starting on September 2 to enjoy a complimentary meal, Common Plate, and build relationships with our broader community?

**Common Plate** A donation email has been set up for Common Plate it is as follows [donations@Exetercommonplate.org](mailto:donations@Exetercommonplate.org)

**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>

**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! 😊 "

**Prayer Request:** Ann Kikkert will be having total knee replacement surgery on Thursday. We as her church family pray that her surgery is successful and that the healing process goes well.

**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>

**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!

**Who is ready for some Youth hockey?** We are putting together a new youth hockey league for players ages 14–25 (born 2000–2011). It is co-ed, will be Friday or Saturday nights, open to all skill levels, and all about having a fast, fun, and competitive time on the ice.

Teams will be built to keep things balanced—so whether you are a first-timer or a rink rat, you will have a place to play. Want in? Or maybe you would like to coach, help organize, or even support the league? Fill out the form <https://bit.ly/YouthHockey2025> or hit up Jonathan DeWeerd at [jddw.bldg@gmail.com](mailto:jddw.bldg@gmail.com) Let's make this happen. Who's game

**Family looking for house rental.** A newcomer family (parents and 4 children) from Vietnam is looking for a house to rent within a 15 km radius of Goderich. If you are aware of a house that is available that might suit their needs, please contact Nick Geleynse (519-525-0334) @ Huron Welcome Hub for Newcomers.

This Week Aug 31-Sept 6 2025						
<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship Sunday School age 3,4,5-year old's only-	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u> NHS 7 pm Exeter Villa	<u>Wednesday</u> Council Meeting 7:30 pm	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>

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SERVING SCHEDULE				
	Aug 31	Sept 7	Sept 14	Sept 21
<b>Elder</b>	Gerard Steenbeek	Leo Weverink	Jake Zantingh	Gerald Kodde
<b>Deacon</b>	Joy & Marian	Anthony & Marian	Anthony & Dianne	Dianne & Marian
<b>Coffee Clean-Up</b>	Al & Norma Conner & Melissa	Dan & Sheila Jeff & Yvonne	Bert & Wilma Mike & Emmy	Wendy Westerik Frieda Zandbergen Deb Westerik
<b>Greeters</b>	Jean Vanderlaan, Sam Vanderlaan	Bert Visscher, Yvonne Van Soest	Gerben & Ria Steenbeek	Scott & Wendy Stafford
<b>Ushers</b>	Sylvia Hulshoff & Jake Zantingh	Colton Mulder Dianne Soer	Cliff Knip & Marian DeBoer	Betty Toornstra & Anthony Nyman
<b>Children's Message</b>	Leo W.	N/A	Sylvia	Teresa
<b>Nursery</b>	Tanya Steenbeek, Wendy Stafford, Joe Dykstra	Melissa VanSoest, Kathryn Langendyk, Avery Mulder	Curtis Heyink, Michelle Meinen, Avery Poortinga	Ria Steenbeek, Savannah Zantingh, Layla DenHollander
<b>Sunday School</b>	SS only 3,4,5-year-olds Janelle,	Sylvia Hulshof, Jolene Deboer, Janelle Bouman, Sandra Ducharme	Joy Deweerd, Jolene Deboer, Janelle Bouman, Sandra Ducharme	Betty Toornstra,Jolene Deboer, Janelle Bouman, Sandra Duchame
<b>Valet</b>	Bill Branderhorst	Dan Vanderlaan	Albert Hummel	