



# Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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**Sunday Aug 9, 2026**

**Worship: 10am**

**Pastor: Toyosi Awesu**

**Musicians: Michelle, VBS**

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

Words of Welcome

\* Call to Worship

\* Song: **We Sing the Mighty Power of God** LUYH # 10 Music LUYH # 356

\* God's Greeting

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

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

Payer of Confession & Assurance

Song: **The Old Rugged Cross** CCLI # 19722

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

Children's Message

## **Children's Song: Awesome God CCLI # 41099 Acapella)**

Dismissal of Children 3–5-year-olds

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3: 1-16

Message: The Value of Knowing Jesus

\* Song: **When we Walk the Lord** LUYH # 327

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

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering Deacons Benevolence Fund

Song VBS Video

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

\* God's Sending and Blessing

\* Song **Power in the Blood** CCLI # 21370

\* 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 5. 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:

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| <u>Aug 9:</u>  | Pastor Toyosi Awesu  |
| <u>Aug 16:</u> | Sara DeMoor          |
| <u>Aug 23:</u> | Walter Miedema       |
| <u>Aug 30:</u> | Pastor Kevin TeBrake |

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 Deacons' Benevolence Fund

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| <u>Aug 16:</u> | Sanctuary                     |
| <u>Aug 23:</u> | Resonate Global Mission       |
| <u>Aug 30:</u> | World Renew - Justice for All |

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.

**Vacation:** Pastor Jay & family will be away from Aug 9-31. If there are any pastoral concerns, please reach out to your elder. If you are not sure who your elder is please reach out to Al Vanderlaan.

**Cliff Knip** has received a diagnosis of colon cancer. He is awaiting more tests as they decide the best way to move forward. Please keep this family in your prayers.

**Dear Church Family:** I just want to express my wholehearted thank you to everyone for making my recovery at home go so quickly. It's been almost 7 weeks of absolutely no weight on my ankle. Thank you for all the visits, meals that have come and shared at my table, text messages, and prayers. To my 6:00am Coffee Buddies who bring me coffee and have our coffee fellowship together at my place each morning. I feel very blessed and content. Hopefully, I will hear good news this week whether or not I can start putting minimal weight on my ankle again. Harry Knip

**The Desgagne's** would like to thank our wonderful church family. The outpouring of prayers, phone calls and delicious meals provided during Amanda's recent illness. She is improving and being careful waiting for further testing. Your kindness and generosity truly comforted us we are deeply grateful. Amanda and Michael Desgagne

**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

**To our cherished Seniors:** We see you, and we want you to know how important you are to our church family. Whether you need a ride to an appointment or to visit family, a warm meal, a companion for a walk, or just a friendly chat over coffee, **Our Senior Care Team is here for you!** Please reach out to Norma Vanderlaan, Lori Triebner, Bill Branderhorst, Marique Crossen, Laura Garritsen, Joanne Branderhorst or Melanie Buxton - we would love to connect with you!

**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.

**Community Breakfast:** We are looking for more volunteers for the community breakfast! Looking for cook, serve & Cleanup help. Please contact Jody Mulder.

**Donations.** Joe Lubbers will be collecting money for the community breakfast meat (bacon and sausages). E-transfers can be sent to [josephlubbers@gmail.com](mailto:josephlubbers@gmail.com)

**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 website [www.vbspro.events/p/rockyrailway26](http://www.vbspro.events/p/rockyrailway26)

**Children Summer Sermon Note:** While the children are not in Sunday School for the summer, we would like to encourage the children to take a Kids Sermon Notes sheet which will be at the back of the church along with a clip board. On this sheet there is opportunity for the children to either write or draw a picture of what the Pastor is preaching on.

**From the CRCNA and the Broader Community**

**SOCO Beach Project Update Calling** all young adults: come out for our final Sunday Night SOCO on August 9. In this week's newsletter, read about the rhythm of feast and fasting. There's still time to help us reach our summer fundraising goal: <https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-august-6-8577186>

**Groundwork: What Happens After We Die? -** What happens after we die? Where do we go? Where do our bodies and souls go while we're waiting for Jesus to return on Judgment Day? Join Groundwork as we study Luke 23:39-43; Philippians 1:20-26; Ecclesiastes 9:5-6; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; 2 Corinthians 5:1-9, 16-17; Romans 8:34-39; and Philippians 3:20-21 to better understand three Christian views on life after death, and to receive the rich assurance and deep comfort God's Word provides. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

| This Week Aug 9-15 2026                                                     |               |                                                                                         |                  |                 |               |                 |
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| <u>Sunday</u><br>10am Worship<br>Live Streamed<br>Sunday School ages<br>3-5 | <u>Monday</u> | <u>Tuesday</u><br>Common Plate Meal 5:30 –<br>7:00 pm Precious Blood<br>Catholic Church | <u>Wednesday</u> | <u>Thursday</u> | <u>Friday</u> | <u>Saturday</u> |

|                           | Aug 9                                                                                | Aug 16                                                            | Aug 23                                                          | Aug 30                                                       |
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| <b>Elder</b>              | Cliff Knip                                                                           | Jake Zantingh                                                     | Adrian Bakelaar                                                 | Yvonne VanSoest                                              |
| <b>Deacon</b>             | Cam, Teresa                                                                          | Marian, Cam                                                       | Teresa, Marian                                                  | Teresa, Dianne                                               |
| <b>Coffee Clean-Up</b>    | Gerritt & Dianne<br>Henry & Sadie<br>Derek & Danielle<br>** Please note announcement | Gerard & Tanya<br>Wibbian T Jean V<br>** Please note announcement | Gerben & Ria<br>Betty & Clarence<br>** Please note announcement | Dan & Sheila<br>Kevin & Kiera<br>** Please note announcement |
| <b>Greeters</b>           | Scott & Wendy Stafford                                                               | Norma, Sam V.                                                     | Lori & Albert H.                                                | Anne Z., Sandra N.                                           |
| <b>Ushers</b>             | Betty, Anthony                                                                       | Tim, Leo                                                          | Sylvia, Yvonne                                                  | Colton, Adrian                                               |
| <b>Children’s Message</b> | Karen Knip                                                                           | Joan                                                              | Teresa                                                          | Sylvia                                                       |
| <b>Nursery</b>            | Darren Bouman, Sharon Kodde,<br>Sadie Bouman                                         | Kevin Mulder, Ria<br>Steenbeek, Alanna Nyman                      | Jolene deBoer, Joe Dykstra,<br>Avery Poortinga                  | Marique Crossen, Leah<br>Branderhorst, Avery Mulder          |
| <b>Sunday School</b>      | Sunday School for 3,4- & 5-year-olds only<br>Jolene deBoer, Casey                    | Sunday School for 3,4- & 5-year-olds only<br>Michelle Meinen, Eli | Sunday School for 3,4- & 5-year-olds only<br>Kassidy Heyink     | Sunday School for 3,4- & 5-year-olds only                    |
| <b>Valet</b>              | Sophia Buckman                                                                       | Mike Zandwyk                                                      | Greg Langendyk                                                  | Tim Deweerd                                                  |
| <b>Tech Booth</b>         | (P) Sam<br>(A) Adrain<br>(V) Gerard                                                  | (P) Clara<br>(A) Job<br>(V) Aaron                                 | (P) Greg<br>(A) Trevor<br>(V) Tony                              | (P) Landon<br>(A) Nathan<br>(V) Dan                          |
| <b>Hall Monitor</b>       | Anthony                                                                              | Leo Weverink                                                      | Yvonne VanSoest                                                 | Adrian Bakelaar                                              |