



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday September 20, 2026

Worship: 10am

Pastor: Jay Crossen

Musicians: Amy's Team with Janece

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

* Call to Worship

* Song: **Come Now is the Time to Worship LUYH # 526**

* God's Greeting

* Song: **How Deep the Father's Love**

God Renews us in His Grace

Apostle Creed responsive

Commissioning

Song: **Before the Throne of God Above LUYH # 682**

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message

Children's Song: **This is the Day**

Dismissal of Children ages 3– Grade 6

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 3

Message: Speak Lord...

* Song: **Speak Oh Lord LUYH # 755**

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: World Renew – Nepal

Offering Song: **Only a Holy God CCLI 7073332**

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

* God's Sending and Blessing

* Song: **Go Now in Peace LUYH # 950**

* 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. Nursery is available for all children up to age 3. 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>Sept 20:</u>	Pastor Jay (Commissioning Service)
<u>Sept 27:</u>	Pastor Jay
<u>Oct 4:</u>	Pastor Jay
<u>Oct 11:</u>	Pastor Jay (Lord's Super)

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 World Renew - Nepal

<u>Sept 27:</u>	The Lighthouse
<u>Oct 4:</u>	Christian School Bursary Fund
<u>Oct 11:</u>	Exeter Community Food Bank

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

Thanksgiving Food Drive! Many in our community face every day without enough food, and some parents go without so their children can eat. Please support the Exeter and Area Food Bank by donating canned goods and pantry staples. Our drive runs from Sunday, September 20/26 to Sunday, October 04/26, so families have time to prepare for Thanksgiving. Please help us bless our friends and neighbours. A box will be available in the foyer. Thank you from the Deacons.



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.

Congratulations: We thank God and we congratulate Hannah & Austin Glavin and big brother Rylan as Owen Peter joined their family on Sept 7. All are doing well.

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.

GEMS Kick-Off and Registration Night for all girls born 2012-2017 (grades 4-8). Parents are asked to join the Kick-Off on **Thursday, October 1/26 at 7:00pm** at the church and register their daughter(s) in-person. This will give you a chance to meet the leaders, hear about the plans for the year and have your questions answered. There will be refreshments. Girls are encouraged to bring a friend. Invite a neighbour, classmate or teammate to come out and see what GEMS is all about. Everyone welcome!

Sunday School is Back: For ages 3 to Grade 6.

We are still in need of teachers and could really use your help! Please prayerfully consider whether you could volunteer and help make Sunday School possible for our children this year. If you can help, please speak with Janelle Bouman, Sarah Mulder or Jolene de Boers or sign up on the sheets by the Sunday School desk.

Craft & Connect will resume on Tuesday, September 15, 2026. Pack up your current craft project and join us in the church library from 12:30-3:30. For more information contact Dianne Soer

Men's breakfast will begin on Sept. 19th at 8 a.m. all men young and old are invited. We will resume the study on the book of James. Please RSVP to Mike, or pastor Jay.

Women's Young Adults Bible Study (ages 18-35): We are excited to re-launch our fall session of the Women's Young Adults Bible Study. Come join a great group of ladies seeking deeper relationships with one another and with Jesus. Our first fall meet-up will take place on **Wednesday, September 23rd at 7:30 pm** at Josie VandenBrink's house. Please bring a fall-themed snack or appetizer with you to share! We plan to meet **bi-weekly** throughout the fall (Tuesday or Wednesday evenings). Further details will be posted on the Young Adults Facebook page. If you have any questions, please reach out to Rachel Kaumanns or Rachel Boersma.

Profession of Faith Classes: Starting this fall we hope to have a profession of faith class. If any one is interested, please connect with Pastor Jay.

Bible Ready Group: Any one wanting to connect and read through scripture together is encouraged to come to the church the first Friday of every month @ 3:00 pm. Currently we are reading through Psalms

Common Plate is looking for more volunteers! Would you like to love our neighbors by helping to provide a meal and fellowship opportunity for them? Would you like to get to know and strengthen your ties with other Christians in Exeter by serving alongside them? Come join our Common Plate team! Did you know that 7 local churches are working together to provide complimentary weekly meals for our community!?! We are currently looking for people who would be willing to volunteer on one Tuesday every seven weeks. Please contact Marique Crossen if you are interested or have any questions.

Save the Date for Fall Retreat 2026!! Mark Sept 25-27, 2026 in your calendars this year to attend Fall Retreat in Muskoka Woods! All highschool youth are invited to join for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and a time to deepen their faith. Registration is now OPEN! For more information on what to expect from Fall Retreat please visit the website: classishuronfallretreat.ca/

Coffee Break: We will be starting Wednesday Oct 7 @ 9:30 – 11:00 am. Our first morning will be a Potluck Brunch. Child care will be available. We will be studying the book of Job. All welcome!

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.

Collections for Aug 2026

Deacons	1792.5	Huron Christian School	756.92
London Christian High	240.84	Stratford Christian School	149.09
Exeter Food Bank	2050	Resonate	355
World Renew Foodgrains	300	Huron Cty Food Dist	250
Welcome Hub Newcomers	250	World Renew Justice for All	430
Sanctuary London	1787	New Ground	250
		Total	8611.35

From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

SOCO Beach Project Update Ever wonder what a SOCO parent thinks about the SOCO experience of their young adult son or daughter? Read a first hand perspective from a parent of one of this summer's participants. Save the date for the upcoming fundraiser - The Downs on Friday, Oct. 23 at Faith CRC, Burlington. And remember that the SOCO house is available for rent for a small group retreat or a weekend getaway. Read all about it in this week's newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-sept-10-8577900>

Groundwork: When Life Is Meaningless - Do you ever feel like you're spinning your wheels but not getting anywhere? Life can bring its share of discouragement. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Ecclesiastes 1-2 and 5:18-20 to glean wisdom for life from the Teacher and discuss why we can have hope even when life seems meaningless. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Hymn Sing Join us for an evening of singing. Sunday September 20 at 7:00 pm. Clinton Christian Reformed Church, 243 Princess St E. Bring a friend. If you need more info, call 519-482-9948 Herman or 519-525-6283 Ann

Family Outreach Ontario Addiction to alcohol and/or drugs; how bad is it? Not that bad? Is “*thatbad*” a skid row drunk, losing your family, home, job.....??? “*That bad*” is irrelevant -- what is relevant is help before it gets “that bad”, for yourself and your loved one. We are available to share our experience, strength and hope. Confidentiality guaranteed. 905-933-3994 or www.familyoutreachontario.com.

GriefShare Support Group_ support group for those grieving the death of a loved one will begin on Thursday, September 24. Meetings will run weekly from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. through December 17, and will include a special session on "Surviving the Holidays."

Each session features a video presentation followed by a time for sharing and support. The group will meet at Trinity CRC Goderich. Additional details are available on the poster on the bulletin board by mail slots.

For more information, please contact Linda VanWyk at [519-955-0338](tel:519-955-0338) or visit griefshare.org.

Bethel CRC Young Adults invite you to a worship night on October 25. Come join us in worship and hear a message from Kevin Nethercott. Doors open at 7:00 PM for refreshments and worship starts at 7:30 PM.

Women's Worship: Women of all ages are invited for an evening of worship on Sunday, September 27th at 7:30 PM at the Clinton CRC. We plan to gather on the last Sunday of every other month. Enter through the door by the soccer fields. Worship, treats, and genuine connection—you belong here, be part of something special.

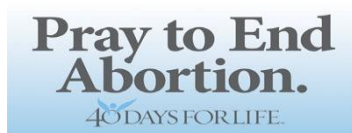
Grace-Emma Bierma BIO I am pleased and humbled to serve in a new position as Youth Ministry Consultant for Classis Huron. I look forward to getting to know each of the congregations and youth ministry leaders better in the years to come. My goal is to visit each church within the first year so I can see your unique ministry context and meet you face to face. In the meantime, please feel free to email: classishuronYMC@gmail.com or call/text: 226-261-3010 for any support or inquiries.

Christian Singles Mixer *For those who were unable to attend the first event or for those who would like to mingle further, we invite you to a Christian Singles Mixer for those ages 25-40(ish) Inge Rylaarsdam (Palmerston CRC), Samantha Kappers (Bethel CRC - Listowel) and Grace-Emma Bierma (Stratford CRC) are hosting again. ***When:** Friday, October 16 from 6:00pm-11:00pm [Dinner will be served at 6:30pm] **Where:** Moorefield, ON **Cost:** \$20 Reserve your spot (as space is limited) by October 9, by scanning the QR code on the flyer. All the details for the event will be there and you'll be confirmed once payment is received. Looking forward to seeing you!



The Wingham & District Right to Life

Invites you to quietly and prayerfully defend the unborn in our Annual LIFE CHAIN. On **Sunday, Oct. 4**, from 2-3 p.m. People all across the country will be gathering in their local cities and towns along the main street, quietly holding Pro-life signs which will be provided. **YOU** are invited to be a part of this important day. In keeping with this quiet, prayerful gathering, all participants will be socially distanced. We will be meeting at **Salvation Army Parking Lot, Josephine and Diagonal Road, Wingham, at 1:45 p.m.**



We will begin 40 Days of Prayer at the end of the Life Chain. Copies of the prayers are available at the Life Chain, from board members, or Wingham and District Right to Life's Facebook. Please join other pro-lifers in prayers for 40 days. **NOTE There will also be copies of this on cabinet by the church admin office.**

This Week Sept 20-26 2026

<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship Live Streamed Sunday School ages 3- to Grade 6	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u> Common Plate Meal 5:30 – 7:00 pm Precious Blood Catholic Church Craft & Connect 12:30-3:30 NHS Singers Bluewater 6:45	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u> Gems Leaders Meeting @ 7	<u>Friday</u> Cadet Camping	<u>Saturday</u> Cadet Camping
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	Sept 20	Sept 27	Oct 4	Oct 11
Elder	Yvonne VanSoest	Jake Zantingh	Cliff Knip	Adrian Bakelaar
Deacon	Marian, Anthony	Cam, Dianne	Teresa, Cam	Cam, Marian
Coffee Clean-Up	Jake & Savannah Mikayla & James ** Please note announcement	Deb W, Anne Z Mike & Emmy Z ** Please note announcement	Shawn & Angela Adrian and Maria ** Please note announcement	Derek & Sharon Eugene & April , Wendy W * Please note announcement
Greeters	Clarence, Kathryn	Scott & Wendy Stafford	Michael & Teresa	Norma V., Albert
Ushers	Tim, Al	Sylvia, Jake	Cliff, Anthony	Colton, Dianne
Children's Message	Pastor Jay	Leo	Karen	N/A
Nursery	Tanya Steenbeek, Joanne Branderhorst,	Hannah Glavin, Ann Zwaan, Rolinda deRuiter	Mikayla Vink, Sandra Ducharme, Ashley Breukelman	Janelle Bouman, Sheila Vanderlaan, Avery Knip
Sunday School	Sunday School for ages 3-Grade 6 Joy DeWeerd, Shelia Vanderlaan, Clara Steenbeek, Janelle Bouman, Jody Mulder	Sunday School for ages 3-Grade 6 Sandra Ducharme Shelia Vanderlaan, Clara Steenbeek, Janelle Bouman, Jody Mulder	Sunday School ages 3-Grade 6	Sunday School for ages 3-Grade 6
Valet	Mike Zandwyk	Albert Hummel	Ron deRuiter	Bill Branderhorst
Tech Booth	<u>(P) Clara (A) Trevor (V) Tony</u>	<u>(P) Landon (A) Nathan (V) Dan</u>	<u>(P) Sam (A) Adrian</u>	<u>(P) Greg (A) Job (V) Aaron</u>
Hall Monitor	Al Vanderlaan	Jake Zantingh	<u>(V) Gerard</u> Anthony	Dianne