



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Worship: 10am

Sunday, Sept 7

Pastor Jay Crossen

Musicians: Michelle, Shawn,
Sylvia, Marian, Al, Shaun, Josh,
Orrin

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

* Song: **God of Wonders LUYH # 4**

* God's Greeting

* Song **The River CCLI # 4316864**

God Renews Us In His Grace

Commissioning

Lord's Supper

Song: **Behold the Lamb LUYH # 840**

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Song **This Little Light of Mine**

Children (Dismissal age 3- Grade 6) for Sunday School

Prayer of Illumination:

Scripture: Mark 1: 14-15

Message: What is the Gospel?

*Song: **Be Unto Your Name CCLI # 2177476**

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Resonate Global Missions

Offertory: **Slow me Down**

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

* God's Sending and Blessing

* Song: **Agnus Dei CCLI # 626713**

* 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

Upcoming Services:

Sept 7: Pastor Jay Crossen Lord Supper

Sept 14: Pastor Jay Crossen

Sept 21: Pastor Jay Crossen

Sept 28: Walter Miedema

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 Resonate Global Missions



Sept 14: Fellowship of Christian Farmers
Sept 21: Christian School Bursary Fund
Sept 28: World Renew

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.



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.

Prayer Request: Ann Kikkert had knee replacement surgery this past Thursday. At time of publishing bulletin, we have not yet received an update. We as her church family pray that her surgery was successful and that the healing process goes well.

Prayer Request: Wibbina Toonk is having hip replacement surgery on Friday September 12. We also pray as church family that her surgery is successful and that her healing process goes well.

Dear church family, I am excited for September with our ministries starting back up again! I hope you have all had a wonderful summer full of time with family and friends and some time enjoying the beautiful summer weather. I pray that as regular rhythms begin again that you are able to start them rested and rejuvenated.

It has been a very full summer for me! I'd love to give you a snapshot of what I've been up to. I was away at Synod at the end of June and so did not lead 2 services here as a result. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our denomination in this way, to build relationships, to contribute to important conversations, and to see the Lord at work. I also had the opportunity to do some pulpit supply in Orangeville. Our Classis has many vacant churches, so it is a gift to be able to support them in their time without a pastor.

In July, my family went for 2 weeks to Agassiz, British Columbia to visit my brother. He moved out to BC with us and then stayed. It was wonderful to reconnect with him as well as the church community we left behind. I was able to lead worship and preach again at Riverside Christian Reformed Church. It was a gift to be with that church family, and it is a beautiful picture to imagine all churches one day worshipping our Lord together in heaven!

We came back in time to be part of VBS, which is always a highlight for me. It is fun to be part of a large church event and to see our church come together in such an incredible way. I loved getting to share the gospel with the children of Exeter and was particularly encouraged by a couple of children asking for a Bible at the end of the week. Praise be to God!

In August I've been able to enjoy a couple of weeks camping as well as some time with my parents and grandmother in Stirling, ON. Being in Ontario allows my children time with their grandparents in a way they haven't been able to have before, and I am very grateful for this gift.

One of the gifts you have given me is the opportunity to have a Sunday off from preaching when there is a 5th Sunday in the month. That landed this month too! I use those weeks to plan my preaching schedule, prayerfully consider the direction we are headed and what the Lord would have me focus on, and to do some extra pastoral visits. These weeks are extremely helpful to me as a pastor, and I am grateful for them.

I am very thankful for the gift of this congregation. I am grateful for the opportunities you give me to serve in various capacities at a denominational, Classis and local level. I am also grateful for opportunities to rest and connect with my family. I have been given the rest and rejuvenation needed to start September with much excitement and I am eager to see what the Lord will do here at Exeter CRC in this new ministry year!

~Pastor Jay

I look forward to worshipping together and leading services more regularly again. You may have wondered this summer if I disappeared! I can assure you that I am very much here and committed to this church family. If ever you are in need of a visit and have not heard from me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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

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! 😊 "

Young Adults "Stratford CRC young adults are hosting a dodgeball and worship night on Sunday Sept 7 at 6:30pm. Join for a message from Tom Mosterd, followed by some food and fun!"

From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

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 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.

EduDeo is excited to invite pastors, deacons, missions committee members, and other church leaders to join us for a Church Leaders Vision Trip to Guatemala, happening October 24-31, 2025. This unique opportunity will allow you to experience firsthand how God is transforming lives through the work of EduDeo's partner, AMG Guatemala. You will visit schools that are making a lasting impact through Christ-centred education, engage with local pastoral leaders, and explore how faith, education, and material poverty intersect in a different cultural context. This trip offers a powerful way to reflect on how the global Church can inspire and inform your ministry at home. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact me by September 10, 2025, to confirm your participation.

This Week Sept 7-13						
<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship Sunday School age 3 to Grade 6	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u> NHS 6 pm Queensway	<u>Wednesday</u> Worship Committee Meeting 7:30 pm	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>

SERVING SCHEDULE				
	Sept 7	Sept 14	Sept 21	Sept 28
Elder	Leo Weverink	Jake Zantingh	Gerald Kodde	George Poortinga
Deacon	Anthony & Marian	Anthony & Dianne	Dianne & Marian	Marian & Joy
Coffee Clean-Up	Dan & Sheila Jeff & Yvonne	Bert & Wilma Mike & Emmy	Wendy Westerik Frieda Zandbergen Deb Westerik	
Greeters	Bert Visscher, Yvonne Van Soest	Gerben & Ria Steenbeek	Scott & Wendy Stafford	Kathryn Langendyk, Wibbina Toonk
Ushers	Colton Mulder Dianne Soer	Cliff Knip & Marian DeBoer	Betty Toornstra & Anthony Nyman	Wilma Visscher & Gerald Kodde
Children's Message	N/A	Sylvia	Teresa	Karen Knip
Nursery	Melissa VanSoest, Kathryn Langendyk, Avery Mulder	Curtis Heyink, Michelle Meinen, Avery Poortinga	Ria Steenbeek, Savannah Zantingh, Layla DenHollander	Marian deBoer, Joanne Branderhorst, Lillian Crossen
Sunday School	Sylvia Hulshof, Jolene Deboer, Janelle Bouman, Sandra Ducharme	Joy Deweerd, Jolene Deboer, Janelle Bouman, Sandra Ducharme	Betty Toornstra, Jolene Deboer, Janelle Bouman, Sandra Ducharme	Joy Deweerd, Jolene Deboer, Janelle Bouman, Sandra Ducharme
Valet	Dan Vanderlaan	Albert Hummel		Greg Langendyk