Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday Nov 1, 2026

Worship: 10am **Teacher: Pastor Jay** **Musicians: Connie Bos**

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

* Call to Worship

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

* God's Greeting

* Song: **God Himself is With Us LUYH # 565**

God Renews us in His Grace

Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Song: **Amazing Grace – My Chains are Gone LUYH # 693**

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message

Children's Song: **Jesus Loves Me This I Know LUYH # 709**

Dismissal of Children ages 3– Grade 6

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 13: 2-15, 14:1-46

Message: Perhaps the LORD will Act

* Song: **Take my Life and Let it Be LUYH # 863**

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: World Renew World Hunger

Offering Song: **Instrumental**

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

*God's Sending and Blessing

*Song: **Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me**

* 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:

Nov 1:	Pastor Jay
Nov 8:	Pastor Jay
Nov 15:	Pastor Jay
Nov 22:	Kevin DeRaaf

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 - World Hunger Sunday

Nov 8:	Teen Challenge
Nov 15:	Huron County Christmas Bureau
Nov 22:	Community Table

World Renew
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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

Ministry to Seafarers: From October 1-December 15, the Ministry to Seafarers are accepting parcels, new bulk items and/or virtual donations for their Christmas Parcel Campaign. Please consider sahring your Christmas with a seafarer. Visit www.ministrytoseafarers.org/parcels
for details.

Let's Bring an End to World Hunger: Today, hunger is a harsh reality for many families worldwide. World Renew equips families with tools and training to end hunger in their homes and communities, and your church can make a difference with us. Your gift to World Renew helps ensure there is enough for every table—enough food, enough hope, and enough of God's goodness shared with everyone. Please give at worldrenew.org/worldhunger or in today's offering.

. **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.

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

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.

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. 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.

Women's Retreat Church can feel lonely sometimes. We often long for a deeper connection to others and to God. That's what this Women's Retreat is all about.
On Friday November 6 and Saturday November 7 We will have opportunity to worship together, laugh together and hear stories of God's goodness and faithfulness in our everyday lives.
Our stories for God's glory!
"Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power. Psalm 145:4
We have room for 16 participants. Cost is $20 Please let us know of any food allergies.
Invites are in your mail slots. Please contact Kiera Vanderlaan to register
Keirawiersema14@gmail.com or text @ 519-851-7841

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.

Volunteers Needed: Coffee Break is starting Wednesday, October 7/26 and will run weekly from 9:30-11:00am till December 9/26. Once again, childcare will be provided. Volunteers will be needed to help care for the little ones in the nursery. If you can help out, even for one morning, please contact Karen Knip.

Nursery: A donation jar will be placed at the back of the sanctuary for those who would like to contribute toward a gift for the Boersma family as they celebrate the Lord's blessing of their recent addition to the family. - the nursery committee

Worship Committee is looking for readers for the upcoming Advent/Christmas season. If you would like to participate in a service, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the gym. We will need readers for the following dates: Nov. 29th(2), Dec. 6th(2), Dec. 13th(2), Dec. 20th (morning service (2)/ Candlelight service(4?), and Dec. 25th(2). If you have a preferred date, please add that behind your name. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve!"

Exeter Christmas Parade – Volunteers Needed! We are excited to be entering a float in this year's Exeter Christmas Parade! We are looking for **8–10 volunteers (ages 10 & up)** to walk alongside the float and hand out candy, as well as approximately **14 enthusiastic carollers** to ride on the float and spread some Christmas cheer through song!
Sign-up sheets are posted on the Bulletin Board. *Please note: Younger children participating to be accompanied by a parent.*

From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

SOCO Beach Project Update Have an amazing evening of entertainment while supporting SOCO - The Downs on Friday, Oct. 23 at Faith CRC, Burlington. What does success look like in God's kingdom? Bigger isn't always better! Discover how God works through the slow, small, and often-unassuming moments of life—and why ministry happens at the speed of relationship. Read the latest newsletter for a fresh perspective on kingdom impact!
https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-october-15-8578664

Groundwork: Prayer and Thanksgiving - The apostle Paul instructs us to rejoice and pray with thanksgiving, but in the realities of daily life, it doesn't always feel that easy. Join Groundwork as we study Philippians 4:4-7, 1 Chronicles 29:10-20, Exodus 15:1-2, 20-21, and Luke 1:46-55 to see why including gratitude in our prayers matters and how it benefits our relationship with God and enriches our prayer life. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

The HCS 39th Annual Auction kicks off with the online portion on Thursday, November 19, closing Friday at 9 PM. The live auction will take place on Saturday, November 21, with bidding starting at 7 PM in the school gym.
We've received an amazing response from both the school and the surrounding community for contributions! If you would still like to donate, please reach out to the auction committee ASAP as the deadline has passed and we are working on getting the booklet to the printer! We appreciate your support for this major fundraiser! Information on how to sign up for the online auction will be available soon! Reach out to auction@huronchristianschool.ca with any questions

Resonate Global Mission Join Us November 13-14 for Moving Forward in Faith 2026 - Moving Forward in Faith Conference registration closes this Friday, November 6! Come for all or part of it! With over 30 dynamic workshops to pick from, motivating plenary sessions by Victor Ko, and times of worship and networking, this conference will equip you with practical skills and spiritual insights to better serve your local community. Check out the workshops and registration link at: resonateglobalmission.org/moving-forward-2026. We can't wait to see you there!

Kindergarten Registration – Huron Christian School: Registration is open for children born in 2022 or 2023 for the 2027/2028 school year! Join us Thursday, November 19, from 9:00–11:30 a.m. Families can meet the JK teacher and Principal, visit the classroom, tour the school, and meet with the local "Calling All Three-Year Olds" program. To request a registration package and schedule an appointment, call **519-482-7851** or email **office@huronchristianschool.ca**.

Hope Canadian Male Choir is excited to present their Christmas concert series 'Oh Come, All Ye Faithful' with 4 concerts December 2-5, 2026. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit their website www.hopecanadianmalechoir.com. Email hopecanchoir@gmail.com or call/text 226 338 5459

This Week Nov 1-7 2026						
Sunday 10am Worship Live Streamed Sunday School ages 3- to Grade 6 Catechism Grade 7&8	Monday	Tuesday Common Plate Meal 5:30 – 7:00 pm Precious Blood Catholic Church Craft & Connect 12:30-3:30 Youth Group 7-9 pm NHS Exeter Villa 7pm	Wednesday Coffee Break 9:30-11:00 Council l Meeting @ 7:30 pm	Thursday Gems 7-8:45 pm Cadets 7-8:45 pm	Friday Bible Reading Group @ 3:00 pm	Saturday

	Nov 1	**Nov 8**	**Nov 15**	**Nov 22**
Elder	Jake Zantingh	Leo Weverink	Yvonne VanSoest	Adrian Bakelaar
Deacon	Teresa, Marian	Cam, Dianne	Marian, Anthony	Dianne, Teresa
Coffee Clean-Up	Dave & Joan Joanne & Leah * Please note announcement	Aaron & Jolene Derek & Miranda * Please note announcement	Joyce Pelley Tony & Marian * Please note announcement	Tim & Joy Ron & Rolinda * Please note announcement
Greeters	Gerben & Ria Steenbeek	Kathryn, Clarence	Scott & Wendy Stafford	Michael & Teresa
Ushers	Sylvia, George	Colton, Adrian	Tim, Cliff	Betty, Yvonne
Children's Message	Joan	Sylvia	N/A	
Nursery	Lisa Heyink, Laura Garritsen, Avery Poortinga	Melanie Buxton, Sarah Mulder, Lillian Crossen	Sylvia Holshof, Melissa VanSoest, Avery Mulder	Michelle Meinen, Curtis Heyink, Ashley Breukelman
Sunday School	Sunday School for ages 3-Grade 6 Sandra Ducharme, Kassidy Heyink, Micah Pickering, Mikayla Vink, Janelle Bouman	Sunday School for ages 3-Grade 6 Sandra Ducharme, Kassidy Heyink, Micah Pickering, Mikayla Vink, Janelle Bouman	Sunday School for ages 3-Grade 6 Sandra Ducharme, Kassidy Heyink, Micah Pickering, Mikayla Vink, Janelle Bouman	Sunday School for ages 3-Grade 6 Sandra Ducharme, Kassidy Heyink, Micah Pickering, Mikayla Vink, Janelle Bouman
Valet	Albert Hummel	Mike Zandwyk		
Tech Booth **Hall Monitor**	(P) Sam (A Job) (V) Gerard George Poortinga	(P) Greg (A Trevor (V) Aaron Adrian Bakelaar	(P)Landon (A) Nathan (V) Tony Cliff Knip	(P) Eli (A) Adrian (V) Dan Yvonne VanSoest