



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday, September 15, 2024

Worship: 10am

Teacher: Jay Crossen

Musician: Steve, Kids Praise Team

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: **Cornerstone**

God Renews Us in His Grace

Commissioning of Ministry Leaders

Song of Thanksgiving: **10,000 Reasons** LUYH #559

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message

Children's Song: **Build Your Kingdom**

Children aged 3 – Grade 6 are dismissed for Sunday School

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: **Hebrews 11**

Message: **The Long View of Faith**

- * Song of Response: **By Faith**

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayers of God's People

Offering: This week the Deacons will be using your gifts to support **Resonate Global Missions**. Etransfers may be sent to ecrgiving@gmail.com

Offertory: **Instrumental**

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

- * God's Sending and Blessing
- * Song: Praise **God From Whom All Blessings Flow** LUYH #965

* 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 – Grade 6.** 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.

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 and the week ahead is for **Resonate Global Mission**.

September 22: Fellowship of Christian Farmers

September 29: Christian School Bursary Fund

October 6: 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 still available. 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.

Congratulations to **Kelvin Knip** and **Autumn Prestwich** who were married on Friday, September 13.

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

Council Highlights: Council met in regular session on September 5 at 7:30pm

- Pastor Jay led council devotions and discussion on how we glorify God and how we can grow with his glorification.
- we scheduled a congregation meeting for Thursday Oct 3rd at 7pm to discuss financial and other matters. Look for more information in your email inbox by September 19.
- Council approved to host Alpha this fall in connection with several other churches also hosting in Exeter.
- We are excited that the fall programs are starting up soon. Keep looking for start-up announcements in the weekly bulletin and in emails.
- Council was challenged to a baseball game on Oct 1st. The Youth Group has high hopes of redeeming themselves after the stunning defeat they experienced on the ice in April. See you there!!

Collections paid in August:

Deacons - \$1,776 Edu Deo - \$1,408 Room 2 Grow - \$904 South Coast Beach Project - \$1,057

Year to Date Giving

General Giving January to August - \$178,579 Giving to Budget January to August - \$258,853
Total Annual Budget: \$388,279 Deficit January to August – (\$80,274)

Cadets: We are gearing up for a new season. We will kick off this year with an end of summer camping trip full of our favorite Cadeting activities and a new one or two. All boy's gr 4 - 8 are welcome to join us plus we would love to see you bring a friend or a dad or both. You should receive an email with details, but if you do **not, Please See Counsellor Derek Schreuders**. The rest of the year will have us meeting on Thursday nights at 7:00 at the church. Plans are already underway for a great season and some new events.

Attn: young adults! We warmly welcome all young adults (very approximately 17-25 yrs young, the ages aren't meant to be strict boundaries) to our house next Sunday, September 22 for coffee, fellowship, and a slice of carrot cheesecake. Please come out! No rsvp necessary. Also consider what you'd like to do as a group to start the new season and we can chat about it.

GEMS REGIONAL COUNSELOR TRAINING on Saturday, October 19/24 at Stratford CRC. Please register at <https://bit.ly/GEMSACTS2024> for a day of learning, sharing, and creating in fun-filled workshops. Come meet the new GEMS Executive Director, Wendy Hammond! Our speaker for the day is Dr. Jane Sinden. This training day is open to all current GEMS Counselors, C.I.T.s, and women interested in learning more about being a GEMS Counselor. Please speak to Karen Knip for more information.

Christmas Bureau: Plans are underway to, once again, host the Christmas Bureau. The new format of the Christmas Bureau requires a small team of individuals who can accept donations November 25-29 and then distribute gift cards December 2-6. If you are interested in learning more about the Christmas Bureau or if you would like to help in any way, please contact Sadie (519-857-2783).

Coffee with Pastor Jay: I am excited to get to know you! One way we can start to get to know each other is over coffee (or in my case, tea, or water). Join me for coffee time in my office and tell me a bit about yourself! There is a sign-up outside my office.

Nursing Home Singers: On Tuesday, September 17, we hope to continue our season of singing at Bluewater at 6:45pm. Come join us in blessing our Seniors. You will be blessed as well! Questions? Talk to Betty.

Calling all YOUTH: Come on out for a swim & BBQ: **September 15** @ Tony & Marian DeBoer's (167 Waterloo St) right after church. Talk to Darren Bouman or Sharon Kodde if you need a ride over!

From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

Workshop: Helping without Harming in Church Benevolence

Date: October 3, 2024, 7:00 pm

Location: Clinton CRC

Facilitator: Mark Vanderwees

Target participants: Deacons, church leadership, anyone who has a passion for helping.

Time: This workshop will take about 2.5 hours.

Many churches struggle when faced with requests for financial help. Often the church does not have a clear understanding of how to appropriately respond and react by addressing the 'immediate' need. In many situations, the response might only superficially address the real underlying root causes. This could contribute to greater dependency, where the church might be playing an enabling role rather than an empowering role. This workshop will help the church be better prepared to walk alongside individuals or households, bringing positive and long lasting changes to their lives and ultimately contributing to them being restored to all that God intends them as image bearers.

Huron Christian School Auction: Mark your calendars for Saturday, November, 23, 2024 for the 37th Annual Auction in the school gym, with the silent auction beginning online on Thursday, November 21.

'Canvas Kickoff' Advertising, financial contribution, and donations of items or services would be greatly appreciated to make this event a successful fundraiser for HCS. Do you have a special talent you could donate to the auction such as cooking, baking, or babysitting? Perhaps get together with friends and plan a fun evening for a group. Could you or your business donate an item, a service or an advertisement? What about donating a gift card from your favourite local business? Please send completed forms back to the school no later than **October 22, 2024**. If you have any questions, please contact auction@huronchristianschool.ca.

HCS Shop 'n Save: Have you heard of this unique fundraising program at Huron Christian School? You don't buy anything that you don't already use! This program sells "declining balance cards" (Gift Cards) from a large variety of stores. The profits from the sales of these products are directed toward reducing the tuition at HCS. The program is incredibly easy to use. Pop into the office at HCS any day to purchase in-stock gift cards from Deb or Wednesday mornings from 9-10:30 from the Shop 'n Save coordinators. Any cards not in stock will be ordered the following Wednesday. Cheques, cash or e-transfers accepted. Email trip@huronchristianschool.ca for more information on how to get started.

HURON CLASSIS YOUTH FALL RETREAT 2024!! REGISTRATION NOW OPEN Sept 27-29, 2024, Fall Retreat at Muskoka Woods! Dive in the new youth season as we dig into the Book of James learning about Practical Faith with Marshall Morden and be joined in worship with Cambridge Pentecostal! Fall Retreat is always a great weekend of fun, fellowship and journeying together in faith! Registration link will be on the Fall Retreat website <https://classishuronfallretreat.ca/> Also follow us on Facebook or Instagram @CH1FallRetreat We look forward to seeing you there!

Men's Breakfast: Join us for Men's Breakfast on Saturday, September 21, 2024 @ 8AM. A time of food and fellowship followed by Speaker Walter Dean. Clinton Christian Reformed Church, 243 Princess St. E. Free will offering only.

London Christian High Golf Tournament: Join us! The 14th Annual LCH golf tournament is scheduled for Friday, September 27 at 1:30 pm at Echo Valley Golf Course. Includes 18 holes golf, cart & dinner. Visit our website at londonchristianhigh.ca under the "What's Happening" tab for details on player registration and sponsorship opportunities! Questions? Email us at golf@lckonline.ca!

Sanctuary London invites you to join them for their second annual fall fundraiser at Fieldcroft Estate in beautiful Komoka. Join us for a fun-filled evening as we learn about and support the important work of Sanctuary London. An evening of live music, good food and a live auction. Come meet our staff, board and volunteers. Tickets are \$100 per person and include a \$60 tax receipt. Click the link for tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/jeans-and-jackets-a-fundraiser-in-support-of-sanctuary-london-tickets-952736800417?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Bethel CRC, Acton: Come celebrate with us as we welcome our new pastor, Craig Hoekema> An exciting time for Bethel and the Acton community and we would love to have you join us for this occasion. Friday, October 4, 7pm, 365 Queen St., Acton.

Family Outreach Ontario: Special Event: Family Outreach Ontario invites you to an information evening on Friday, September 27 at Georgetown Christian Reformed Church(11611 Trafalgar Rd, Georgetown). Our Executive Director, John Kowtecky, will be giving an educational presentation on Addiction: An Overview, and Gerard will be sharing his personal story. Please plan to attend and tell others about it as well. A collection will be taken to cover our costs.

7:15 - Doors open/Meet & Greet with refreshments; 7:30 - 9:00 - Presentation and Q&A period; 9:00-9:30 - Opportunity to talk with Mr. Kowtecky and other Family Outreach members.

This Week: September 15-21

<u>Sunday</u> ➤ Worship: 10am ➤ Sunday School	<u>Monday</u> ➤ Praise Team Practice – 7:30pm	<u>Tuesday</u> ➤ Nursing Home Singers – Bluewater, 6:45pm	<u>Wednesday</u> ➤	<u>Thursday</u> ➤ Faith Formation – 7pm	<u>Friday</u> ➤	<u>Saturday</u> ➤
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SERVING SCHEDULE

	September 15	September 22	September 29	October 6
Elder	Al Heyink	Gerald Kodde	Joe Lubbers	Jason Mulder
Deacon	Harry Knip, Dianne Soer	Dianne Soer, Connor Van Soest	Connor VanSoest, Joy DeWeerd	Joy DeWeerd, Harry Knip
Coffee Clean-Up	Wendy Westerik Adrian & Maria Bakelaar	Frieda Zandbergen, Mike & Emmy Zandwyk	Anne Zwaan Derek & Sharon Bakelaar	Matt & Jess Bakelaar Eugene & April Boersma
Greeters	Anne Zwaan, Clare Toornstra	Lori Triebner, Albert Hummel	Sandra Newton, Norma Vanderlaan	Kathryn Langendyk, Jean Vanderlaan
Ushers	Al Heyink, Betty Toornstra	Harry Knip, Wilma Visscher	Gerald Kodde, Colton Mulder	Joe Lubbers, Tim DeWeerd
Children's Storyteller	Joan Brady	Bert Visscher	Teresa Buckman	Karen Knip
Nursery	Lisa Heyink, Tanya Steenbeek, Sydney Lubbers	Kathryn Langendyk, Anthony Nyman, Lily DenHollander	Sheila Vanderlaan, Wilma Visscher, Averi Mulder	Anne Zwaan, Curtis Heyink, Sam Vanderlaan
Sunday School	Kassidy Heyink, Angela Nyman, Joy DeWeerd, Tanya Steenbeek	Kassidy Heyink, Angela Nyman, Joy DeWeerd, Tanya Steenbeek	Kassidey Heyink, Angela Nyman, Joy DeWeerd, Tanya Steenbeek	