

## HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

### Nursery

Today

### Usher

Today

### AV

### Coffee Clean Up

Today

### Scripture Readers

Today

### Children's Moment

### Elevator

### Little Lambs

Today

### Sunday School

### Offerings

Today Maranatha Christian Academy

Aug 29 Essex Food Bank

Sept 5 Ministry Shares

### Library

### Pastoral Prayer

Today

### Preacher

Pastor Steve Vandyk



Our Church facility is equipped with an Induction Loop Assistive Listening System. See an Usher or a member of the Sound team for assistance



Find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/EssexCRC](https://www.facebook.com/EssexCRC) Like us and keep informed with what is happening here!

### Pastor's Office Hours

Monday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Tuesday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Wednesday – Day off

Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

### Church Office Hours

Tuesday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

### Contact Information

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### Essex CRC Council Executive

Council Chair – Joanne W

Vice-Chair – Jamie B

Clerk – Ben V [clerk@essexcrc.ca](mailto:clerk@essexcrc.ca)

Deacon Chair – Jim G



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**Sunday August 22, 2021**

**Morning Worship 10:00 am**

The July/August 2021 Banner and September/October Today booklets are ready for pick up on the back table.

## SUNDAY AUGUST 22, 2021

Welcome to everyone either here in-person or online to our worship service this morning, especially if you are a guest with us.

### Our Church Family

**Gerry S** had a follow up visit with his doctors and the heart value is working well. He received more testing and doctors are realizing his health concerns are more of a lung issue. Continue to keep Gerry in prayer as doctors plan out a course of treatment.

Keep those family members and friends in prayer as they endure with various health issues **Jack D, Lea H, Ed M, Fred M, John O, Anna R, Gerry S, Wilma W** along with our elderly in care homes or those receiving extra support (**Pete & Betty A, Cory B, Diny K, Nick K Sr, and Anna P**).

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Hans H (Sat). May the Lord bless you!

### What is Happening This Week

10:00 am – Sunday Morning Worship with Pastor Steve Vandyk in-person or online at Facebook/Essex CRC.

Council Executive – Wednesday at 6:15 pm

Next Sunday August 29, 2021

10:00 am – Sunday Morning Worship with Mr Jamie B in-person or online at Facebook/EssexCRC.

### PASTOR'S VACATION

The Pastor will be on vacation from August 23 – 29, 2021. Please contact an Elder of the church in case of any need. For next Sunday we will have the privilege of hosting Mr. Jamie B.

### CHURCH BBQ

Mark your calendars for the Church BBQ on Sunday September 5 after the morning service. All are invited to the home of Greg & Andrea S. Bring your lawn chairs, sunscreen, a side dish or dessert. Drinks, hamburgers & hotdogs are provided. If you have a corn hole game or any other outside games, please bring them along. For more information, see Greg or Andrea S.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND HELPERS NEEDED

There is a need for Teachers and Helpers for Sunday School. We would like to begin this program again very soon. Please pray for our Sunday School program, for our teachers, children and their parents, that together we can share the love of Jesus Christ. If you have any questions or need information, see Kerry W.

### Weekly Offerings

Today's offerings are for the **FINANCIAL MINISTRY PLAN AND MARANATHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

MCA is located in Windsor, ON. They provide an ideal environment for Godly growth of the mind, heart and soul of students in Junior Kindergarten through Grade 12.

August 29 offering is for Essex Food Bank.

### DEACON NOMINATIONS

Do you recognize the gift of leadership, or of service, or of kindness, or of meekness in another member? Council wants you to be able to encourage them in their walk of faith. One way to do this is to nominating one another for service in the body of the church. In doing so you tell them that they have been recognized for who God has made them. Please listen to the Spirit's call, and pray for these gifted women or men. Then send a nomination into the office or to a council member for their opportunity to serve as a deacon. Thank you for encouraging one another in this process.

### WILL YOU HELP HAITIANS LEFT HOMELESS AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE?

On August 14<sup>th</sup> an earthquake shook Haiti and has so far claimed over a thousand lives, left thousands more injured or missing, destroyed property, and compounded the suffering of the island nation that has been struggling with economic instability. The Haitian healthcare system is ill equipped to tend to all the injured. An estimated 30,000 people have been left homeless—exposed to the elements including the wind and rain that Tropical Storm Grace brought down just days after the earthquake. World Renew, as a member of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, has joined the Humanitarian Coalition in asking Canadians to give generously to help those impacted by the crisis. World Renew is working to deliver emergency supplies to families left homeless by the earthquake; our initial response includes non-food items like tarps for shelter and kits containing household and personal care items. To donate visit: [www.worldrenew.ca/haiti](http://www.worldrenew.ca/haiti)

### SAFE CHURCH BOOK CLUB: A CHURCH CALLED TOV

Safe Church Ministry is hosting a virtual book study open to all interested in learning more about creating a TOV (good) culture in our churches! We will be reading A Church Called TOV: Forming a Goodness Culture that Resists Abuses of Power and Promotes Healing by Laura Barringer and Scot McKnight. Monday evenings at 7:30 pm Eastern/4:30 pm Pacific, for five weeks, starting September 27th and running through October 25th. Sign up today: <https://bit.ly/TOVbookclub>

SUNDAY AUGUST 22, 2021  
MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 AM

PASTOR STEVE VANDYK  
MUSIC – ASHLEY ALLEN, PRAISE TEAM

### NURSERY UPDATE

In the hopes of slowly ramping up the extended services we provide in our church, we are discussing the start of providing nursery again beginning hopefully sometime by the end September/early October. In the meantime, children are warmly welcomed in the service and it has been discussed that the room adjacent to the upstairs washroom will be available as a quiet space for moms and dads, should they require it. Ideally, with some added technology, the service can be viewed with a provided monitor in that space. Kindly let me know by way of email whether or not you are able to serve as a nursery attendant and or helper. It is difficult to determine how busy the nursery would be, but it is also important that we have this available for our present families and to those who are guests or seeking a new church to worship in. Appropriate safety protocols are being investigated and the toys will be thoroughly cleaned and updated in preparation. Kindly let me know by email whether or not you or someone in your family would be able to serve in this manner. Please reply to Janet G

### HEADING OFF TO CAMPUS?

As you study, experience a multitude of perspectives and worldviews, and develop new relationships, why not also be part of a diverse community that gathers together to grow in faith and to engage God's world? There are over 35 CRC Campus Ministries on campuses across North America, comprised of students, faculty, and staff. To find out if there is one on your campus, check this map: [www.resonateglobalmission.org/campusmap](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/campusmap) No campus ministry at your school? You can also locate a nearby CRC here: <https://www.crcna.org/churches> For more information about our unique ministries, please contact us at [campusministry@crcna.org](mailto:campusministry@crcna.org)

### LEARNING COHORT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Resonate Global Mission is currently recruiting for Cohort, an opportunity for young adults (ages 18-30) to serve in a grassroots ministry, live in community, and engage in deep spiritual formation. You'll get hands-on experience using your gifts and skills in ministry, build relationships, and explore challenging questions about faith, mission, social justice, and more. Cohort has opportunities to serve in a variety of positions in Central America, Detroit, and the Middle East. Learn more at [www.resonateglobalmission.org/cohort](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/cohort)

### THE GATHERING

- Prelude  
Welcome & Opening  
Call to Worship  
† Gathering Song “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” *LUYH 897*  
† God's Greeting  
† Song of Praise “In Christ Alone” *LUYH 770*

### CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

- Prayer of Confession  
Assurance of Pardon  
Song of Response “God Be Merciful to Me” *LUYH 623*

### THE PROCLAMATION

- Children's Song “We Are Marching” *on screen*  
Children's Moment  
The Prayers of God's People  
Prayer of Illumination  
Scripture Reading Luke 18: 1 – 8  
Message Persistent Faith, Faithful Judgement  
† Song of Response “By Faith” *on screen*

### THE SENDING

- † Benediction  
† Doxology “The Blessing” *on screen*  
† Postlude

### OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

- Offering Financial Ministry Plan – *budget box on the wall*  
Maranatha Christian Academy – *plate on the back table*

† *Indicates Congregation standing if able*