

## HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

### Nursery

Today

### Usher

AV

Today

### Coffee Clean Up

Today

### Scripture Readers

Children's Moment

Elevator

Today

### Little Lambs

Sunday School

Today

### Offerings

Library

Today

### Pastoral Prayer

Worship Leader

Today



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



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### Church Office Hours

Tuesday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

### Church Office Contact Information

519-776-5071

[office@essexcrc.ca](mailto:office@essexcrc.ca)

From the Mat'ters – We need your milk bags for our mats. You can leave them in the grey box downstairs.



**ESSEX CHRISTIAN  
REFORMED CHURCH**

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**[www.essexcrc.ca](http://www.essexcrc.ca)**

**Sunday August 2, 2020**

**Morning Worship 10:00 am**

## SUNDAY AUGUST 2, 2020

### Our Church Family

Keep **Betty B** and her family in your prayers. Betty's mother **Alice** will be moving into hospice. Betty has been able to be with her mother during this time. We pray for the Lord's peace and comfort.

Keep those family members and friends in prayer as they endure with various health issues, **Gail, Gerry, Wilma, Simon** along with those who are in various nursing and retirement homes (**Pete & Betty, Cory, Diny, Nick Sr, and Anna**).

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Greg S (Tues), Darcy (Wed), John D (Thurs). May the Lord bless you!

### What is Happening This Week

Prayer for Healthy Church – Tuesday at 10:00 am

Our Prayer Group will begin meeting on Tuesday at 10:00 am.

### PRAYER BOX

Prayer requests can be placed in the box at the back of the church & they will be prayed for during the Tuesday morning prayer & Bible study time.

### FROM COUNCIL – CHURCH OPENING

The Ontario Government has kept Windsor/Essex in Phase 2. Council and the Board of Administration in their discussions together feel it is still too early to open the church. To get a better understanding on what our members think, the Elders will be contacting their Community members this week to listen to everyone's concerns and suggestions.

Council has appointed a committee of Elder Joanne, Deacon Marjan and Communications Co-ordinator Beverley to compose an opening protocol for members to follow so we can re-open safely. They will be responding to what our local Health Unit puts forward and sifting through what other churches are doing.

We realize that because of the complexity and concerns upon reopening Council has decided our new target date is Sunday September 13, 2020. This allows for us to better take care of you. We thank you for your prayers and patience.

The July/August 2020 Banner is ready for pick up on the back table.

### Weekly Offerings

Today's offerings are for the **FINANCIAL MINISTRY PLAN** and **EDVANCE**. Their mission is to foster excellence in Christian Elementary and Secondary schools. This is accomplished by developing the courage, competence and character of Christian school leaders.

August 7 offering is for Ministry Shares

This offering will provide dollars to fund programs that enable churches to send missionaries around the world, start new churches, train pastors and leaders, use media to spread the gospel and much more.

### DEAR CONGREGATION

This past spring our Council began seeking nominations for Elders and Deacons to replace two (2) Elders and two (2) Deacons who were completing their terms. An approved list of the membership for nomination was prepared by Council. Council nominated six (6) members for the office of Deacon and six (6) members for the office of Elder. After Elders contacted everyone, Council received only one acceptance for the office of Deacon. Elders were then encouraged to return back to the nominees to prayerfully reconsider their nominations and report back at a future meeting.

Earlier this month, Council received and accepted with regret a letter of resignation from Anna due to health reasons.

Council has now made the following decisions:

- The number of Deacons will be three (3) instead of four (4).
- Council has appointed Ben V for the office of Deacon. His installation will take place when we are back to regular church services.
- Elders Darcy & John V and Deacons Marjan & Tammy Y, whose terms are now complete have agreed to remain on Council until January 2021. This was decided to maintain continuity as we begin to work with our new Pastor.
- Council will begin the nomination process again and we would like to challenge the congregation to prayerfully consider serving their church in this capacity.

### AT-HOME FAITH FORMATION TIP

How warm is your family? The good people at the Fuller Youth Institute tell us that "in a comprehensive study of relational dynamics in more than 300 families spanning 35 years, family warmth was more correlated with faith transmission than any other relational factor (including amount of contact between the generations, the type of contact, and the number of children in the family)." Read more in their blog post at [fulleryouthinstitute.org/blog/warmth-in-your-family](http://fulleryouthinstitute.org/blog/warmth-in-your-family). (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))

#### STUDENT AMBASSADOR OF JUSTICE – VIRTUAL TRIP WITH WORLD RENEW

The World Renew Student Ambassador of Justice Virtual Trip (August 17-25) is open to 18 young adults from across Canada who are committed to learning about and promoting justice and advocacy. This online opportunity will help the participant to understand the role of justice in global relationship. Sessions will be held M-W, F-S, and M-T. Each of the 7 days will consist of a 2-hour session focused on issues related to global justice, including Power and Privilege; Refugees and Justice; Justice and Global Consumption; Justice and Generosity; Biblical Justice; Justice and Action; and more. Application deadline is August 14. Contact Iona at [ibuisman@worldrenew.ca](mailto:ibuisman@worldrenew.ca) or visit [worldrenew.ca/student-ambassador-justice](http://worldrenew.ca/student-ambassador-justice) for more information.

#### CRC ANNUAL DAY OF JUSTICE

For the 2020 Day of Justice (August 16<sup>th</sup>), we reflect on our world and the events of 2020 with text from Habakkuk 1. The impacts of racism, COVID-19, poverty, disease, and natural disasters... seem overwhelming and we, like David in Psalm 13 and Habbakkuk, ask, “How Long?” For resources including a litany, prayer, and reflection, go to [www.crcna.org/dayofjustice](http://www.crcna.org/dayofjustice)

#### CANADIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Part Time Job Opening - The Canadian Council of Churches is hiring an English/French bilingual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Program Assistant. The primary responsibilities are to make connections with existing and potential local, regional, and national expressions of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) in Canada, support the creation and online publication of annual WPCU Canadian resources, and broaden participation in WPCU as a lived expression of Christian unity throughout the year. The position is a 10-month contract for 7 hours per week. Applications accepted until August 18. The position begins September 1. Full details and application instructions are available at [www.councilofchurches.ca](http://www.councilofchurches.ca)