

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

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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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Sunday August 9, 2020

Morning Worship 10:00 am

SUNDAY AUGUST 9, 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, 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 Julia (Tues). 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.

Weekly Offerings

Today's offerings are for the **FINANCIAL MINISTRY PLAN** and **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.

August 9 offering is for Back to God Ministries. Back to God Ministries International desire to provide ministry tools and practical resources to help churches disciple their congregations and beyond. When churches partner with Back to God Ministries International, we are all able to reach more people with the gospel.

WORLD RENEW – PRAY FOR BEIRUT, LEBANON

This past week an explosion killed many people and injured thousands more in Beirut, Lebanon. The need is great and World Renew has the ability to respond. You can help by giving online at www.worldrenew.ca We pray for those who have lost their homes and loved ones so they may find comfort and healing. We pray for the doctors, nurses and emergency workers as they care for the injured and try to find missing family members. Also pray for the people of God as they seek the Lord and humbly cry out to Him for mercy.

AT-HOME FAITH FORMATION TIP

Telling faith stories to each other is an important part of our faith formation. You can make time for family and household members of all ages to tell stories of how God works in their lives as you celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and other milestones. Visit tinyurl.com/FFMStoryStarters for a list of questions to get the storytelling rolling. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

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

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.