

HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

Nursery

Today

Usher

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Today

Coffee Clean Up

Today

Scripture Readers

Children's Moment

Elevator

Today

Little Lambs

Sunday School

Today

Offerings

Library

Today Maranatha Christian Academy

Dec 20 Essex Food Bank

Dec 25 World Renew Latin America Hurricane Response

Dec 27 Benevolence

Pastoral Prayer

Preacher

Today

Pastor Steve Vandyk



ESSEX CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

519-776-5071

www.essexcrc.ca



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 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

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Church Office Hours

Tuesday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Sunday December 13, 2020

Morning Worship 10:00 am

The December 2020 Banner and November/December Today booklets are ready for pick up on the back table.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 13, 2020

Welcome to our worship service this morning, especially if you are a guest with us.

Our Church Family

We express our sincerest condolences to **Fred & Linda** in the passing of **Angie** wife of **John**. May God continue to comfort the family with his strength.

Keep those family members and friends in prayer as they endure with various health issues, **Chris B, Lea, Carl, John O, Winny, Wilma & Julia** along with those who are in various nursing and retirement homes (**Pete & Betty, Cory, Diny, Nick Sr, and Anna**).

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Pastor Steve (Mon) and Greg Y (Wed). May the Lord bless you!

What is Happening This Week

10:00 am – Third Sunday of Advent Morning Worship with Pastor Steve Vandyk.

The Mat'ters – Monday at 10:00 am

People of the Nativity Bible Study – Monday at 7:00 pm

Prayer for Healthy Church – Tuesday at 10:00 am

Praise Practice – Thursday at 7:00 pm

Next Sunday December 20, 2020

10:00 am – Fourth Sunday of Advent Morning Worship with Pastor Steve Vandyk.

PRAYER BOX

Prayer requests can be emailed to Ben Sr. They will be prayed for during the Tuesday morning prayer & Bible study time.

IT'S BACK!!!!

The Mitten Tree is ready to be adorned with some much needed winter weather accessories. Congregation, we would love to see the tree full of mittens, scarves and hats again this year. You can drop off your donations on Sunday morning or during church office hours.

NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

Please have any expenses for 2020 approved and submitted to the Treasurer by December 22, 2020.

Weekly Offerings

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

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

December 20 offering is for Essex Food Bank.

BUDGET ENVELOPES

Budget envelopes for 2021 are available for pickup in the upstairs lobby. If you did not receive envelopes last year but would like some, please contact Peter W.

Due to the pandemic a mid-year summary of giving was not done, if you would like a summary of your year to date please call Peter W and he will run a report for you.

ADVENT MEANS HOPE

With World Renew's 2020-2021 Gift Catalogue, you can help a family plant seeds to grow food after COVID-19 lockdowns, give a child the supplies they need for health with a nutrition kit, or provide safety for a disaster survivor. Choose a gift that gives someone who is poor and hungry the opportunity for a better life today and hope for the future. Give online at worldrenew.ca/gifts or call 1-888-WRLD-RNW. Catalogues can be found on the back table.

DEVOTIONS FOR A BLUE CHRISTMAS

In the midst of hard times, find strength and encouragement through God's word. A set of fourteen encouraging Today devotions reassure you that even during the darkest of Christmas seasons, you're not alone. Receive this free email series and ebook when you subscribe to Today at todaydevotional.com/bluechristmas

HOW MUCH GOD LOVES YOU

Check out our new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net This week it's all about how much God loves you. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

HYMNARY.ORG

Hymnary.org announces next-generation mobile hymnal apps for iOS and Android, including Lift Up Your Hearts. The apps are free, and no purchase is necessary to access a number of features, including the full score of all public domain hymns, audio recordings of most hymns, and more. More info, including links, at hymnary.org/node/42126

ONLINE WORSHIP LEARNING

You are warmly invited to register for a free online learning experience held January 6-26, 2021, on key themes in worship and the Christian life. Register for free at worship.calvin.edu/symposium/ This experience is designed for all kinds of learners: students, artists, musicians, pastors, scholars, teachers, worship leaders and planners, and all worshipers around the globe. Sponsored by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and the Center for Excellence in Preaching

AT-HOME FAITH FORMATION TIP

The Practice of Hospitality: Ponder this quote from Mother Teresa: “This Christmas when Christ comes, will he find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God’s own concern.” How might you and your family love and serve others during this season? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices)

CHRISTMAS WITH WORLD RENEW

Celebrate Christmas with us! Join World Renew for a virtual celebration on Wednesday, December 16 at 7:30 PM EST. You'll have the opportunity to hear from key leaders about how World Renew is continuing to share Christ's hope during a pandemic, in the face of disaster and injustice. Following that, choose two 20-minute break-out rooms to learn more and connect with us. Visit bit.ly/WRChristmas to register today!