

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 Benevolence

Jan 3 Matthew House

Jan 10 ThereforeGo Ministries (Youth Unlimited)

Pastoral Prayer

Preacher

Today

Pastor Steve Vandyk



ESSEX CHRISTIAN
REFORMED CHURCH

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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 27, 2020

Morning Worship 10:00 am

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

SUNDAY DECEMBER 27, 2020

Weekly Offerings

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

Our Church Family

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 Jacky (Tues), John B (Thurs), Elaine & Dan (Fri). May the Lord bless you!

What is Happening This Week

10:00 am – Morning Worship with Pastor Steve Vandyk on Facebook.

Next Sunday January 3, 2021

10:00 am – Morning Worship with Pastor Steve Vandyk on Facebook.

PRAYER BOX

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

ATTENTION CONGREGATION

Please note the final count for 2020 will be held on Tuesday December 29, 2020. Any monies received after that date will be posted to 2021.

We thank you for your dedication to meeting the Financial Plan of the Essex CRC for 2020. *The Treasurer and Counting Committee*

TODAY BOOKLETS

If you would like to receive a large print Today booklet, please place your order with Ruth before December 27, 2020.

LOVING MY ENEMY - Check out this week's new kids' devotion about loving our enemies at www.kidscorner.net As you listen, remember that what bullies say about you doesn't define you. God has already said who you are. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

GIVE THANKS FOR ABUNDANT LIFE

Thank you for sharing God's abundance through the World Renew Gift Catalogue in 2020. Your gift of a chicken, a water filter, or a goat can turn everyday events into miracles among people who face poverty, disaster, and injustice. You can still give online at worldrenew.ca/gifts or call 1-888-WRLD-RNW.

Today's offerings are for the **FINANCIAL MINISTRY PLAN AND BENEVOLENCE**

This offering helps those with needs in our church and in the community.

January 3, 2021 offering is for Matthew House. This offering will help the Matthew House which is a Christian organization supported by churches and individuals of different denominations to help refugees who are fleeing for their lives and coming to Canada. They are not part of any government program and receive no subsidies directly from the government. Since the inception of Matthew House about 500 refugees have been helped to establish themselves. Please give generously to help this Windsor-based organization help others get a start in Canada.

AT-HOME FAITH FORMATION TIP

The Practice of Hospitality: Kathleen Norris wrote, "True hospitality is marked by an open response to the dignity of each and every person." As you go through your week, focus on approaching every person you meet with this kind of open response. At the end of the week, look back at how this approach changed your attitudes and actions. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices)

READING WHILE BLACK

Join CRC campus ministers Rick Mast (University of Alberta in Edmonton) and Mike Wagenman (Western University in Ontario) for a discussion of Esau McCaulley's new book, Reading While Black: African-American Biblical Interpretation as an Exercise in Hope. We will meet on Sunday, January 24 at 8pm ET (5pm PT) over Zoom. You can register at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/reading-while-black-book-discussion-tickets-132675860069>

GREETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE ESSEX AREA FOOD BANK,

Our year has been a challenge as we were forced to operate our food bank from a distance. We were able to assist our clients through a side door, eliminating any kind of exposure to one another.

We are grateful for your continued support for our community. We have been able to feed our county clients every week if there was a need. They are always grateful and we feel blessed.

The hats, gloves and socks are very appreciated.

Thank You, The Essex Area Food Bank

SUNDAY DECEMBER 27, 2020
MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 AM

PASTOR STEVE VANDYK
MUSIC – ASHLEY, PRAISE TEAM

THE GATHERING

- Prelude
Welcome & Opening
† Call to Worship
† Gathering Song “Be Still, Presence of the Lord” *LUYH 532*
† God’s Greeting
† Song of Praise “King of Kings” *on screen*
“Cornerstone” *on screen*

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon

THE PROCLAMATION

- Children’s Song “Jesus Loves Me” *LUYH 709*
Children’s Moment
The Prayers of God’s People
Prayer of Illumination
Scripture Reading John 2: 1 – 11
Message Signs of Jesus: Water to Wine
† Song of Response “Our God” *LUYH 580*

THE SENDING

- † Benediction
† Doxology “Praise God, Whom All Blessings Flow” *LUYH 965*
† Postlude

OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

Offering Financial Ministry Plan – *budget box on the wall*
Benevolence – *plate on the back table*

† *Indicates Congregation standing if able*