

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 Calvin College

Dec 13 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

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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 6, 2020

Morning Worship 10:00 am

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

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

Our Church Family

Keep **Julia** in prayer as she was involved in a roll over car accident. She has suffered from broken ribs and a bruised lung. We thank the Lord that she is home and able to recover from these injuries.

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

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Candice (today), Claire (Mon), Beverley (Tues) and Daniella (Thurs). May the Lord bless you!

What is Happening This Week

10:00 am – Second Sunday of Advent Morning Worship with Pastor Steve Vandyk. We will have the opportunity to celebrate the Lord's Supper.

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 13, 2020

10:00 am – Third 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.

ESSEX CRC NEW WEBSITE

We are looking for someone to build a new website for our church. If you have any suggestions, please see Beverley in the church office.

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

Calvin College is a comprehensive liberal arts college in the Reformed tradition of historic Christianity. Through their education, they push their students to seek to be agents of renewal in the academy, church, and society.

December 13 offering is for 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.

NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

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

FROM COUNCIL

Council met on Wednesday December 2, 2020 and the following items were discussed.

1. Level Red – Windsor/Essex was placed into Level Red on Monday November 30, 2020. For our church services, we can continue to meet at the 30% capacity and maintaining physical distancing. If Windsor/Essex is placed into Level Grey, we will need to hold Virtual services only as the indoor capacity goes down to 10 people. This would include the Pastor, musicians and the people in the AV booth. This information was taken from the WECHU website and it is monitored weekly as measures are subject to change.
2. Our church will be obtaining a Zoom license to further benefit our church during this pandemic.
3. Online & In-Person Church Services in December 2020
Sunday December 6 – Second Sunday of Advent with the celebration of the Lord's Supper
Sunday December 13 – Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday December 20 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
Friday December 25 – Christmas Day
Sunday December 27 – This service will be held virtually on our Facebook page due to the short time to clean the church between Friday and Sunday.
Friday January 1, 2021 – Pastor Steve Vandyk will have a short video on our Facebook page.
Sunday January 3, 2021 – Regular services

FROM COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

There is an active group developing a website on the history of the Christian Reformed Church in Canada. Essex CRC would like to participate so we need from you, Essex CRC history information and someone to put this short document together. If you feel you can contribute, please see Beverley in the church office.

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.

GIVE JOY THIS ADVENT WITH WORLD RENEW – ON THE BACK TABLE

World Renew's 2020-2021 Gift Catalogue helps people, families, and communities experience more of the joy that God intends for them. Find a special gift that helps someone in need during the COVID-19 outbreak. Need a print catalogue? Order yours at bit.ly/ordergc20 or view the online catalogue at worldrenew.ca/gifts. Call us at 1-888-WRLD-RNW to find out more and give today!

WITH JOY AND GRATITUDE

Ingersoll CRC would like to announce that candidate Derek Ellens has accepted our call to be our pastor. He will be officially examined at the December 8th Classis meeting, and will, Lord willing, be ordained in our church on December 13, 2020. Rev. Erick Schuringa will be leading that service. We are grateful to God for leading this young man to us, and ask for your prayers as he begins his ministry with us. God has been gracious to us during our vacancy, and we are grateful to all the pastors and exhorters who came to lead services while we searched. During this time of COVID-19, we are unable to invite you to worship with us on that date, but the ordination service will be livestreamed on Youtube and the link will be available on our website, www.ingersollcrc.ca. We do welcome you to join us in spirit and follow along online. Praise God for His blessings to us!

AT-HOME FAITH FORMATION TIP

The Practice of Hospitality: In the Bible, the Greek term that is usually translated as "hospitality" means "love of strangers." How might your home (whether it's a house, an apartment, a dorm room, or another place) become a space to practice the love of strangers? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices)