

HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

Nursery

Today Betty B, Claire
Feb 23 Nick, Christian
Mar 1 Sarah, Vanessa

Greeters

Henry & Alta
Homer & Betty
Greg & Andrea

Usher

Today Marjan
Feb 23 John O
Mar 1 Greg S

AV

Beverley & John
Rylee & Ryan
Rylee & Ryan

Coffee Clean Up

Today Homer & Betty, Carl & Florence
Feb 23 Fred & Linda, Willem & Anél
Mar 1 Matt & Charmaine, John & Marjan

Scripture Readers

Today Rylee
Feb 23 Darcy
Mar 1 Charmaine

Children's Moment

Linda
Beverley
Betty V

Elevator

Joel
Fred
Greg Y

Little Lambs

Today Sterling, Michelle
Feb 23 Anna, Julia
Mar 1 Erin, Michelle

Sunday School

Tina, Epeüs
Kerry, Epeüs
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Offerings

Today Street Help
Feb 23 Pastor Church Relations
Mar 1 Mortgage Reduction

Library

Doris
Sarah
Doris

Pastoral Prayer

Today Tammy Y
Feb 23 John D
Mar 1 Carl

Worship Leader

Pastor Gord Brown
Pastor Beth Fellingner
Mr. Walter Miedema



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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

Church Office Contact Information

519-776-5071
office@essexcrc.ca

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

Sunday February 16, 2020

Morning Worship 10:00 am

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2020

Welcome to our worship service this morning, especially if you are a guest with us today. Plan to stay after the service for a cup of coffee or tea.

Our Church Family

Keep those family members and friends in prayer as they endure with various health issues, **Larry, Lea, Nick Sr, Gail** along with those who cannot attend our services because they are in various nursing and retirement homes (**Pete & Betty, Cory, Diny, and Anna**).

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Linda & Sally (Tues), John & Maddie (Wed). May the Lord bless you!

What is Happening This Week

10:00 am – Morning Worship with Pastor Gord Brown

The Mat'ters – Monday at 10:00 am

Coffee Break – Tuesday at 10:00 am at Lea's home

Prayer for Healthy Church – Tuesday at 10:00 am

Catechism – Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Woodslee Home Service – Thursday at 10:00 am

Youth – Friday at 6:30 pm

Youth Band Practice – Friday at 8:00 pm

Next Sunday February 23, 2020

10:00 am – Morning Worship with Pastor Beth Fellingner

LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Sunday March 8, 2020

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.

LADIES NIGHT IS BACK!

All ladies are invited to Ladies Night Out each third Saturday of the month. Our next night out is Saturday March 21, 2020 at Benko's Pizza, 19 Laird Street, Essex at 6:00 pm. For more information, see Andrea.

Weekly Offerings

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

This offering will help provide sanctuary from the streets where the homeless will be given the dignity to provide to themselves and to others the services they require. Street Help has been serving the homeless community for more than 17 years.

February 23 offering is for Pastor Church Relations. This offering helps support programs of 'healing and prevention' for ministers, staff councils and congregations. This includes advocacy, consultation, education as well as support encouragement and counsel to congregations and staff during times of crisis and transition.

UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Due to matters beyond our control Council Executive has made the decision to postpone the Congregational Meeting to **Wednesday March 18, 2020** at 7:00 pm in the church sanctuary. We thank you from your understanding.

LEADERS NEEDED

As we are still in full-swing with our GEMS season, we are beginning to look ahead to the Fall and the new upcoming season. As GEMS, we have grown more than we could have ever predicted, and so we are in need of a couple women willing to join our leaders and GEMS group. One of our leaders is not able to return in the Fall so we need someone to step forward. Even if you are uncertain but pondering the opportunity, come and speak to any of our Leaders (Andrea, Tammy K, Jacoba, Alissa, Ashley) and we can answer any questions you may have about being a GEMS leader.

SPONSORSHIP NEEDED

GEMS are in need of people willing to sponsor one or two leaders to attend the GEMS Conference in Chicago this summer. These Conferences help our leaders become equipped and ready to mentor the girls in the upcoming season. Please prayerfully consider being a blessing to the GEMS program and support it through sponsorship. The GEMS Conference is a place to learn more about the challenges of girls today, grow alongside other like-minded women, and discover new ways to walk out our faith to these girls who are not all familiar with Jesus as their Saviour. Come and talk to any of the leaders.

The February 2020 Banner is ready for pick up on the back table.

"HELPING WITHOUT HARMING" WORKSHOP

Join World Renew and Diaconal Ministries Canada for a "Helping Without Harming" workshop to become equipped to help alleviate poverty and injustice through effective engagement in your global and local communities. Collaborate with others and discover how food banks, deacon funds, short-term service trips and other benevolent activities can be more impactful and meaningful. The workshop will take place on Saturday, March 7, 2020, 9:00 am - 1:30 pm at Bethel CRC at 716 Classic Drive in London. Seating is limited; your FREE registration includes lunch! Please sign up today at www.worldrenew.net/hwhworkshop. For more information, please contact John Klein-Geltink at john.kleingeltink@gmail.com

WORLD RENEW RESPONSE TO LOCUST DISASTER IN EAST AFRICA

A plague of locusts is threatening food security for many in east Africa. Pouring into Uganda from Kenya, these insects are capable of covering 150 kilometers a day, destroying over 200,000 kg of vegetation. World Renew is accepting donations for "International Rapid Response Fund" to inform the local population on how to respond, how to store harvested food, and manage their food supply. Go to worldrenew.ca or call 1-888-WRLD-RNW (1-888-975-3769).

A LENTEN DEVOTIONAL SERIES FROM TODAY

Lent is a season to focus on the hope of Jesus Christ. Receive a free Today devotional email series to help you refresh, refocus, and renew your faith during Lent. Or download the ebook! Subscribe at todaydevotional.com/lent

AT-HOME FAITH FORMATION TIP

Faith5 is a simple five-step faith formation practice that your family or household can do together. First, share your highs and lows of the day. Then read a Bible verse or story together. Talk about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows, pray for one another's highs and lows, and bless one another. Faith5 is great for people of all ages! Check out Faith5.org for more. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

SHORT-TERM VOLUNTEER

Are you 18 to 24 years old and interested in embarking on a short-term volunteer opportunity with life-long impact? World Renew's Global Volunteer Program provides opportunities to live, work, eat, and play in an international community while exploring how God wants to use your talents and skills for His purpose. For more information, contact Andrew at globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2020
MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 AM

PASTOR GORD BROWN
MUSIC – ASHLEY ALLEN, PRAISE TEAM

THE GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome & Opening
† Call to Worship
† Gathering Song “Come People of the Risen King” *on screen*
† God's Greeting
† Song of Praise “Holy Is the Lord” *LUYH 597*
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” *LUYH 348*

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon

OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

Offering Financial Ministry Plan – *plate*
Street Help – *bag*

THE PROCLAMATION

Children's Song “Jesus Loves Me” *LUYH 709: 1*
Children's Moment

after which children ages 3 – Grade 6 leave for Sunday school

The Prayers of God's People

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Mark 2: 1 – 12 *pg 1075*
Luke 5: 17 – 26 *pg 1105*

Message We've Never Seen Anything Like This!

† Song of Response “I Stand Amazed” *LUYH 174*

THE SENDING

† Benediction
† Doxology “Praise God, Whom All Blessings Flow” *LUYH 965*
† Postlude
† *Indicates Congregation standing if able*