

## HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

### Nursery

Today Nick, Christian  
Mar 1 Sarah, Vanessa  
Mar 8 Anél, Gabriella

### Greeters

Homer & Betty  
Greg & Andrea  
Nick & Sarah

### Usher

Today John O  
Mar 1 Greg S  
Mar 8 Joanne

### AV

Rylee & Ryan  
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Tammy K, Vanessa

### Coffee Clean Up

Today Fred & Linda, Willem & Anél  
Mar 1 Matt & Charmaine, John & Marjan  
Mar 8 Pete & Tammy, John & Beverley

### Scripture Readers

Today Darcy  
Mar 1 Charmaine  
Mar 8 Homer

### Children's Moment

Beverley  
Betty V  
Pete K

### Elevator

Fred  
Greg Y  
Harvey

### Little Lambs

Today Anna, Julia  
Mar 1 Erin, Michelle  
Mar 8 Erin, Christian

### Sunday School

Kerry, Epeüs  
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Andrea, Michelle

### Offerings

Today Pastor Church Relations  
Mar 1 Mortgage Reduction  
Mar 8 World Renew Canadian Food Grains Bank

### Library

Sarah  
Doris  
Sarah

### Pastoral Prayer

Today John D  
Mar 1 Carl  
Mar 8 John vN

### Worship Leader

Pastor Beth Fellinger  
Mr. Walter Miedema  
Pastor John Tuininga



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 – 4:00 pm  
Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

### Church Office Contact Information

519-776-5071  
[office@essexcrc.ca](mailto:office@essexcrc.ca)

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 February 23, 2020**

**Morning Worship 10:00 am**

## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23, 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 **Harry** in prayer as he undergoes surgery on Monday. 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 Eric (today) and Margaret (Mon). May the Lord bless you!

### What is Happening This Week

10:00 am – Morning Worship with Pastor Beth Fellingner

The Mat'ters – Monday at 10:00 am

GEMS & Cadets – Monday at 6:30 pm

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

Lenten Luncheon – Wednesday at 12:00 pm

Our Essex and area Lenten noon hour service will be at Essex CRC with Rev Kim Metalka speaking. After this half hour service there is lunch provided by the host church on a voluntary donation basis. Join the Essex community churches during this Lenten season.

Council Executive – Wednesday at 6:30 pm

Deacons – Wednesday at 7:15 pm

Elders – Wednesday at 7:30 pm

Praise Team – Thursday at 7:15 pm

Movie Night – Friday at 6:00 pm

Next Sunday March 1, 2020

10:00 am – First Sunday of Lent Morning Worship with Mr. Walter Miedema

### 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.

### Weekly Offerings

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

March 1 offering is for Mortgage Reduction.

Join World Renew on March 8 for Canadian Foodgrains Bank Sunday March 8 is Canadian Foodgrains Bank Sunday. All gifts to bring food to refugees globally will be matched 4X through Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB). This year, World Renew will tell the story of two Syrian mothers who lost almost everything - but they are safe in Lebanon now and receiving food and a witness of Christ's love through the ministry of our church partners. To learn more about World Renew's partnership with CFGB, or to donate before March 8, go to [www.worldrenew.ca/cfgb](http://www.worldrenew.ca/cfgb)

### 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.

### MOVIE NIGHT – WONDER PARK

Make plans to attend our Free Movie Night, Friday February 28, 2020. Doors open at 6:00pm and the movie begins at 6:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to meet our community neighbours.

### 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.

## 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.

## 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](http://todaydevotional.com/lent)

## WORDS FROM THE CROSS

Words From The Cross is a seven-part Bible study podcast from Groundwork. In the season of Lent, dig deep into the significance and resonance of Christ's words from the Cross and let them focus your heart on our salvation through his death and resurrection. Get it when you subscribe to Groundwork at [groundworkonline.com/words](http://groundworkonline.com/words)

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## AT-HOME FAITH FORMATION TIP

In *The Common Rule: Habits of Purpose for an Age of Distraction* (2019, IVP books), Justin Whitmel Earley suggests eight habits to shape our days. Daily habits include prayer at morning, midday, and bedtime; one meal with others; one hour with phone off; and Scripture before phone. Weekly habits include one hour of conversation with a friend, curate media to four hours, fast from something for 24 hours, and Sabbath observance. What habits have you chosen to shape your days? (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))

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

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2020  
MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 AM

PASTOR BETH FELLINGER  
MUSIC – ASHLEY ALLEN, PRAISE TEAM

## THE GATHERING

- Prelude  
Welcome & Opening  
† Call to Worship  
† Gathering Song “Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down”  
*LUYH 510*  
† God's Greeting  
† Song of Praise “You Ae My All in All” *on screen*  
“Trust and Obey” *LUYH 327*

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Prayer of Confession  
Assurance of Pardon

## OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

Offering  
Financial Ministry Plan – *plate*  
Pastor Church Relations – *bag*

## THE PROCLAMATION

Children's Song “He's Got the Whole World In His Hands”  
*LUYH 26*

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 John 9: 1 – 12 *pg 1150*

Message Whose Fault?

† Song of Response “Be Thou My Vision” *LUYH 859*

## THE SENDING

† Benediction

† Doxology “We Receive Your Blessing” *LUYH 947*

† Postlude

† *Indicates Congregation standing if able*