

HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

Nursery

Today

Usher

Today

AV

Coffee Clean Up

Today

Scripture Readers

Today

Children's Moment

Elevator

Little Lambs

Today

Sunday School

Offerings

Today ThereforeGo Ministries (Youth Unlimited)

Jan 17 Essex Food Bank

Jan 24 Cadets

Library

Pastoral Prayer

Today

Preacher

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

Church Office Hours

Tuesday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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The January 2021 Banner and January/February Today booklets are ready for pick up on the back table.

Sunday January 10, 2021

Morning Worship 10:00 am

SUNDAY JANUARY 10, 2021

Weekly Offerings

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

Our Church Family

We express our sincerest condolences to **Lea** with the passing of her brother Russell in Sydney, Nova Scotia. May God continue to comfort Lea and her family with his strength.

We are thankful that **Carl & Florence** are beginning to recover from Covid-19.

Keep those family members and friends in prayer as they endure with various health issues, **Chris B, Carl & Florence, 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 Stella (Wed). May the Lord bless you!

What is Happening This Week

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

Next Sunday January 17, 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.

WANTED ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREES

The Reach Up committee have begun planning for Advent 2021. As part of the plan we will need old artificial trees and garland. If you are planning to replace your artificial trees and greenery, please consider donating your old tree to the church. For more information, see a member of the Reach Up committee. Thanks

Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Engaging Scripture: “Visio divina” is the practice of meditating on Scripture using art or other images. Try it by reading the story of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15 and then meditating on the art in Calvin University’s collection based on this story (tinyurl.com/ProdigalArt). (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Today’s offerings are for the **FINANCIAL MINISTRY PLAN AND THEREFOREGO MINISTRIES**.

ThereforeGo Ministries, formerly Youth Unlimited is a non-profit, nondenominational Christian organization that focuses on assisting local congregations in their ministry to youth and emerging adults. This ministry is passionate about assisting congregations across Canada and the U.S. in their youth ministry through short-term missions and church training.

January 17 offering is for Essex Food Bank.

Back to God Ministries International

FAMILY FIRE

Family Fire is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

GROUNDWORK: SABBATH REST

Does Sabbath rest just mean taking a day off? Or is it more than that? Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 2:1-3, Exodus 20:8-11, Deuteronomy 5:12-15, and Hebrews 4:6-11 to better understand what God designed and intended the Sabbath for and how this spiritual discipline can draw us closer to God. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.

HOW DO I PRAY?

Prayer doesn’t have to be complicated. And there is no single right way to do it. “How Do I Pray?”, a free ebook from the ReFrame Ministries Prayer Team shows you six ways to reinvigorate your prayer life. It’s yours free at reframeministries.org/ways-to-pray

TRUSTING GOD’S PLAN

Check out the new kids' devotion this week at www.kidscorner.net. Esther went through some very scary times but still trusted God’s plan. Maybe during the pandemic, you’ve been scared too. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC’s weekly emails for all the new content.

Calvin University

CALVIN UNIVERSITY JANUARY SERIES

Each year Calvin University provides a publicly accessible series of speakers on various topics related to the Christian life and worldview. This year the January Series runs from January 6 through 26, 2021 and because of COVID-19 is offered to us in the safety and comfort of our homes. They are offering an impressive lineup of speakers and topics. The series is free of charge, but you need to register to watch it. More information on the content, speakers list, and REGISTRATION details can be found at www.calvin.edu/january

Denominational Announcements

LEARN WITH ICS ONLINE THIS WINTER!

Wherever you live and work, you can take part in two great learning opportunities: "Capitalism(s) in the West: Intellectual History, Core Institutions, and Architectonic Critique" on Thursdays, 11am - 2pm EST, starting January 14th. This course will explore the intellectual history and current political-economic shape(s) of capitalism by using the tools of Reformational architectonic critique. Or join us weekly via Zoom on Thursdays, 5 - 8pm EST, starting January 14th for "God/SexWord/Flesh: Gender, Theology and the Body" to explore some of the many questions that arise about theology, gender, and embodiment: How is our agenda for theology related to our gender? Is 'God' a male word? Does the experience of women change how God is (made) known? Is sexuality embraced by the resurrection? For these and all our winter courses, please visit www.icscanada.edu/winter-2021 or email Eizabet Aras at academic-registrar@icscanada.edu for more info and to register by January 14th.

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>

SUNDAY JANUARY 10, 2021
MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 AM

PASTOR STEVE VANDYK
MUSIC – ASHLEY ALLEN, PRAISE TEAM

THE GATHERING

- Prelude
Welcome & Opening
† Call to Worship
† Gathering Song "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" *LUYH 521*
† God's Greeting
† Song of Praise "My Jesus, I Love Thee" *LUYH 366*
"How Deep the Father's Love For Us" *on screen*

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon

THE PROCLAMATION

- Children's Song "My God Is So Great" *on screen*
Children's Moment
The Prayers of God's People
Song "Speak, O Lord" *LUYH 755*
Scripture Reading Ephesians 4: 1 – 16
Message Putting Up With One Another In Love
† Song of Response "God the Father of Your People" *LUYH 927*

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*
ThereforeGo Ministries – *plate on the back table*

† *Indicates Congregation standing if able*