

HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

Nursery

Today Alissa, Erika
Mar 22 Janet, Christian
Mar 29 Tammy K, Erin

Usher

Today Elaine
Mar 22 Albert
Mar 29 GEMS

AV

Tammy K, Vanessa
Tim, Dan
Tim, Dan

Coffee Clean Up

Today Albert & Niesje, Nick & Sarah
Mar 22 Hans & Geraldine, Jack & Carolyn
Mar 29 Gerry & Ruth, Greg & Tammy Y

Scripture Readers

Today Sarah
Mar 22 Ben Sr
Mar 29 GEMS

Children's Moment

Garret
Greg S
GEMS

Elevator

John D
Joel
Fred

Little Lambs

Today Sally, Chris
Mar 22 Sterling, Julia
Mar 29 Sterling, Julia

Sunday School

Andrea, Michelle
Tina, Epeüs
Tina, Epeüs

Offerings

Today Calvin Seminary
Mar 22 Ministry Shares
Mar 29 World Renew Refugee Sunday

Library

Doris
Sarah
Doris

Pastoral Prayer

Today Greg S
Mar 22 John D
Mar 29 Carl

Worship Leader

Mr. Jerry Roukema
Mr. Steve Vandyk
Pastor Mike Morency



ESSEX CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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

Sunday March 15, 2020

Morning Worship 10:00 am

SUNDAY MARCH 15, 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.

SYMBOLS OF LENT

On this third Sunday of Lent we wrapped a piece of sackcloth around the central post and arms of the cross. The Jewish people clothe themselves in sackcloth as a sign of their penitence before God.

Our Church Family

Nick Sr has moved out of ICU and is thankful for the renewed strength. They are waiting for some test results. Both Nick and Jean also thank everyone for continued prayers saying they miss their church family. Keep those family members and friends in prayer as they endure with various health issues, **Larry, Gail, Harry** 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 David (today), Liam (Mon), Judy (Wed), Ruth (Thurs) and Christian (Fri). May the Lord bless you!

What is Happening This Week

10:00 am – Third Sunday of Lent Morning Worship with Mr. Jerry Roukema.

The Mat'ters – Monday at 10:00 am

Swim Night – Monday at 6:00 pm

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

Prayer for Healthy Church – Tuesday at 10:00 am

Lenten Luncheon – Wednesday at 12:00 pm

Our Essex and area Lenten noon hour service will be at the Essex United Church, 53 Talbot Street, South, Essex with Deacon Gary Flewelling 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.

Congregational Meeting – Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Woodslee Home – Thursday at 10:00 am

Youth – Friday at 6:30 pm

Youth Praise Band – Friday at 8:00 pm

Cornhole Tournament – Saturday at 6:45 pm

Next Sunday March 22, 2020

10:00 am – Fourth Sunday of Lent Morning Worship with Mr. Steve Vandyk. After the service we invite all downstairs for a potluck luncheon.

Weekly Offerings

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

Calvin Theological Seminary is a learning community in the Reformed Christian tradition that forms church leaders who cultivate communities of disciples of Jesus Christ.

March 22 offering is for Ministry Shares. This offering will provide dollars to fund programs that enable churches to send missionaries around the world, start new churches, train pastors and leaders, use media to spread the gospel and much more.

UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Congregational Agenda package for the upcoming meeting is in your church mailbox. This meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the church sanctuary.

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,

Churches are places where people gather. We gather for worship, for classes and bible studies, prayer and fun activities. As we continue to learn more about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and all that is happening, Council would like to keep our church families informed and safe.

If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, we ask that you kindly refrain from coming into the church building and seek medical advice from your doctor or local health unit: Fever, Cough and Difficulty breathing.

With this in mind Council will stop the family Greeters at the rear entrance of the church. An usher will greet you with a friendly smile or a wave and hand you a bulletin. We encourage the use of the sanitizing dispensers within the church and also be mindful of everyone's personal space.

We thank you for your cooperation.

SAVE-THE-DATE: CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT WITH PROSPECTIVE PASTOR

Join us on Saturday, March 21st at 7pm for the 3rd Annual Cornhole Tournament. This is an opportunity to meet a Pastoral Candidate that the Search Committee is seriously considering. Come and join us to meet Steve and Rosanne in a fun and informal setting. Please sign-up downstairs either singly or in teams, bring a snack to share, beverages will be provided. Hope to see you there!

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.

SWIM NIGHT – 6:00 PM

GEMS and Cadets invite the congregation to our annual Swim Night at the Essex Pool for a fun hour of swimming. Come out for 5:45 pm to be the first in the pool. This is a free event. So come one! Come all!



FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON – SUNDAY MARCH 22,

On Sunday March 22, we will have the privilege of meeting with Steve and Rosanne Vandyk. After the service we would like to invite everyone to attend a Fellowship Luncheon in the hall downstairs. Bring your favourite Cold Plate, which could include sandwiches, buns, cheese plate, vegetable or fruit tray and Dessert to share with everyone. A variety of soups and chili's will also be available. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. For more information, see Beverley.

CHURCH & LUNCH MARCH 22ND

Candidate Steve Vandyk and his wife Rosanne will be visiting Essex on the weekend of March 20th. He is currently finishing up studies at Calvin Seminary with an anticipated graduation date in the spring. The Search Committee is considering him as a candidate for a call to Essex. Steve will be leading the service and there will be a Potluck luncheon following the service so that you can get to know him and his wife. Please pray for the Search Committee and for Steve through this whole process. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to talk with any of the members of the Search Committee: Ashley, Ben Jr., Dan, Gerry, Greg Y, and Sarah.

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 Brenko's Pizza, 19 Laird Street, Essex at 6:00 pm. For more information, see Andrea.

HUGE CADET YARD SALE

The cadets are planning to host a massive yard sale on the front yard of the church on the same weekend as the annual Cottam Yard Sale on Saturday, June 6.

What we need is YOUR STUFF! We need all of you to take a good look at your stuff to see what you would be willing to donate to our cause. We will take ANYTHING from artwork and armchairs to toys and tools.....baby clothes and bicycles to shoes and sports equipment.....books and board games to camping gear and cameras.

Anything will be accepted and any leftover items will be donated to the Mission Thrift Store in Windsor. Bring your items to church from now until the end of May and we will store it for the big day!!! Talk to any of the cadet leaders for details or to arrange a drop-off.

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

SUNDAY MARCH 15, 2020

MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 AM

WORSHIP LEADER – MR. JERRY ROUKEMA

MUSIC – ASHLEY ALLEN, PRAISE TEAM

THE GATHERING

- Prelude
Welcome & Opening
† Call to Worship
† Gathering Song “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” *LUYH 610*
† God's Greeting
† Song of Praise “The Solid Rock” *LUYH 772*
“Beautiful One” *LUYH 607*

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

- Offering Financial Ministry Plan – *plate*
Calvin Seminary – *bag*

THE PROCLAMATION

- Children's Song “Awesome God” *on screen*
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 Luke 7: 36 – 50 *pg 1109*

Message To Be Anointed

- † Song of Response “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
LUYH 175

THE SENDING

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