

HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

Nursery

Today Sarah, Vanessa
Mar 8 Anél, Gabriella
Mar 15 Alissa, Erika

Greeters

Greg & Andrea
Nick & Sarah
Darcy & Liane

Usher

Today Greg S
Mar 8 Joanne
Mar 15 Elaine

AV

Rylee & Ryan
Tammy K, Vanessa
Tammy K, Vanessa

Coffee Clean Up

Today Matt & Charmaine, John & Marjan
Mar 8 Pete & Tammy, John & Beverley
Mar 15 Albert & Niesje, Nick & Sarah

Scripture Readers

Today Charmaine
Mar 8 Homer
Mar 15 Sarah

Children's Moment

Betty
Pete K
Garret

Elevator

Greg Y
Harvey
John D

Little Lambs

Today Erin, Michelle
Mar 8 Erin, Christian
Mar 15 Sally, Chris

Sunday School

Kerry, Epeüs
Andrea, Michelle
Andrea, Michelle

Offerings

Today Mortgage Reduction
Mar 8 World Renew Canadian Food Grains Bank
Mar 15 Calvin Seminary

Library

Doris
Sarah
Doris

Pastoral Prayer

Today Carl
Mar 8 John vN
Mar 15 Tammy Y

Worship Leader

Mr. Walter Miedema
Pastor Josh Tuininga
Mr. Jerry Roukema



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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 March 1, 2020

Morning Worship 10:00 am

SUNDAY MARCH 1, 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 first Sunday of Lent we place the bare cross at the front of our sanctuary, marking the beginning of a new season in the church year. It reminds us how important it is to bring the cross with us into everyday activities of life.

Our Church Family

Harry is doing well after having surgery this past week. We thank God that the surgery went well. Harry hopes to be home by the weekend. Keep those family members and friends in prayer as they endure with various health issues, **Larry, 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 Carl (today). May the Lord bless you!

What is Happening This Week

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

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 the Church of the Redeemer, 15529 Regional Rd 8, Oldcastle with Major Jim Hann 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 – Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Youth Praise Band – Friday at 8:00 pm

Next Sunday March 8, 2020

10:00 am – Second Sunday of Lent Morning Worship with Pastor Josh Tuininga where we will celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Weekly Offerings

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

March 8 offering is for World Renew Canadian Food Grains Bank.

Next week is Canadian Foodgrains Bank Sunday, where we will introduce you to two brave Syrian mothers, and offer a 4X match through Canadian Foodgrains Bank to bring food and the love of Christ to refugees globally. If you can't be in church next Sunday, you can still provide food for refugees with a 4X match at 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 of 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.

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.

SUNDAY MARCH 1, 2020
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 AM

WORSHIP LEADER: MR. WALTER MIEDEMA
MUSIC – ASHLEY ALLEN, PRAISE TEAM

COFFEE BREAK AND SMALL GROUP WORKSHOP

Marian Lensink of Global Coffee Break (CRCNA) will lead a workshop focused on engaging scripture together, leading a small group well, praying in and for our groups and having an evangelistic perspective. Friday, April 3rd, 2020 - 9:00am - 3:00pm, at Blenheim Christian Reformed Church, 286 Chatham St S, Blenheim, ON N0P 1A0. Cost is \$35/person. Online Registration is preferred at <https://blenheimworkshop.eventbrite.com>

Anyone involved in a small group of any kind is invited to attend. Lunch, refreshments and materials are provided. For more information contact Jan Groenewegen at petejang@xplornet.com or call the church at (519) 676-2831. Please register by Monday, March 30th, 2020.

JOIN WORLD RENEW AND THRIVE AT AOYC 2020!

Are you a high school student? Do you know someone who is? From May 15 – 18, youth from Ontario will gather in Waterloo for another amazing weekend at the All Ontario Youth Convention. This year, you will learn what it means to THRIVE as a follower of Jesus. World Renew will be there too—this time sharing about our community health programs and how vulnerable communities are also finding ways to thrive. Join us! Look out for more announcements as we will be sharing what you can do to help! To register for AOYC, go to www.allontario.com/aoyc-2020

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

"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

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

THE GATHERING

- Prelude
Welcome & Opening
† Call to Worship
† Gathering Song “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” LUYH 426
† God's Greeting
† Song of Praise “Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone” LUYH 693

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

- Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon
Song of Response “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” LUYH 665
Preparatory for the Lord's Supper

OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

- Offering Financial Ministry Plan – *plate*
Mortgage Reduction – *bag*

THE PROCLAMATION

- Children's Song “Running Over, Running Over” *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 Psalm 103 *pg 647*
Message A Caring and Compassionate God
† Song of Response “How Great Is the Love of the Father”
LUYH 683

THE SENDING

- † Benediction
† Doxology “New Doxology” *on screen*
† Postlude
† *Indicates Congregation standing if able*