

HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

Nursery

Today

Apr 5 Tammy K, Erika

Usher

AV

Today

Apr 5 Albert

Beverley & John

Coffee Clean Up

Today

Apr 5 John & Betty, Greg & Tammy Y

Scripture Readers

Children's Moment

Elevator

Today

Apr 5 Sarah

Betty V

Greg Y

Little Lambs

Sunday School

Today

Apr 5 Erin, Michelle

Kerry, Chris

Offerings

Library

Today

Apr 5 Benevolence

Doris

Pastoral Prayer

Worship Leader

Today

Apr 5 Tammy Y

Pastor Gord Brown



ESSEX CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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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

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LENT AT-HOME FAITH FORMATION TIP

As Holy Week nears, create a worship space—a table or corner of a room where you can be intentional about spending time with God this week. For now, decorate it with purple or black cloth, a cross, and other symbols. Then on Easter morning, decorate this space with flowers, butterflies, white and gold cloth, etc. Talk with kids about what these symbols mean. This space can continue as a worship area even after Easter is finished. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

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

Sunday March 22, 2020

Morning Worship 10:00 am

SUNDAY MARCH 22, 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 Fourth Sunday of Lent we are hanging a crown of thorns on top of the cross to remind us of the physical suffering, mockery, aloneness, injustice, and separation from God which Christ endured for us.

Our Church Family

Nick Sr continues to remain in Erie Shores Health Care.

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 Robert (Mon) and Jason (Sat). May the Lord bless you!

What is Happening This Week

All activities are cancelled for this week.

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.

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 POSTPONED

Our Ladies Night is postponed until further notice. For more information, see Andrea.

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

Weekly Offerings

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

March 29 offering is for GEMS. Girls Everywhere Meeting the Saviour! Our vision is to see girls around the world actively and enthusiastically expressing love for God and others – girls equipped, motivated, and passionately engaged in living their faith.

YOUNG FAMILY SEEKING A HOME

As we face uncharted territory in the wake of the COVID crisis, a young CRC family of four (parents and two kids under the age of 3) is just arriving from British Columbia and is hoping to rent a 3-bedroom home in Southwestern Ontario. Shane is a graduate of Calvin Theological Seminary with a Masters of Divinity, and Emma is an employee for World Renew. If you have any leads or even a temporary few-months option anywhere in the Southwestern Ontario region, it would be much appreciated. With the halting economy, our permanent location is dependent on where Shane can secure work (Emma currently is on maternity leave). If you have any hint of a lead, please contact us. Shane's most recent work was in organic vegetable farming, and the family is very handy and frugal and would be willing to help out in this time of uncertainty. We've rented for over a decade and can provide excellent references. Thank you!

YOUR OPINION ON WORSHIP MATTERS!

CRCNA in Canada seeks to answer the following question: "How do we, in the area of worship, address the needs of churches living within a broad range of cultural contexts, ie Eastern, Western, Central Canada etc.?" This is your chance to be heard, regardless of age, gender, membership or position in leadership. If you would like to have your unique voice heard, please email survey@crcna.org with the subject line: Please send me a survey!

WALKING ALONGSIDE CAREGIVERS – POSTPONED

Disability Concerns' Annual Canada Conference has been postponed due to the COVID-19 virus. It was scheduled to take place on April 25, 2020 at Community CRC in Kitchener, Ontario. We will post new information when a new date for the conference has been chosen. The focus will be Walking Alongside Caregivers: Navigating the emotional landscape of caregivers and identifying practical ways to support them. Visit crcna.org/disability to learn more.