

## HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

### Nursery

Today  
Apr 10 Anna, Christian  
Apr 12 Sandra, Erin

### Usher

Today  
Apr 10 Marjan  
Apr 12 Greg S

AV  
Beverley & John  
Rylee & Ryan

### Coffee Clean Up

Today  
Apr 10 John & Beverley  
Apr 12 Albert & Niesje, Nick & Sarah

### Scripture Readers

Today  
Apr 10  
Apr 12 Ben Sr

Children's Moment  
Pete K

Elevator  
Harvey  
John D

### Little Lambs

Today  
Apr 10  
Apr 12 Anna, Michelle

Sunday School  
Kerry, Christian

### Offerings

Today  
Apr 10 Essex Food Bank  
Apr 12 Resonate

Library  
Doris  
Sarah

### Pastoral Prayer

Today  
Apr 10  
Apr 12 John

Worship Leader  
Essex CRC  
Pastor Bill Hoogland



# ESSEX CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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[www.essexcrc.ca](http://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



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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)

**Sunday March 29, 2020**

**Morning Worship 10:00 am**

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

## SUNDAY MARCH 29, 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 Fifth Sunday of Lent we commemorate Christ's death. This time the symbol was drawn from Jesus' parable of the stalk of wheat whose grains must be placed in the ground and decay before they can bring forth an abundant harvest. John 12: 24 states, "Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds." Christ is that grain of wheat. However, we also, though the Imitatio Christi, are like grains of wheat that must die to ourselves before the rich harvest of the kingdom of God can take place in our lives.

### 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 Tena (Tues), Calvin (Wed), Matt (Fri) and Cory (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.

### Weekly Offerings

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

April 5 offering is for Benevolence. This offering helps those with needs in our church and in the community.

### 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. Please contact us at 778-808-6093 or 519-322-8308. Thank you!

### LADIES NIGHT IS POSTPONED

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

### COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

Council Executive met and discussed the following items.

- 1) The Church office will be closed. Beverley will be in the office on limited hours to answer emails and phone calls. Messages and emails will be answered on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. If you have any concerns, please call or email your Community Leader. Lists are in the back of your Church Directory.
- 2) The April 1 Council meeting is cancelled.
- 3) The April 5 Sunday morning service is cancelled.

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

## FROM THE BANNER

During this COVID-19 pandemic, *The Banner* is committed to providing you information and insights, and connecting you to our denominational family. We are still producing and delivering the print version monthly. Many of you receive them from your church. Alternatively, you can ask for it to be mailed directly to your home, at no charge to you, at [thebanner.org/Signup](http://thebanner.org/Signup). If you do sign up for direct mailing, expect it to take effect for the next month's print issue.

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## AOYC AND COVID-19

The AOYC (All Ontario Youth Convention) Team is keeping up to date on the many good recommendations and closures put in place by health authorities in order to limit the spread of COVID-19. Ultimately, the health and well-being of our conventioners and leaders is our priority, and we appreciate your trust and patience as we wait to see what the coming weeks bring. We hope to have some clear information for you before the end of the month. Wash your hands, love your neighbour, and pray for those most vulnerable to the effects of this virus. Consider how and who you serve in these coming weeks. Let's remember this surprising season as a time of hope and generosity.

## 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](mailto:survey@crcna.org) with the subject line: Please send me a survey!

## HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONAL FOR FAMILIES

Families, are you looking for an easy way to celebrate Holy Week at home? DWELL at Home's new devotional God's Big Easter Story is free to download. (And has a color-in printable!) You can read one devotion each day of Holy Week or combine readings over a few days. Find it at [dwellcurriculum.org](http://dwellcurriculum.org) under "Family Support."

## LENT AT-HOME FAITH FORMATION TIP

Hold a modified Seder meal with your family or friends to draw connections between the traditional Jewish Passover meal and the Last Supper. This also provides a wonderful opportunity to teach children about communion and how Jesus asked us to remember him when we celebrate it. Author Ann Voskamp offers Christian seder meal instructions at [tinyurl.com/VoskampSeder](http://tinyurl.com/VoskampSeder). (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))

**Worship Leader** – Pastor Norman Visser  
**MORNING WORSHIP** – March 29, 2020  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

## GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Welcome  
God's Greeting

**We Sing:** *"The Heart Of Worship"*

## GOD RENEWS US IN HIS GRACE

Call to Confession & Assurance of Pardon:

**We sing:** *"My Worth Is Not In What I Own"*

## GOD RECEIVES OUR PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS

Prayer of God's People

Children's Time

**We Sing:** *"He Knows My Name"* LUYH 339

## GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

**Scripture:** Habakkuk 3:16-19

**Message:** "I Will Yet Praise Him"

**Prayer of Response**

**Song of Response:** *"In Christ Alone"*

## GOD SENDS US OUT BY HIS GRACE

**God's Parting Blessing**

**Closing Song:** *"Amazing Grace"* LUYH 691 vs 1,3,4,5