

HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

Nursery

Today Anél, Gabriella
Mar 15 Alissa, Erika
Mar 22 Janet, Christian

Greeters

Nick & Sarah
Darcy & Liane
Hans & Geraldine

Usher

Today Joanne
Mar 15 Elaine
Mar 22 Albert

AV

Tammy K, Vanessa
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Tim, Dan

Coffee Clean Up

Today Pete & Tammy, John & Beverley
Mar 15 Albert & Niesje, Nick & Sarah
Mar 22 Hans & Geraldine, Jack & Carolyn

Scripture Readers

Today Homer
Mar 15 Sarah
Mar 22 Ben Sr

Children's Moment

Pete K
Garret
Greg S

Elevator

Harvey
John D
Joel

Little Lambs

Today Erin, Christian
Mar 15 Sally, Chris
Mar 22 Sterling, Julia

Sunday School

Andrea, Michelle
Andrea, Michelle
Tina S, Epeüs

Offerings

Today World Renew Canadian Food Grains Bank
Mar 15 Calvin Seminary
Mar 22 Ministry Shares

Library

Sarah
Doris
Sarah

Pastoral Prayer

Today John vN
Mar 15 Greg S
Mar 22 John D

Worship Leader

Pastor Josh Tuininga
Mr. Jerry Roukema
Mr. Steve Vandyk



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

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

SUNDAY MARCH 8, 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 second Sunday of Lent we draped a purple cloth over the cross. For many centuries purple, representing the message of repentance, has been the colour of Lent.

Our Church Family

Nick Sr was admitted to Eric Shores Health Care this past week. 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 Michelle (Mon), and Johanna & Eric S (Thurs). May the Lord bless you!

What is Happening This Week

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

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 Salvation Army Church 26 Talbot Street, South, Essex with Rev Kim Gililand 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.

Reach Out – Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Praise Team – Thursday at 7:15 pm

Youth – Friday at 6:30 pm

Youth Praise Band – Friday at 8:00 pm

Next Sunday March 15, 2020

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

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 **WORLD RENEW CANADIAN FOOD GRAINS BANK**

Thank you for sharing your prayers and gifts with refugees and displaced person around the globe. Every gift you give today will be matched 4x through Canadian Food Grains bank to provide food in a time of crisis.

March 15 offering is for 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.

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.

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.

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!

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.

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.

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! Our next night out is Saturday March 28, 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.

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 519-676-2831. Please register by Monday, March 30th, 2020.

DEAR CONGREGATION

Thank you for partnering with your missionaries and ministry leaders in mission! In Acts 13, Barnabas and Paul are gathered with prophets and teachers in the church at Antioch when the Holy Spirit calls them to serve: "While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off." You are serving God's kingdom in the same way as the people who supported Barnabas and Paul—who sent them out to proclaim the word of God. Your faithful giving is sending Resonate missionaries, church planters, campus ministers, and other ministry leaders in North America and around the world. Together, you are spreading the gospel! You are a part of God's mission: you are a sender! Your faithful giving fuels ministry happening both here at home and far away. You have a profound impact on lives and communities as people encounter and embrace God's love. The good news is reverberating throughout the world because of your gift—thank you for giving. In Christ, Kevin DeRaaf, Acting Canada Director

SUNDAY MARCH 8, 2020
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MORNING WORSHIP — 10:00 AM

PASTOR JOSH TUININGA
MUSIC — ASHLEY ALLEN, PRAISE TEAM

THE GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Opening

† Call to Worship

† Gathering Song

"Here I Am to Worship"

LUYH 567

† God's Greeting

† Song of Praise

"O Praise the Name"

on screen

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

on screen

OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

Offering

Financial Ministry Plan – *plate*

World Renew Canadian Food Grains Bank – *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

Matthew 26: 26 – 30

pg 1068

Psalms 113

pg 657

Message

Hallelujah

LORD'S SUPPER

† Song of Response

"Bless the Lord O Saints and Servants"

LUYH 399

THE SENDING

† Benediction

† Doxology

"Glory Be to the Father"

LUYH 959

† Postlude

† *Indicates Congregation standing if able*