

HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

Nursery

Today Andrea, Rylee
Mar 17 Alissa, Christian
Mar 24 Sandra, Sterling

Greeters

Greg & Tammy Y
Larry & Jacky
Ben & Tina S

Usher

Today John O
Mar 17 Greg S
Mar 24 Michael

AV

Tammy K, Vanessa
Tim K, Dan
Tim K, Dan

Coffee Clean Up

Today Fred & Linda, Darcy & Liane
Mar 17 Nick & Sarah, Gerry & Ruth
Mar 24 Marvin & Marj, John & Betty

Scripture Readers

Today Gerry S
Mar 17 Darcy
Mar 24 Sarah

Children's Moment

Garret
Song
Pete

Elevator

Harvey
John D
Joel

Offerings

Today Maranatha Christian Academy
Mar 17 Calvin Seminary
Mar 24 Ministry Shares

Library

Sarah
Doris
Sarah

Pastoral Prayer

Today Michael
Mar 17 John vN
Mar 24 John D

Worship Leader

Pastor Nate VanDenend
Mr. Peter Beimers
Mr. Randy VanStempvoort



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

Church Office – Contact Information 519-776-5071, office@essexcrc.ca

UPDATE FROM THE MAT'TERS

We have used up all our new milk bags so we are asking everyone to start donating your clean and dry milk bags. We really do appreciate it.

Sunday March 10, 2019

Morning Worship 10:00 am

SUNDAY MARCH 10, 2019

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.

Our Church Family

Keep those family members and friends in prayer as they suffer with various health issues along with those who cannot attend our services because they are in various nursing and retirement homes (**Pete & Betty, Cory, Jack, Diny and Anna**).

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Johanna & Eric (Tues), David (Fri), Liam (Sat). May the Lord bless you!

What is Happening This Week

10:00 am – Morning Worship with Pastor Nate VanDenend

The Mat'ters – Monday at 9:30 am

GEMS & Cadets Swimming – Monday at 6:00 pm

Coffee Break – Tuesday at 10:00 am

Prayer for Healthy Church – Tuesday at 10:00 am

Lenten Service – Wednesday at 12:00 noon

Our Essex and area Lenten noon hour service will be at Essex United Church with Pastor Kim Gilliland 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 Meeting – Wednesday at 1:00 pm

Next Sunday March 17, 2019

10:00 am – Morning Worship with Mr. Peter Beimers.

FROM COUNCIL

After the morning service on Sunday March 3rd, Council called a short Congregational meeting to invite the members of the Essex CRC to vote on extending a call to Pastor Terence Visser from Willard CRC in Willard OH. The Congregation gave a strong mandate of 98.9% to call Pastor Terence to be our next Pastor. All are encouraged to send a card or letter to Pastor Terence and his wife Laura to let them know you are praying for them and his decision to accept our call to him. We encourage you to introduce yourself and give input as members of Essex CRC. You can reach them by snail mail at

Weekly Offerings

Today's offerings are for the **FINANCIAL MINISTRY PLAN AND MARANATHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

MCA is located in Windsor. They provide an ideal environment for Godly growth of the mind, heart and soul of students in JK through Grade 12.

March 17 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.

DEAR CONGREGATION

We as your Deacons are asking for your input. Please consider responding to us via email, phone call or in person.

We know there are those of you who are involved in and with the community. In an attempt for us to connect better with our community and serve where there are injustices and/or yet unknown opportunities; we need your input. Your information will be shared amongst us Deacons for further discussion and for our prayer support.

For example: name of organization/group, how you are involved, A true need and/or inequity. Thanks in advance for your valued contribution.

Linda, Tammy Y, Marjan and Anna

COUNCIL NOTES

Council met this past week and the following items were discussed. Early in February Council took a poll from members of the congregation asking one question? I am in favour of Women on the pulpit. Yes or No. We thank you for your responses. Council in its discussion regarding this issue spoke freely and passionately on this sensitive matter. Going forward Council made the following motions.

- That Council **approved** the motion to allow Women Pastors, licensed Women Exhorters and Women Guest Speakers to fill the pulpit as pulpit supply.
- That Council **defeated** a motion to allow the Search committee to pursue Women Pastors to be called as Pastor of Essex CRC.

Council discussed nominations for the office of Elders and Deacon. The nominees will be contacted by their district Elder.

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!



KITCHEN SHOWER

We are having a Kitchen Shower for Aisha! On Monday March 18, at 11:00 am while the Mat'ters are meeting. Let's help her get her kitchen in order as she is moving into her apartment. Everyone is welcome to join us!

ATTENTION YOUTH

Come out for an evening of skating and games here in Essex on Sunday, April 7th. Skating begins at 6pm at the arena with hot chocolate, snacks and games to be held afterwards at the Essex Christian Reformed Church. Hope to see you all there.

KUB CAR RACES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Cadets and GEMS will be competing for the Kub Car Trophy on **Monday April 8!** Plan to attend this year and support your Cadet and GEMS leaders and meet the families of the children who come to our church every Monday night. If there is ever a chance to reach out to the community, this is one of the best opportunities as most of the girls and boys in GEMS and Cadets are from the community. This is a great way to end the season for the GEMS and Cadets with tons of fun for everyone!

JOIN WORLD RENEW AT AOYC 2019!

We are so excited for this year's All Ontario Youth Convention, from May 17-20! High school students will have the opportunity to "reach out" and help address both global and local hunger! World Renew is asking that each student bring \$10 to help feed Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, and bring 10 food items to donate to the Food Bank of Waterloo Region. For more info and to register, please go to www.allontario.com/aoyc-2019

PRAY FOR INSPIRE 2019

Inspire 2019 is a conference to connect people from across the 1000+ churches in the Christian Reformed Church for three days of worship, workshops, speakers, and conversation. As we plan and prepare for this event, happening August 1-3 in Windsor, Ont., please join us in praying for the event and all who will attend. This week, please pray for the ministries, businesses, and organizations who will be presenting and interacting in the EXPO at Inspire 2019. Pray for helpful and gracious interactions and conversations that will bless both representatives and those with whom they're sharing.