

HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

Nursery

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Usher

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Today

Coffee Clean Up

Today

Scripture Readers

Children's Moment

Elevator

Today

Little Lambs

Sunday School

Today

Offerings

Library

Today

Pastoral Prayer

Worship Leader

Today



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

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



**ESSEX CHRISTIAN
REFORMED CHURCH**

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Sunday May 3, 2020

Morning Worship 10:00 am

SUNDAY MAY 3, 2020

Our Church Family

Congratulations to **Eric & Melissa** and big brother **Calvin** with the birth of twin boys **Jackson Richard** (5 lbs 6oz) and **Austin James** (5 lbs 15 oz) born on Tuesday April 28, 2020. The babies had a little difficulty breathing and are placed on ventilators but otherwise are in good health. They will be in the NICU for a minimum of 48 hours but they could stay longer. Melissa is doing well and able to visit the babies in the NICU. Quote from Eric's email "We thank God for blessing us with an amazing team of doctors and nurses that were by our side throughout the whole process. We definitely felt wrapped in prayer and surrounded by loved ones."

Keep those family members and friends in prayer as they endure with various health issues, **Gail, Wilma** along with those who are in various nursing and retirement homes (**Pete & Betty, Cory, Diny, Nick Sr, and Anna**).

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Andrea (Sunday), Nick Sr (Mon), Fred (Thurs) and Betty B (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.

FROM COUNCIL

The Ontario Government has continued to advise people not to gather. **Therefore, Council has cancelled all our worship services and activities for the month of May.** Council wants to remind us to keep in contact with our church members and encourage all of us to keep safe. If you have any concerns or needs, please let your Community Elder know. Community lists are found in the Church Directory.

Weekly Offerings

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

This week we will collect the annual NewGround Offering. Your generous gift will help ministries and Canadian CRCs like ours love and bless their communities in the name of Jesus. Again, this isn't just another offering to another cause; it's about the people who will be reached through our gifts. May each of us give as we have been blessed. You can also make a one-time donation or become a monthly partner on Diaconal Ministries' website: <https://diaconalministries.com/donate-now/> - The Deacons

May 10 offering is for World Renew (Mother's Day). Help Deliver Hope to Mothers and Babies in Need - Next week Sunday is Mother's Day. Your church can embrace this opportunity to observe Mother's Day in a unique and helpful way by delivering hope to mothers and babies living in places of extreme poverty. Your gifts and offerings for World Renew's Maternal and Child Health Sunday will support trained health volunteers leading life-saving changes for mothers, babies, and families around the world. To give online and find out more, go to worldrenew.ca/mchsunday

THANK YOU

Larry would like to thank everyone for prayers and phone calls during his recent knee surgery. He really appreciated all the phone calls and kind and encouraging words.

ATTENTION CONGREGATION

We have the greatest news! We have twin baby boys joining our congregation. Congratulations Eric and Melissa. We would like to help out by having a diaper drive. Pampers would be appreciated. Not sure about buying diapers, that's okay. PC gift cards would be appreciated also. If you would like to help, please drop them off at the church on Tuesday mornings between 10:00 – 12:00 noon.

FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

Sarah has been communicating with Steve V during this time of Covid-19. He is getting along with classes online but misses the interaction with his fellow students. He and Rosanne are both looking forward to returning to Essex for a weekend to get to know the congregation, preach and discern further if Essex is where God is leading them. Please keep Steve and Rosanne in prayer as they discern where God will lead them after graduation.

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

PAR – PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE PROGRAM

When the Pre-Authorized Remittance Program was established for our congregation the intent of the program was to allow donations to the Financial Ministry Plan of the church only. Some members have expressed a desire to be able to contribute to additional causes during the period when we are unable to be together on Sunday mornings. Effective as of the May 20th PAR Remittance, members who are enrolled in the PAR program will also be able to designate a second contribution amount that will be collected for Diaconal Causes. Please note that only one additional cause can be accommodated under this program. By designating funds to Diaconal Causes, the Deacons will be able to review needs monthly and forward funds accordingly. For those already enrolled in PAR who would like to contribute to Diaconal Causes as well, please e-mail Peter W or call him after 6:00 PM.

If you are interested in enrolling in the Pre-Authorized Remittance Program and want some additional details or help setting it up, please contact Peter W.

COUNCIL

Council Executive will be meeting through a Zoom call on Wednesday May 6. If you have any concerns or requests, please forward them to John vH

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.

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR CHRISTIANS WITH INTERNAL STRUGGLES

Christians aren't immune from ongoing mental and emotional struggles, and there are many ways to cope. Yet some Christians feel they've tried them all and aren't much better off. After moving past such struggles, I worked to create and share some online peer-designed learning aids that may help these believers. They aren't for everyone, but they might be right for you. Can you quote many Bible verses about issues like anxiety or discouragement but seem unable to turn your knowledge into meaningful change in real life? Are you solution-oriented and committed, but what you've tried hasn't improved your quality of life much? On this website you can explore many free resources related to internal change to experiment with on your own, or you can investigate a six-month online learning aid for anxiety designed to ease overwhelm as it builds skills, includes your Christian faith, and creates community with group participation. To access the free resources or apply for the online learning, visit actinreallife.com ~ Coba Veldkamp, Founder, ACT in Real Life

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