

## HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

### Nursery

Today Tina, Sterling  
Oct 13 Rebekah, Gabriella  
Oct 20 Liane, Erin

### Greeters

Larry & Jacky  
Darcy & Liane  
John & Rita

### Usher

Today John O  
Oct 13 Greg S  
Oct 20 Wayne

### AV

Tammy K, Vanessa  
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Beverley, Dan

### Coffee Clean Up

Today Hans & Geraldine, Wayne & Electa  
Oct 13 Ryan & Sandra, Mitchell & Rebekah  
Oct 20 Henry & Alta, Homer & Betty

### Scripture Readers

Today Sarah  
Oct 13 Ben Sr  
Oct 20 Gerry S

### Children's Moment

Pete K  
Beverley  
Betty V

### Elevator

John D  
Joel  
Fred

### Offerings

Today Ministry Shares  
Oct 13 Essex Food Bank  
Oct 20 Edvance – OACS

### Library

Sarah  
Doris  
Sarah

### Pastoral Prayer

Today Carl  
Oct 13 Joanne  
Oct 20 Tammy Y

### Worship Leader

Mr. Walter Miedema  
Pastor Norm Visser  
Pastor Mike Morency



# ESSEX CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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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 October 6, 2019**

**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 OCTOBER 6, 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, Diny, and Anna**).

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Albert (Tues), Avery (Thurs), Ashley A & Charmaine (Fri) and Jacoba (Sat). May the Lord bless you!

### What is Happening This Week

10:00 am – Sunday Morning Worship with Mr. Walter Miedema

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

Praise Team – Thursday at 7:35 pm

Next Sunday October 13, 2019

10:00 am – Morning Worship with Pastor Norman Visser with the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

### THANKSGIVING DAY

In light of the fact that we are without a Pastor, Council has cancelled the Thanksgiving Day service for this year.

### FROM COUNCIL

After the morning service on Sunday September 22, Council called a short Congregational meeting to invite the members of the Essex CRC to vote on extending a call to Pastor Paul Droogers from Drayton CRC in Drayton, ON. The Congregation gave a strong mandate of 96.8% to call Pastor Paul to be our next Pastor. All are encouraged to send a card or letter to Pastor Paul and his wife Jill 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.

### 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.

October 13 offering is for Essex Food Bank.

### FROM THE DEACONS

Our annual **Food Drive** is almost upon us and we would like to request the following items for the Essex Food Bank.

**Sunday October 6, 2019:** Thanksgiving Day items; this may include the following: stuffing, canned items and even produce like squash, potatoes and carrots.

**Sunday, October 13, 2019:** Pasta, Peanut Butter and Cereal

\*Note: we then would like to dedicate the following two weeks, **October 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**, to support the **GEMS** in their Operation Christmas Child project. Please pick up a list of accepted donations and continue to bring in for the girls up to and including November 17, 2019.

### MOVIE NIGHT – TREATS!

The Movie Night team would like to hand out Candy at the October 25 Movie night. We are asking for donations which can be given to Florence or left in the church office anytime this month. Thank you for your generosity.

### REFORMATION DAY SERVICE

This service will be held on Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> at First Christian Reformed Church Chatham. The service will begin at 6 PM and will be lead by the pastor of First, Rev. Nate VanDenend. The offering will be held for Hope Haven; the men's shelter in Chatham. The Chatham-Kent Christian Men's Choir will also participate in the service. All our welcome, nursery will be provided along with refreshments after the service.

The October issue of the Banner is ready for pick up on the back table.



## GEMS UPDATE

This year our GEMS girls are being taught that they are LOVED Period and how to show that love to everyone around the world. One outreach night that we are planning is packing shoe boxes for Operations Christmas Child. We are asking you to help us by purchasing a couple items needed for each box. There will be a container at the back of the church to deposit your purchases. Another way to help us is to donate money that we can put towards items to be used in the boxes. Operation Christmas Child is a hands-on way for Canadians to bless struggling children in the developing world by filling shoe boxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and other items. We collect the boxes and distribute them in the name of Jesus Christ to children living in desperate situations. There is a list to take home at the back of the church of items that are acceptable to be brought into other countries. Please support this program that the GEMS will be doing this fall!

## PRAYER BOX

The Reach Out Committee is starting a new program for our movie going families plus our church families. We have a prayer request box available during movie night, plus for our own congregation. We want the families to know we as a church are not just interested in providing entertainment, but would like to pray for their concerns. Someone will be available from 6-6:30 pm on movie nights if anyone has a concern they want someone to pray for in person. 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. Please speak to any of the committee members if you have any questions.

## FROM CLASSIS CHATHAM

Need for Exhorters: Classis has declared a need for exhorters to serve within our classis. We encourage our congregations to identify gifted persons and encourage them to apply for Licensure to Exhort. Please contact the Stated Clerk for process information.

Council of Delegates: Classis is seeking a representative to be nominated to the Council of Delegates (COD) of the CRCNA. Nominees should be a member in good standing in the CRCNA, possess an understanding of the role of governance and the COD, possess an understanding of the mission, vision, and values of the CRC, possess an understanding of the Ministry Plan (Our Journey 2020), and be willing to sign the COD Statement of Agreement with the Beliefs of the CRCNA. We are also asked to consider synod's urging for representation of the wonderful diversity (including ethnicity, gender, and age) found within our churches to be reflected on our boards and our leadership. For further information, including a description of the COD, please contact the Stated Clerk.

## WHY HAVE A DISABILITY ADVOCATE?

It's simple, really. Disabilities have a way of keeping people from participating fully in the life of the church—and sometimes from even participating at all.

By identifying a disability champion in your congregation (that's how we think of our advocates, as champions), you're taking the first step to welcome people into the body of Christ—people with disabilities and their families. Considering one in five people has a disability, that's a lot of people you'll be better prepared to welcome, to disciple, to learn from and to watch lead.

People like the long-time member with recent hearing loss. People like the teenager whose baptism you remember, who now struggles with depression. People like your neighbours down the street who haven't been to church in four years because it's too hard for their son, who has autism, to sit quietly.

A disability advocate develops eyes to see the needs and gifts of people with disabilities in your congregation and helps your church do the same.

Together, you can create a church where everyone belongs and everyone is welcome. **Being a disability advocate is a volunteer job—an important one. If you would like to become a Disability Advocate for Essex CRC, please see a Council member.** For a position description contact the church office or Mark Stephenson, Director of Disability Concerns at [mstephenson@crcna.org](mailto:mstephenson@crcna.org)

## JOIN WORLD RENEW THIS THANKSGIVING

Next week is Thanksgiving and an opportunity to share God's abundance with those who live with poverty and hunger. Please join World Renew this Thanksgiving to learn how God's love is shared with families and communities all over the world. Please consider giving generously to help change the story of poverty into stories of hope. For more information, go to: [www.worldrenew.net](http://www.worldrenew.net)

## CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS

Do you have a good eye for photos of people? Are you working on your skills at taking photos of events or activities? We're looking for photos of churches in action, and we'd love to share yours! Images can include church picnics, communion, worship teams, mission trips, community action...anything that shows the people of your church, being the church. Snap some photos, get permission from the people in them (unless it's a large group shot in a public place), and then send them to [communications@crcna.org](mailto:communications@crcna.org) We'll consider them for use - with credit - on the CRCNA homepage and social media. Thanks!