

HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

Nursery

Today Janet, Vanessa
Oct 6 Tina, Sterling
Oct 13 Rebekah, Gabriella

Greeters

Nick & Sarah
Larry & Jacky
Darcy & Liane

Usher

Today Marjan
Oct 6 John O
Oct 13 Greg S

AV

Rylee & Ryan
Tammy K, Vanessa
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Coffee Clean Up

Today Greg & Tammy, Dave & Anna
Oct 6 Hans & Geraldine, Wayne & Electa
Oct 13 Henry & Alta, Mitchell & Rebekah

Scripture Readers

Today Darcy
Oct 6 Sarah
Oct 13 Ben Sr

Children's Moment

Song
Pete K
Beverley

Elevator

Harvey
John D
Joel

Offerings

Today OACS
Oct 6 Ministry Shares
Oct 13 Essex Food Bank

Library

Doris
Sarah
Doris

Pastoral Prayer

Today John D
Oct 6 Carl
Oct 13 Joanne

Worship Leader

Mr. Steve Baarda
Mr. Walter Miedema
Pastor Norm Visser



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

Sunday September 29, 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 SEPTEMBER 29, 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 Ezekiel (Fri) & Sterling (Sat). May the Lord bless you!

What is Happening This Week

10:00 am – Sunday Morning Worship with Mr. Steve Baarda

The Mat'ters – Monday at 10:00 am

GEMS & Cadets – Monday at 6:30 pm

Prayer for Healthy Church – Tuesday at 10:00 am

Catechism – Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Council meeting – Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Youth Band – Friday at 8:15 pm

Next Sunday October 6, 2019

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

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. You can reach them by snail mail at

Pastor Paul Droogers

PRAYER PARTNERS

Classis Chatham is looking for people to keep the new church plant in prayer. Each month after meetings a list of specific prayer concerns come into the church office. If you would like to partner with this issue, please inquire at the church office.

Weekly Offerings

Today's offerings are for the **FINANCIAL MINISTRY PLAN AND EDVANCE-OACS**

Edvance will serve the growing Christian education sector and welcomes your continued prayerful and financial support. Given our changing context, your continued dedication to Christian education matters more today than ever.

October 6 offering is for 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.

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 20th and 27th**, 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.



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.

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

COFFEE BREAK AND SMALL GROUP WORKSHOP

Monday, October 7th - 9:30am - 3:00pm, at Bethel Christian Reformed Church, 365 Queen St. Acton, ON. 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. Cost is \$35. Online registration is preferred at actonworkshop.eventbrite.com. Anyone involved in a small group of any kind is invited to attend. Lunch and refreshments are provided. For information contact Rita Ladjansky at office@actoncrc.com or call her at 519-853-2121. Please register by Friday, October 4, 2019.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2019
MORNING WORSHIP — 10:00 AM

WORSHIP LEADER — MR. STEVE BAARDA
MUSIC — ASHLEY ALLEN, PRAISE TEAM

THE GATHERING

- Prelude
Welcome & Opening
† Call to Worship
† Gathering Song “The Heart of Worship” *on screen*
† God's Greeting
† Song of Praise “What A Beautiful Name” *on screen*

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

- Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon
Song of Response “Have Thine Own Way” *LUYH 373*

OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

- Offering
Financial Ministry Plan — *plate*
OACS — *bag*

THE PROCLAMATION

- Children's Song “What A Friend We Have in Jesus” *LUYH 898*
after which children ages 3 – Grade 6 leave for Sunday school
The Prayers of God's People
Prayer of Illumination
Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 12: 1 – 11 *pg 1231*
Romans 8: 1 – 9 *pg 1212*
1 Thessalonians 5: 19 – 21 *pg 1270*
Message What's It All About? Part 3: The Presence of the Spirit
† Song of Response “The River is Here” *on screen*

THE SENDING

- † Benediction
† Doxology “Spirit of the Living God” *LUYH 749*
† Postlude
† *Indicates Congregation standing if able*