

HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

Nursery

Today

Usher

Today

AV

Coffee Clean Up

Today

Scripture Readers

Today

Children's Moment

Elevator

Little Lambs

Today

Sunday School

Offerings

Today Resonate Global Mission Emphasis Week

Sept 19 Diaconal Ministries

Sept 26 Safe Church Awareness

Library

Pastoral Prayer

Today

Preacher

Pastor 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



Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/EssexCRC Like us and keep informed with what is happening here!

Pastor's Office Hours

Monday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Tuesday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Wednesday – Day off

Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Church Office Hours

Tuesday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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Essex CRC Council Executive

Council Chair – Joanne W

Vice-Chair – Jamie B

Clerk – Ben V clerk@essexcrc.ca

Deacon Chair – Jim G

The September Banner and September/October Today booklets are ready for pick up on the back table.



ESSEX CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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Sunday September 12, 2021

Morning Worship 10:00 am

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Welcome to everyone either here in-person or online to our worship service this morning, especially if you are a guest with us.

Our Church Family

We have Good News! Rosanne and Pastor Steve are excited to announce that they are expecting a little one in February. God is good! James 1:17 *Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.*

Keep those family members and friends in prayer as they endure with various health issues **Jack D, Lea H, Ed M, Fred M, John O, Anna R, Gerry S, Wilma W** along with our elderly in care homes or those receiving extra support (**Pete & Betty A, Cory B, Diny K, Nick K Sr, and Anna P**).

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Chad W (Thurs). May the Lord bless you!

What is Happening This Week

10:00 am – Sunday Morning Worship with Pastor Steve Vandyk in-person or online at Facebook/Essex CRC.

Next Sunday September 19, 2021

10:00 am – Sunday Morning Worship with Pastor Steve Vandyk in-person or online at Facebook/EssexCRC.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND HELPERS NEEDED

There is a need for Teachers and Helpers for Sunday School. We would like to begin this program again very soon. Please pray for our Sunday School program, for our teachers, children and their parents, that together we can share the love of Jesus Christ. If you have any questions or need information, see Kerry W

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

I will be out of the office on vacation from September 13 – 17, 2021. Emails and weekly updates will continue to be sent out to keep members informed.

Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Sabbath: Read Mark 2:23-28 and ponder or discuss the following questions: What would a sabbath that is “made for you” look like? What would be life-giving? What would be restful? What would point you to God? For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject

Weekly Offerings

Today's offerings are for the **FINANCIAL MINISTRY PLAN AND RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION.**

Resonate Global Mission is working to help your church spread the gospel in your community. You can help provide hope and transform lives.

September 19 offering is for Diaconal Ministries. This offering helps Diaconal Ministries Canada partner with churches and ministries across Canada to demonstrate God's love in the community.

SAFE CHURCH ABUSE AWARENESS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26

In two weeks, the Safe Church ministry of the CRC invites congregations to imagine a more holistic approach to nurturing a safe and healthy church community where abuse itself becomes unthinkable and where survivors feel supported and safe. In preparation, learn more about Safe Church now at their website: www.crcna.org/SafeChurch

NURSERY UPDATE

In the hopes of slowly ramping up the extended services we provide in our church, we are discussing the start of providing nursery again beginning hopefully sometime by the end September/early October. In the meantime, children are warmly welcomed in the service and it has been discussed that the room adjacent to the upstairs washroom will be available as a quiet space for moms and dads, should they require it. Ideally, with some added technology, the service can be viewed with a provided monitor in that space. Kindly let me know by way of email whether or not you are able to serve as a nursery attendant and or helper. It is difficult to determine how busy the nursery would be, but it is also important that we have this available for our present families and to those who are guests or seeking a new church to worship in. Appropriate safety protocols are being investigated and the toys will be thoroughly cleaned and updated in preparation. Kindly let me know by email whether or not you or someone in your family would be able to serve in this manner. Please reply to Janet G

CHURCH CALLED TOV BOOK CLUB

Safe Church Ministry is hosting a virtual book study open to all interested in learning more about creating a TOV (good) culture in our churches! We will be reading *A Church Called TOV: Forming a Goodness Culture that Resists Abuses of Power and Promotes Healing* by Laura Barringer and Scot Mcknight. Join us Monday evenings at 7:30 pm Eastern/4:30 pm Pacific for five weeks, starting September 27th and running through October 25th. To register: <https://bit.ly/TOVbookclub>

GET DENOMINATIONAL NEWS STRAIGHT TO YOUR INBOX!

The Banner, the magazine of the CRC, will send you news, features, and columns straight to your email inbox! Sign up for the weekly e-newsletter by visiting thebanner.org/signup. While you're there, you can sign up to receive The Banner print magazine straight to your door as well! TheBanner.org/signup

FAMILY FIRE - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

GOD LIKES YOU

Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net God wants to be with you. He loves to watch you run and play. He laughs at the jokes you tell. He celebrates your accomplishments. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

GROUNDWORK: YOU SHALL NOT MURDER

The sixth commandment "You shall not murder" seems quite straight forward. Yet as we read the whole Bible we discover it demands more of us than simply not killing another person. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Exodus 20:13, Genesis 4:2-12, and more to gain a deeper understanding of the sixth commandment. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 AM

PASTOR STEVE VANDYK
MUSIC – ASHLEY ALLEN, PRAISE TEAM

THE GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Opening

- † Call to Worship
- † Gathering Song "Be Still, the Presence of the Lord" *LUYH 532*
- † God's Greeting
- † Song of Praise "The Heart of Worship" *on screen*
"Cornerstone" *on screen*

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

THE PROCLAMATION

- Children's Song "We Are Marching" *on screen*
- Children's Moment
- The Prayers of God's People
- Prayer of Illumination
- Scripture Reading John 3: 16 – 21
- Message The Vertical Connection
- † Song of Response "Living Hope" *on screen*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE SENDING

- † Benediction
- † Doxology "Glory Be to the Father" *LUYH 959*
- † Postlude

OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

- Offering Financial Ministry Plan – *budget box on the wall*
Resonate Global Missions – *plate on the back table*

† Indicates Congregation standing if able