

## How WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

### Nursery

Today

### Usher

Today

### Coffee Clean Up

Today

### AV

### Scripture Readers

Today

### Children's Moment

### Elevator

### Little Lambs

Today

### Sunday School

### Offerings

Today Ministry Shares

Sept 12 Resonate Global Mission Emphasis Week

Sept 19 Diaconal Ministries

### 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](http://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

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### Essex CRC Council Executive

Council Chair – Joanne W

Vice-Chair – Jamie B

Clerk – Ben V [clerk@essexcrc.ca](mailto: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**

**519-776-5071  
[www.essexcrc.ca](http://www.essexcrc.ca)**

**Sunday September 5, 2021**

**Morning Worship 10:00 am**

## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 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

Keep our students, teachers & parents in the school system or at home in prayer as they prepare for the upcoming new school year.

We express our sincerest condolences to **Ashley & Jason** and family in the passing of Ashley's father **Jim** last week. May God continue to comfort the family with his strength.

Congratulations to **Joe & Lisa** daughter of **Larry & Jacky** who were married on August 19, 2021. May they grow in the love of Christ as they journey together in the adventure, challenges and joy of married life.

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 John O (Mon) and Alex H (Wed). 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 12, 2021

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

### CHURCH BBQ – SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5

Today Sunday September 5 after the morning service we are all invited to the home of Greg & Andrea S. Bring your lawn chairs, sunscreen, a side dish or dessert. Drinks, hamburgers & hotdogs are provided. If you have a corn hole game or any other outside games, please bring them along. For more information, see Greg or Andrea S.

### 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

### 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.

September 12 offering is for 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.

### 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

At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Sabbath: Read Exodus 20:8-11 and ponder or discuss the following question: Sabbath rest is God's gift to us. How might you receive that gift with gratitude? For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject](http://bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

## PLEASE HELP FAMILIES IMPACTED BY HURRICANE IDA

Earlier this week Hurricane Ida swept across New Orleans and along the Louisiana shoreline leaving a trail of destruction; homes have been crushed by falling trees, flooded by overflowing waterways, or completely swept away. World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is organizing a response to help people most affected by the hurricane and is coordinating with local communities to assess needs so they can prioritize recovery and repair. You can support this work with your financial gift to World Renew, DRS Hurricane Ida 2021, at [worldrenew.ca/donate](http://worldrenew.ca/donate) or call 888-WRLD-RNW. You can also send your cheque by mail to: World Renew, PO Box 5070, 3475 Mainway, STN LCD 1, Burlington, Ontario L7R 3Y8. Please pray for those whose homes and lives have been affected by the storm, and for the dedicated DRS volunteers who will help them clean up, rebuild, and recover.

## COMING (BACK) TO WESTERN UNIVERSITY?

You are warmly invited to join the Western Campus Ministry community as we seek to build transformative relationships, embody the gospel, and serve our campus with the love of Jesus! Check out all programming and leadership positions for Fall semester at [www.WesternCampusMinistry.ca](http://www.WesternCampusMinistry.ca) Or, get in touch with Dr. Michael Wagenman directly at Email: [mwagenman@uwo.ca](mailto:mwagenman@uwo.ca) or Text/Call: (519) 851-5845.

## GOD IS WITH YOU

Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) Have you ever been scared about a big math test, or starting a new school, or even about flying in an airplane? It's okay to be careful. But fear and worry can control our thoughts and actions. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

## GROUNDWORK: HONOR YOUR PARENTS AND AUTHORITIES

Why does God care about our relationships? Join Groundwork as we study God's command in Exodus 20:12 to honor our fathers and mothers. Together we'll look to the whole of scripture to help us understand this command and how we can keep it in both healthy and broken relationships. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 AM

PASTOR STEVE VANDYK

MUSIC – ASHLEY ALLEN, PRAISE TEAM

## THE GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Opening

Call to Worship

† Gathering Song      "Beautiful Saviour"      *LUYH 17*

† God's Greeting

† Song of Praise      "Holy Is the Lord"      *LUYH 597*

                          "Lord, I Need You"      *on screen*

## CONFESSON AND ASSURANCE

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Preparing our Hearts for the Lord's Supper

## THE PROCLAMATION

Children's Song      "I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy"      *on screen*

Children's Moment

The Prayers of God's People

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading      Romans 12: 3 – 8

Message      You, Yes YOU are the Church!

† Song of Response      "Build Your Kingdom Here"      *on screen*

## THE SENDING

† Benediction

† Doxology      "Glory Be to the Father"      *LUYH 959*

† Postlude

## OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

Offering      Financial Ministry Plan – *budget box on the wall*

                          Ministry Shares – *plate on the back table*

† Indicates Congregation standing if able