

## 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 GEMS

May 2 New Ground

May 9 World Renew Canadian Food Grains Bank

### 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](https://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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The April 2021 Banner and March/April Today booklets are ready for pick up on the back table.



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**Sunday April 25, 2021**

**Morning Worship 10:00 am**

## GEMS SUNDAY APRIL 25, 2021

Welcome to everyone online to our worship service this morning, especially if you are a guest with us.

### Our Church Family

We express our sincerest condolences to the **D family** in the passing of **Joe** on Thursday. May God continue to comfort the family with his strength.

**Gerry S** was moved to Hotel-Dieu Grace Health Care on Prince Road for rehab. We pray for healing and strength going forward for both Gerry & Ruth.

Keep **Jack D** in prayer as he is experiencing issues with his heart and not being able to work. We pray that new medications work to help Jack feel better.

**Fred M** had surgery to remove a small tumor off his bladder. He will find out the results in the next couple weeks.

**Ed M** is undergoing tests at Windsor Regional – Ouellette Campus.

Keep in prayer those who are struggling with Covid-19 and also mental health issues while we are still under Stay-at-home orders from the Ontario government.

Keep those family members and friends in prayer as they endure with various health issues **Lea H, John O, Wilma W** along with those who are in various nursing and retirement homes (**Pete & Betty A, Cory B, Diny K, Nick Sr,** and **Anna P**).

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Jackson & Austin D (Wed), Elise G (Thurs) and Erika S (Fri). May the Lord bless you!

### What is Happening This Week

10:00 am – GEMS Sunday Morning Worship with Pastor Steve Vandyk online at Facebook/Essex CRC.

Cadets – Monday at 6:30 pm on Zoom

Catechism – Tuesday at 7:00 pm on Zoom

Council Executive – Wednesday at 6:15 pm on Zoom

Deacons – Wednesday at 7:00 pm on Zoom

Elders – Wednesday at 7:00 pm on Zoom

Next Sunday May 2, 2021

10:00 am – Sunday Morning Worship with Pastor Steve Vandyk online at Facebook/EssexCRC. We will be witnessing the baptism of Jackson & Austin D, twin sons of Eric & Melissa D.

### Weekly Offerings

Today's offerings are for the **FINANCIAL MINISTRY PLAN AND GEMS**

GEMS is a ministry devoted to bringing the Good News of Jesus to girls around the world. The mission of GEMS Girls' Clubs is to help bring girls into a living, dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ. Our vision is to see girls around the world actively and enthusiastically expressing love for God and others—girls equipped, motivated, and passionately engaged in living out their faith. Our goal for every club meeting is to create a welcoming, safe, and fun environment for girls to hear the truth that they are LOVED by God. Together, we learn how to love and care for one another, other people, ourselves, and our relationship with God. And we do this by learning about Jesus Christ, what He has done for us, and His plans for each of our lives.

May 2 offering is for New Ground. NewGround empowers churches to be courageous and creative with ministry opportunities in their community. Many churches don't have the resources or expertise so they turn to NewGround! We currently have 8 partners across Canada that are showing and sharing the love of Christ and growing God's Kingdom. Please prayerfully consider how you can support other Canadian CRCs by giving generously to the NewGround Offering next week. Visit [www.diaconalministries.com/newground](http://www.diaconalministries.com/newground) or Diaconal Ministries' Facebook page (@diaconalministries) for more information.

### FROM THE DEACONS

Would you be willing to be an Emergency Driver for our church community? The Deacons are looking to update our list. This is to help cover for doctors' appointments, etc. Please contact a Deacon and let them know your availability and where you are available to drive from/to.

*Jim G, Carolyn D, Ben V*

### SERMON BOOK SERIES

Are you ordinary? Do you like peanut butter and jelly sandwiches? Well we have a book for you! Pastor Steve is going to be doing a sermon series based on the book: *Liturgy of the Ordinary* by author Tish Harrison Warren. From waking up, to eating leftovers, and sipping tea - Together we as a congregation will explore Christian living through the ordinary parts of our day, starting May 2. We are giving copies of the book out to the congregation, with a sense that those who want to can make a donation to the church to support doing a book series in the future. Get your copy from the church, or call or email the office to arrange pickup or delivery.

### REACH OUT LOOKING FOR INPUT

The Reach Out Committee is inviting comments from the congregation concerning a possible "Community Garden". The Committee has discussed the potential of such a project as a great way to reach out to people here in Essex.

Is there anyone who has any interest in gardening and growing vegetables or has experience in with this kind of idea that can give some advice to the Reach Out Committee.

This is completely an idea in the works with no decision made to go forward with, but we want to gauge any interest from the congregation. So please give us some feedback as to your interest and experience in a Community Garden idea!

*Pastor Steve, John vN, Florence J, Kerry W, Tammy K, Pete K (Council Rep)*

### FREE VIRTUAL MISSION SUMMIT – ON THE ROAD TO WITNESS

Are you ready to reimagine evangelism and discipleship in a world changed by COVID? Do you feel the need to reignite your congregation's passion for mission? Are you passionate about sharing your faith? Then Resonate Global Mission's Glocal Mission Summit is for you! Join us Thursday, May 13, 2021 – Saturday, May 15, 2021 for this VIRTUAL conference. It's free to attend. Learn more and register at [www.ResonateGlobalMission.org/Glocal](http://www.ResonateGlobalMission.org/Glocal) or <https://preview.mailerlite.com/f8m8g5/1648654745100882112/z7x5/>

### GROUNDWORK: BUILDING BLOCKS FOR BIBLICAL SUCCESS

How can we deal with opposition when we are trying to rebuild after our life has fallen apart in some way? Study Nehemiah 2:11-18, Nehemiah 4:1-15, and Nehemiah 5:1-12 with Groundwork to discover what we can learn from Ezra and Nehemiah's experience with opposition. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### JOY IN GOD

Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) Where does real joy come from? Joy does not depend on what happens to you. It is about what God is doing inside you. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

### INDIGENOUS MINISTRY

Hearts Exchanged - Hearts Exchanged is a learning and action journey designed to equip Reformed Christians to engage with Indigenous people as neighbours. You can participate in a regional cohort! Read more and express your interest today. [www.crcna.org/hearts-exchanged](http://www.crcna.org/hearts-exchanged)

### WORLD RENEW

Share Christ's love with vulnerable mothers on May 9<sup>th</sup> – In two weeks, discover why more than 14,000 children under the age of five die every day from diseases that could have been prevented. Let's join World Renew to learn how through our gifts we can equip mothers so they are better able to keep themselves and their children healthy. Learn more about sharing the love and hope of Christ with vulnerable mothers at [www.worldrenew.ca/mchsunday](http://www.worldrenew.ca/mchsunday)

### FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Celebrating: Family traditions create unforgettable memories—and they form faith! Choose one night of the week (or one day of the month) to be Family Celebration Night. To see how one family does this, check out the video at [tinyurl.com/BewleyVideo](http://tinyurl.com/BewleyVideo). For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [www.crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices](http://www.crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices)

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

GEMS SUNDAY APRIL 25, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 AM

PASTOR STEVE VANDYK  
MUSIC – ASHLEY ALLEN, PRAISE TEAM

THE GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Opening

† Call to Worship

† Gathering Song “10,000 Reason (Bless the Lord) *LUYH 559*

† God’s Greeting

† Song of Praise “On Thing Remains” *on screen*  
“What a Beautiful Name” *on screen*

CONFESSON AND ASSURANCE

See What Great Love

THE PROCLAMATION

Children’s Song “My Lighthouse” *on screen*

Children’s Moment

Song “Days of Elijah” *on screen*

Changing Communities – Video from GEMS

The Prayers of God’s People

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading 1 John 3: 1 – 10

Message LOVED

† Song of Response “How Great Is the Love of the Father”  
*LUYH 683*

THE SENDING

† Benediction

† Doxology “We Receive your Blessing” *LUYH 947*

† Postlude

OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

Offering Financial Ministry Plan – *budget box on the wall*  
GEMS – *plate on the back table*

† *Indicates Congregation standing if able*