

## HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

### Nursery

Today Tammy K, Chris S  
Aug 24 Greg S, Joseph D  
Aug 31 Heather H, Avery V  
Sept 7 Kerry W, Joseph D

### Lead Elder

Matt V  
Peter D  
Jamie B

### AV

Today Andrea S, Sterling S  
Aug 24 John & Beverley vH  
Aug 31 John & Beverley vH  
Sept 7 Tim K, Emerson V

### Sunday School

Renee B  
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Renee B

### Coffee Clean Up

Today John & Beverley vH  
Aug 24 Joanne W, Rita O  
Aug 31 Wayne & Electa B  
Sept 7 Pete & Tammy K

### Greeters

Fred & Linda M  
John & Beverley vH  
Pete & Tammy K  
Joanne W, Rita O

### Offerings

Today Essex Food Bank/Salvation Army Food Bank  
Aug 24 UMEI  
Aug 31 Gabriella de Garcia/Schinkel  
Sept 7 Calvin University

### Preacher

Mr. Ben Schinkel Sr.  
Pastor Jake Kuipers  
Pastor Darrell Edgar  
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Our Church facility is equipped with an Induction Loop Assistive Listening System. See 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!

### Church Office Hours

Thursday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

### Contact Information

Church Office – Contact Information 519-776-5071, [office@essexcrc.ca](mailto:office@essexcrc.ca)

### Essex CRC Council Executive

Council Chair – Greg S  
Vice-Chair – Matt V  
Clerk – Ben V [clerk@essexcrc.ca](mailto:clerk@essexcrc.ca)  
Deacon Chair – Linda M

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



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**Sunday August 17, 2025**

**Morning Worship 9:00 am**

## SUNDAY AUGUST 17, 2025

Welcome to everyone here or online to our worship service this morning. We are delighted that you are with us today. Do plan to stay and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea with us.

### Our Church Family

Keep **Fred M** in prayer as he undergoes surgery on Monday for his ongoing cancer diagnosis. Continue to keep Fred and Linda in prayer as they journey on this road together.

Keep those family members and friends in prayer as they endure with various health issues **Robin & Zackara B, Gail L, Ruth S, Winny S, Niesje S, Wilma W, Ashley W** along with our elderly in care homes or those receiving extra support **Chris & Anne B, Simon V** and **Johanna W**.

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Lauren vN (Wed). May the Lord bless you!

### What is Happening This Week

10:00 am – Ecumenical Community Church Service with refreshments to follow after the service.

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Next Sunday August 24, 2025

10:00 am – Sunday Morning Worship in-person or online where we welcome Pastor Jake Kuipers from Sarnia, ON.

### ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICE

All are welcome and encourage to attend the Essex Ministerial Ecumenical Community Church Service on **Sunday August 17, 2025** beginning at **10:00 am** here in our church. Mr. Ben Schinkel Sr. will be leading the service “Who Wants to be a Christianaire” Invite your friends and neighbours to this service. Coffee and refreshments to follow after the service.



### CHURCH BBQ – SUNDAY AUGUST 31

We will still have coffee at church. Then everyone can head over to the home Greg & Andrea Schinkel (141 South Talbot Road North, Essex), and we will fire up the grill for lunch around 12:00 pm. The Schinkel family will provide

hamburgers and hotdogs.

Everyone is welcome, please bring lawn chairs and a side/or dessert to share.

If anyone has corn hole or other lawn games, please bring along.

RSVP to Andrea would be appreciated so we can plan for numbers

### Weekly Offerings

Today's offerings are for the **FINANCIAL MINISTRY PLAN** and **ESSEX FOOD BANK/SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK**

Monies collected will support our local Essex Food Bank and Salvation Army Food Bank.

August 24 offering is for UMEI. UMEI is a Christian High School to educate the whole person, cultivating full academic, spiritual and individual potential in order to make young people “doers of the Word” in the community.

### ALPHA BEGINS SEPTEMBER 9 – WE NEED YOU!

ALPHA will begin September 9 through November 18, every Tuesday evening at 7:00 at the church as well as the ALPHA day Saturday October 25. It is important for us as a congregation to pray for this event that we can share the gospel with those outside of our regular Sunday worshipers. You are all invited to attend, but we need you to invite others. Social media invites will go out through our church web page and Facebook page, please like and share this event. Please also consider volunteering for this event. We need

1. Hosts to help facilitate and encourage discussion in small groups
2. Helpers in small groups to help the hosts
3. Nursery attendants each week
4. Dessert and beverage host. Someone to prep and serve as people are arriving for each evening session.
5. Brunch host for ALPHA weekend. We need people to prep and serve brunch as well as refreshments before the first session on Saturday October 25.
6. Dinner host for ALPHA weekend. We need someone to prep and serve dinner on the ALPHA weekend on Saturday October 25
7. AV – We need someone to run the videos for each session. We may need more than one if there are enough people for more than one small group.
8. Prayer Group – It is important that we as a congregation pray for this event, but ALPHA strongly recommends we have a prayer team that prays during the sessions.

Use this QR code to sign up and attend ALPHA you can go to the ALPHA web site, search for a group in your area, choose us and sign up. To volunteer talk to Greg Schinkel



### MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH CONFERENCE IS BACK!

Diaconal Ministries Canada and Resonate Global Mission are once again hosting the "Moving Forward in Faith Conference", happening November 14 & 15, 2025, at King's Christian Collegiate in Oakville, ON. This year's theme is The Church Released. Our plenary speaker is Canadian author and justice advocate, Danielle Strickland. Workshops promise to be practical and helpful, covering topics like prayer, mission, ministry for youth and young adults, and more. An optional bus tour will also be available -- go and see local ministry in action! We highly recommend coming with your entire ministry team! REGISTRATION WILL OPEN IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. Save these dates and get your team ready to attend. More info is on the event website: <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/moving-forward-faith>

### SUPPORT THE BANNER MAGAZINE

The Banner's annual fundraising campaign continues! More than just an award-winning magazine, The Banner is a journalistic ministry dedicated to informing, inspiring, and connecting our CRC community. Available to you in both print and online, this vital resource is made possible by the generous support of individuals like you. Help meet the ambitious \$500,000 goal for the 2025 campaign by giving today! [www.thebanner.org/donate](http://www.thebanner.org/donate)

### KIDS CORNER DEVOTIONS:

#### GOD'S GRAND STORY: THE BOY WITH THE SUPERSIZED SUPPER

Check out this week's kids' devotion, "God's Grand Story: The Boy with the Supersized Supper," at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) In today's Bible story, a boy thought that what he had was not enough. But like him, you will be surprised by what God can do with our "not-enoughs". Thank God for being the God of abundance. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the Kids Corner Bible Story Podcast Series.

### HOW TO USE DONOR ADVISED FUNDS TO GIVE TO YOUR CRC MINISTRIES

Did you know that you can give cash and other assets into a single fund and then choose when and how to recommend grants to CRC Ministries with a Stewards Fund (donor-advised fund)? Learn more at [www.crcna.org/heritagefund](http://www.crcna.org/heritagefund) or call Josh Remer, CRCNA Planned Giving Advisor at 616-223-5885.

### GET INVOLVED WITH GENERATION SPARK

Generation Spark offers hands-on coaching, practical strategies, and extensive support to help all generations form meaningful relationships that result in sustained, lifelong faith. We invite you to learn more about what it might look like for your church to invest in intergeneration mentoring! Informational webinars are offered on August 21, 7:30pm ET or September 11, 11:30am ET. Register here: [shorturl.at/d7DEO](https://shorturl.at/d7DEO)

*Thrive Faith Formation Tip* - In his book Just Mercy, Bryan Stevenson writes, "The true measure of our character is how we treat the poor, the disfavored, the accused, the incarcerated, and the condemned. We are all implicated when we allow other people to be mistreated." These words speak directly to the heart of Micah 6:8. As you go through this week, focus on aligning your actions with those of the one who seeks justice in all spaces. Note down your observations at the end of the week, and consider what your daily practice can become moving forward. Brought to you by Thrive: [www.crcna.org/Thrive](http://www.crcna.org/Thrive)