

## HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

### Nursery

Today Greg S, Joseph D  
Aug 31 Heather H, Avery V  
Sept 7 Kerry W, Joseph D  
Sept 14 Tammy K, Chris S

### Lead Elder

Peter D  
Matt V  
Jamie B  
Peter K

### AV

Today John & Beverley vH  
Aug 31 John & Beverley vH  
Sept 7 Tim K, Emerson V  
Sept 14 Tim K, Emerson V

### Sunday School

Renee B  
Renee B  
Renee B  
Renee B

### Coffee Clean Up

Today Joanne W, Rita O  
Aug 31 Wayne & Electa B  
Sept 7 Pete & Tammy K  
Sept 14 Fred & Linda M

### Greeters

John & Beverley vH  
Pete & Tammy K  
Joanne W, Rita O  
Greg & Andrea S

### Offerings

Today UMEI  
Aug 31 Gabriella de Garcia/Schinkel  
Sept 7 Calvin University  
Sept 14 Diaconal Ministry

### Preacher

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 24, 2025**

**Morning Worship 10:00 am**

## SUNDAY AUGUST 24, 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 this week for his ongoing cancer diagnosis. Continue to keep Fred and Linda in prayer as they journey on this road together.

Keep **Alissa BT** in prayer as she was diagnosis with Breast Cancer and will need to undergo surgery on September 16. We pray for complete healing.

Keep **Ruth S** in prayer as she was moved to Hospice this past week. We pray for peace for Ruth and the family.

Keep **Beverley vH** in prayer as this week she will have hip replacement surgery this week.

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** and **Johanna W**.

### What is Happening This Week

10:00 am – Sunday Morning Worship in-person or online where we welcome Pastor Jake Kuipers

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Next Sunday August 31, 2025

9:00 am – Sunday Morning Worship in-person or online where we welcome Pastor Darrell Edgar.



### CHURCH BBQ – SUNDAY AUGUST 31

We will still have coffee at church. Then everyone can head over to the home Greg & Andrea Schinkel, 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 **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.

August 31 offering is for Gabriella deGarcia/Schinkel – Monies collected will support Gabriella's work in Guatemala.

### 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 worshippers. 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



## HOPE BEYOND THE HEADLINES

Media outlets often move on quickly after covering the initial impacts of conflict, natural disasters, and other devastating events—leaving behind stories of loss, displacement, and communities struggling with hunger, poverty, and hopelessness. Yet God’s promise in Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us that He has plans for a hope and a future. World Renew, together with our Christian partners and as a member of the Integral Alliance, continues to walk alongside communities long after the cameras are gone—helping restore hope and rebuild lives. Now participating in the third Neglected Crises campaign, World Renew is calling for collective action to support people affected by long-term, complex, and overlooked crises—in Madagascar, Sudan, Haiti, and beyond. Your gift can help extend God’s hope to places where suffering persists long after public attention fades. Learn more or give today at: [www.worldrenew.ca/globalfoodcrisis](http://www.worldrenew.ca/globalfoodcrisis)

## KIDS CORNER DEVOTIONS: SCHOOL -- DO IT WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT

Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “School -- Do It With All Your Might” at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) A new school year can feel exciting and a little scary, and that’s okay! Whatever you do—learning, helping, or being kind—do your best like you're doing it for God, and he’ll help you along the way. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Kids Corner Bible Story Podcast Series.

## GROUNDWORK: JESUS BRINGS THE KINGDOM OF GOD NEAR

When Jesus began preaching and teaching, he proclaimed that the Kingdom of God was at hand. Join Groundwork as we dig into Mark 1:14–15, Luke 4:16–21, Matthew 10:7–8, Matthew 8:1-13, John 3:1-15, Matthew 5:1-16, Matthew 6:9-10, and Luke 17:20–21 to understand how Jesus embodied God’s kingdom and now invites us to live it. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.

*Thrive Faith Formation Tip* - In the book *Unsettling Truths*, theologian and professor Soong-Chan Rah writes: “Repentance is not just sorrow and confession, it is the turning around of wrong behavior towards right and just action. Repentance from sinful corporate behavior therefore requires systemic change.” Write down how you are going to pair your acts of repentance from “sinful corporate behaviors,” like racism, with acts of systemic change this week. Brought to you by Thrive: [www.crcna.org/Thrive](http://www.crcna.org/Thrive)

SUNDAY AUGUST 24, 2025  
MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 AM

LEAD ELDER PETER DORIS  
PASTOR JAKE KUIPERS  
MUSIC – PRAISE TEAM

### THE GATHERING

- † Gathering Song “Here I Am to Worship” *LUYH 567*
- † Welcome
- † Call to Worship
- † God’s Greeting
- † Song of Praise “What a Beautiful Name” *on screen*
- Announcements

### OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

Offering Financial Ministry Plan – *Budget Box*

UMEI – *plate*

The Prayers of the People

- † Song of Response “My Jesus, I Love Thee” *LUYH 366*
  - † Children’s Song “Jesus Strong and Kind” *on screen*
- Children are dismissed to go to Sunday School*

### THE PROCLAMATION

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Matthew 19: 27 – 20: 16

Message Feeling Cheated??

- † Song of Response “How Great Is Our God” *LUYH 574*

### THE SENDING

- † Parting Blessing
- † Doxology “Praise God, whom All Blessings Flow” *LUYH 965*
- † Postlude
- † *Indicates Congregation standing if able*