

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 New Ground

May 9 World Renew Canadian Food Grains Bank

May 16 Reframe Ministries

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

Deacon Chair – Jim G

The April 2021 Banner and May/June Today booklets are ready for pick up on the back table.



ESSEX CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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Sunday May 2, 2021

Morning Worship 10:00 am

SUNDAY MAY 2, 2021

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

Our Church Family

Gerry S came home from the hospital. He will need more testing but he is so thankful to be home.

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, 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 Andrea S (Mon), Nick Sr (Tues) and Ed & Fred M (Fri). May the Lord bless you!

What is Happening This Week

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

Cadets – Monday at 6:30 pm on Zoom

Catechism – Tuesday at 7:00 pm on Zoom

Council – Wednesday at 7:00 pm on Zoom

Next Sunday May 9, 2021

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

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 interest or experience in gardening and growing vegetables 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, 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 V, John vN, Florence J, Kerry W, Tammy K, Pete K (Council Rep)

Weekly Offerings

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

For over 35 years, NewGround has helped over 140 churches love their community. NewGround believes in bringing like-hearted people together so that communities can flourish! Your generous gift will help churches like ours love and bless their communities in the name of Jesus. May each of us give as we have been blessed. You can also make a one-time donation or become a monthly partner on Diaconal Ministries' website at <https://diaconalministries.com/donate-now/>

May 9 offering is for World Renew/Canadian Food Grains. This unique partnership makes it possible to reach the front lines of need in the midst of a crisis, bringing life-giving food to families who need it most.

FUNERAL FOR JOE

The funeral for Joe was held on Monday April 26. There is an opportunity to watch his funeral from the website of Kendrick Funeral Home. Instructions are as follows: Click on <https://www.kendrickfuneralhome.com/memorials/joe-denotter/4598041/index.php> Click on the Photos & Video tab and scroll down to 'Watch Webcast'. It will take you to another page to fill out your email address. You will then be sent confirmation email. That will be a link to watch the funeral.

SERMON BOOK SERIES – THERE IS STILL TIME TO GET YOUR COPY
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.

GLOCAL MISSION SUMMIT

Imagine a conference where pastors, lay leaders, and attendees of CRC churches re-imagine all things Mission! Now imagine it is free, and happening May 13-15, and you and your church are invited! Join us for the Glocal Mission Summit 2021 - an interactive virtual conference designed to break ZOOM fatigue and empower lay leaders, students, scholars, pastors, and parishioners to engage mission. Find out more and register today: www.resonateglobalmission.org/glocal-mission-summit

SUNDAY MAY 2, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 AM

PASTOR STEVE VANDYK
MUSIC – ASHLEY ALLEN, PRAISE TEAM

WHAT AWAITS CHURCHES AFTER THE PANDEMIC?

Will our congregations come back? What will members be like if/when they do come back? How will society change, and what challenges and opportunities will this present for us? The Classis Alberta North Home Missions Committee is hosting a panel of experts who will help answer these questions so we can lead our churches out of and beyond COVID-19. The name of the conference is Reboot: Leading out of COVID and Beyond. This online event will take place June 10th, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. MTS. (The event will be recorded for those in time zones that make in-person participation difficult.) Pastors and church leaders are especially encouraged to take in the event, but everyone is welcome. For more information and to register visit www.classisalbertanorth.ca/home-missions

GROUNDWORK: LEAN INTO GOD'S GRACE

When the challenges feel insurmountable, the loneliness and temptation to give up creep in. Join Groundwork as we study what Ezra and Nehemiah do in Nehemiah 8-9 and Nehemiah 13:22,31 and discover how leaning into God's grace and love is the antidote we need to carry us through. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

DO NOT BE AFRAID

Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net Whenever we're afraid or worried, it's so important for us to remember that God is with us all the time. He promises to love us and never leave us. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

KIDS' VIDEO BIBLE STUDY

Learning the Bible can be fun. Keep your kids engaged with "God's Big Story," a 7-part introductory Bible study from Kids Corner that takes your child on a trip through the Bible and God's rescue plan for his people. Check it out at www.kidscorner.net/gods-big-story

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THE GATHERING

- Prelude
Welcome & Opening
† Call to Worship
† Gathering Song "My Jesus, I Love Thee" *LUYH 366*
† God's Greeting
† Song of Praise "Before the Throne of God Above" *LUYH 682*
"Be Thou My Vision" *LUYH 859*

CONFESSON AND ASSURANCE

Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon

THE PROCLAMATION

- Children's Song "He's Got the Whole World In His Hands" *LUYH 26*
Children's Moment
The Prayers of God's People

THE BAPTISM OF JACKSON RICHARD DERAADT AUSTIN JAMES DERAADT

- Song "Whom Shall I Fear" *on screen*
Prayer of Illumination
Scripture Reading Galatians 3: 26 – 4: 7
Message Baptism; We are Beloved!
† Song of Response "Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine" *LUYH 363*

THE SENDING

- † Benediction
† Doxology "Baptized in Water" *LUYH 790*
† Postlude

OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

- Offering Financial Ministry Plan – *budget box on the wall*
NewGround – *plate on the back table*
† *Indicates Congregation standing if able*