

## HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

### Nursery

Today

### Usher

Today

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### Coffee Clean Up

Today

### Scripture Readers

Today

### Children's Moment

### Elevator

### Little Lambs

Today

### Sunday School

### Offerings

Today World Renew Canadian Food Grains Bank

May 16 Reframe Ministries

May 23 Resonate Global Mission

### 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



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



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**Sunday May 9, 2021**

**Morning Worship 10:00 am**

**SUNDAY MAY 9, 2021**

Happy Mother's Day! Welcome to everyone online to our worship service this morning, especially if you are a guest with us.

Our Church Family

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, Gerry S, Wilma W** along with those who are in various nursing and retirement homes (**Pete & Betty A, Cory B, Diny K, Nick Sr, and Anna**).

#### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Betty B (today), Homer V & Amanda R (Tues), Emily K (Wed) and Sandra Z (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.

Catechism – Tuesday at 7:00 pm on Zoom

Next Sunday May 16, 2021

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

#### THANK YOU,

We would like to give thanks to everyone, especially those who sent cards, made telephone calls, sent email messages during Gerry's recent stay in the hospital. We are grateful for the prayer support and to be part of this wonderful church family.  
*Gerry & Ruth S*

#### 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 WORLD RENEW/CANADIAN FOOD GRAINS**

Hunger is a global crisis affecting the most vulnerable but now with the threat of COVID-19, today's food crisis is intensifying. As a founding member of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, World Renew responds to the needs of families affected by conflict, natural disasters, and COVID-19 through life-saving emergency food assistance in countries around the world.

May 16 offering is for ReFrame Ministries. ReFrame Ministries is the new name of Back to God Ministries International but that new name doesn't change the way that Mrs. Hiramani finds the Gospel in India or people around the world find Gospel materials. ReFrame also has materials for the Christian Reformed Church including the *Today* devotional, a devotional written by our denomination's pastors.

#### COUNCIL REPORT

Council met on Wednesday May 5, and the following items were discussed:

- Council has begun the process of creating a Vision for the Essex CRC and they covet the prayers of the people while they work on this document.
- Council approved the proposal from the Board of Administration and Cadets for the renovation of the garage. They have set a date for Tuesday May 25, 2021 for a Congregational meeting to vote on this proposal.
- Council accepted the resignation of Deacon Carolyn D due to Jack's health. Council will now be looking for nominations to fill the vacancy.
- Please note that the Pastor and Council Executive information is on the back page of the bulletin.

#### GLOCAL MISSION SUMMIT

It's not too late to sign up for the Glocal Mission Summit! - Are you ready to join God's work in your neighbourhood? It's not too late to sign up for the Glocal Mission Summit, May 13-15. This VIRTUAL conference is FREE to attend and is designed to break you out of that Zoom fatigue with four sessions spread out over three days. Join us for a time of learning, networking, and hearing stories of what others are doing to join God on mission in communities throughout Canada, the United States, and the world. Learn more and register online at

[www.ResonateGlobalMission.org/Glocal](http://www.ResonateGlobalMission.org/Glocal)

## PREACHING AND TEACHING ANTIRACISM

The CRCNA Office of Race Relations staff invites you on Tuesday May 11 (6pm EDT) to hear a conversation with a few leaders from across the US who are integrating faith and justice in their life work. One of the focus questions will be: Why is it difficult to teach about racism? For more information go to: [www.crcna.org/Race/Events](http://www.crcna.org/Race/Events)

## WILL YOU HELP PROTECT LIVES IN RURAL INDIA?

As the world watches the unfolding COVID-19 crisis in India, the focus has been on the rising number of COVID cases, the shortage of medical supplies, and the heartbreaking loss of life in urban cities. But the virus is now spreading to rural areas where there are even fewer resources to protect lives. In collaboration with Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Humanitarian Coalition, World Renew is responding in rural communities in Jharkhand to deliver hygiene kits to over 4,300 families to protect their health. We are also providing cash to help meet over 1,100 families' medical and food costs. To learn more about our efforts or to donate go to: [www.worldrenew.ca/corona/india](http://www.worldrenew.ca/corona/india)

## GROUNDWORK: OUR FAITHFUL GOD AND HIS ENDURING WORD

Change is inevitable. But scripture assures us that our God is faithful and constant. Join our Groundwork conversation as we examine some of those promises in 2 Kings 2:7-15, Deuteronomy 18:15-18, Hebrews 13:5-8, and Lamentations 3:22-24, and together, we'll say goodbye to our co-host, Dave Bast, as he retires and welcome his successor, Darrell Delaney, to the co-host seat alongside Scott Hoezee. Listen now at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

## WORSHIP GOD

Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) We can worship God anytime and anywhere. Worship from your heart to God's heart. "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord" (Psalm 150:6). Listen now at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

## *A tribute letter of Joe D, from Gerry S*

Last week while I was in the hospital my friend Joe died.

After almost ninety years of living for the Lord we should not be sad, no we should be happy for he has gone into eternal life to be with God, but that is not really the way we think or really the way we pray for we always pray (ask) that the person may get better and sometimes we know that it would need a miracle, but yet we will ask.

I first met Joe in April onboard the ship SS Waterman emigrating into Canada. I was 16 years old and Joe was 20 years old. I did not particularly communicate much with Joe for as there was a large family with lots of girls on board. Both Joe and I were flirting with a girl from the H. family. I was not interested in Joe but had my eye on Dorothy. The H. family was on the same train as us. They got off in Wallaceburg and Joe and I went on to Windsor after which each of us went our own way.

The next Sunday we attended the Essex CRC on the corner of Centre & Alice Street where there is now a bridal shop. Lo and behold I met up with Joe and from then on we developed a friendship that lasted through the years. Of course in those early emigrant years we all made good friendships especially within the Church.

One year later Mies came over from Holland and before long Joe and Mies were married and from then on it was always Joe and Mies.

It had always been my heart's desire to become a farmer, but I guess I never had the courage to actually do it. But Joe and Mies started farming and began with a dairy farm and later bought their own farm. They were quite successful and to this day the Denotter farm is well known and respected throughout the county and beyond.

Our early Essex CRC life were very good years, no one had much, but we all gave to the best of our abilities not just financially, but in serving and helping each other.

Joe and Mies were shining examples in serving and giving and they were also totally loyal to the Essex CRC. You were always welcome for a visit either at the Dairy farm or later at the farm which is now operated by their son Henry. Joe loved to talk about farming and the changes in new farm equipment and the way Henry farms now with the big modern computerized farm machinery.

We express our sincere sympathy to Henry & Kathy and the Denotter family with the passing of their beloved father, grandfather and great grandfather. Also as a church family we will miss you Joe and Mies and we pray that those memories are a blessing for all of us.

SUNDAY MAY 9, 2021  
MOTHER'S DAY  
MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 AM  
PASTOR STEVE VANDYK  
MUSIC – ASHLEY ALLEN, PRAISE TEAM

THE GATHERING

- Prelude  
Welcome & Opening  
† Call to Worship  
† Gathering Song “Here I am to Worship” LUYH 567  
† God's Greeting  
† Song of Praise “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” LUYH 426  
“In Christ Alone” LUYH 770

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

- Prayer of Confession  
Assurance of Pardon

THE PROCLAMATION

- Children's Song “Jesus Loves Me” LUYH 709  
Children's Moment  
The Prayers of God's People  
Prayer of Illumination  
Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 4: 1 – 12  
Message What Forms a Life?  
† Song of Response “Take My Life (Holiness)” *on screen*

THE SENDING

- † Benediction  
† Doxology “Praise God, Whom All Blessings Flow” LUYH 965  
† Postlude

OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

- Offering Financial Ministry Plan – *budget box on the wall*  
World Renew/Canadian Food Grains – *plate on the back table*

† *Indicates Congregation standing if able*