

## HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

### Nursery

Today Tammy K, Chris S  
Nov 3 Greg S, Joseph D  
Nov 10 Heather H, Avery V

### AV

Today Tim K, Emerson V  
Nov 3 Chris S, Sterling S  
Nov 10 Chris S, Sterling S

### Coffee Clean Up

Today Pete & Tammy K  
Nov 3 Fred & Linda M  
Nov 10 Jamie & Renee B

### Offerings

Today Redeemer University  
Nov 3 World Renew – World Hunger Sunday  
Nov 10 Maranatha Christian Academy

### Lead Elder

Peter D  
Jamie B  
Greg S

### Sunday School

Renee B  
Renee B  
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### Greeters

Joanne W, Rita O  
Greg & Andrea S  
Wayne & Electa B

### Preacher

Pastor Darrell Edgar  
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# ESSEX CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



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

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The October Banner and November/December Today booklets are ready for pick up on the back table.

**Sunday October 27, 2024**  
**Morning Worship 9:00 am**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 27, 2024**

Welcome to everyone either here in-person to our worship service this morning. Do plan to stay and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea with us.

Our Church Family

Keep **Chris B** in prayer while he is in Leamington hospital. We pray for decisions that need to be made.

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

What is Happening This Week

10:30 am – Morning Worship in-person and online where we welcome Pastor Darrell Edgar.

GEMS & Cadets – Monday at 6:30 pm

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Next Sunday November 3, 2024

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

NOTE SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Sunday services with Pastor Darrell Edgar will always be at 9 AM. When we have a classical appointment or other preachers who may be traveling a distance our worship services will be at 10 AM.



This year GEMS and Cadets are being taught how to serve the world for God. To help them make a difference in someone's life, we are going to be packing shoe boxes for Operations Christmas Child on November 11<sup>th</sup> Each week when you are out doing groceries and errands, please grab a couple items and add them to your cart. Then bring them to church each Sunday to be part of Operations Christmas Child. If you don't get out for groceries often, then please donate some money that we can put towards items to be used in the boxes. Operation Christmas Child is a hands-on way for Canadians to bless struggling children in the developing world by filling shoe boxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and other items. We collect the boxes and distribute them in the name of Jesus Christ to children living in desperate situations. There is a list to take home at the back of the church of items that are acceptable to be brought into other countries. Please support this program that the GEMS and cadets will be doing this fall!

Weekly Offerings

Today's offerings are for the **FINANCIAL MINISTRY PLAN** and **REDEEMER UNIVERSITY**

Redeemer University is an undergraduate Christian liberal arts and science university committed to academic excellence and to enabling students to discover their unique gifts and callings in life.

November 3 offering is for World Renew! Sharing Christ's Hope Through the Gift of Knowledge - Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu's oft quoted, "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach him how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime," explains one crucial way World Renew shares Christ's hope with communities in food crisis. World Renew works to provide communities with the training and tools needed to help them sustainably produce enough food, so no one goes hungry. Next week is World Hunger Sunday and through our gifts we can help World Renew provide communities with the knowledge they need to become food secure. To learn more, go to: [www.worldrenew.ca/worldhunger](http://www.worldrenew.ca/worldhunger)

NEWS FROM THE DEACONS!

During the month of October, the Deacons will be encouraging the congregation to help support the Essex Food Bank. On each Sunday during the month of October we will have a food drive and will be collecting different food items.

**October 27 – Breakfast is the best way to start the day – Boxes of cereal and oatmeal and any other breakfast item.**

The challenge to this drive is to collect as many food items as possible to help sustain the needs in this community.

\*Reminder – please check the expiry dates on any cans or boxes.

*The Deacons thank you for the support.*

CHILI FUNDRAISER FOR GABRIELLA'S MISSION WORK IN GUATEMALA

Join us on **November 2, 2024**, for a special chili fundraiser in support of Gabriella Schinkel de García's mission work with **Global Shore Opportunities** in Guatemala. The event will take place from **6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**, and all are welcome!

**Entry is by donation**, and contributions of any amount are appreciated. Donations of **\$20 or more** are eligible for tax receipts. If paying by cheque, please make it payable to **Global Shore Opportunities**.

For more information or any questions, please contact Gabriella at [gabriellaschinkel@gmail.com](mailto:gabriellaschinkel@gmail.com)

SAVE THE DATE

Mark on the Calendar and plan to attend our Christmas Dinner scheduled for Saturday December 7. Look for more details closer to the date.



## COUNCIL REPORTS

Council met on Wednesday October 16, 2024 and the following items were discussed;

- Classis Ontario Southwest is holding a special Classis meeting Tuesday November 5, 2024 at 7:00 pm at Hope Community Church in Mount Brydges to discuss decisions made at Synod 2024. At this time no one from Council can commit to going to this meeting. If you have any questions, please reach out to any member of Council.
- The Deacons have prepared and presented for approval to Council the 2025 offering schedule. We would like to thank everyone for their givings.
- On our November 6 Council meeting Pastor Darrell Edgar plans to attend to provide mentorship and guidance to us. We encourage and covet your continued prayers as we move forward here at Essex CRC.

## MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 15-16

Register before November 1<sup>st</sup>! All members and leaders are invited to attend this inspiring event in Burlington, ON, on November 15-16, 2024. Let's reconnect to God's missional intent for us as the body of Christ - to be and make disciples in His name. Friday evening is worship, a keynote talk with Caesar Kalinowski, and fellowship. Saturday carries our theme throughout the day with over 25 workshops to choose from OR an optional bus tour! **Special discount code for youth/young adults!** (Ask Joan Brady for the special coupon code!) Visit the event website today: <https://loom.ly/B6snt6s> All questions can be directed to Conference Organizer, Joan Brady at [jbrady@crcna.org](mailto:jbrady@crcna.org)

## GROUNDWORK: HOW TO LIVE AS CHRISTIANS

In closing his first letter to the early Christians, Peter offers some final advice that remains valuable for us today. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Peter 4-5 to hear Peter's instructions for acting with love and humility, his assurance that God indeed cares, and his encouragement to stand firm in our faith because we are not alone and God makes us strong. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails.

## KIDS CORNER: BEATITUDE 4: FILLING UP WITH OBEDIENCE

Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) What does it mean to do what's right and listen to God? God can ask us to do things that might seem hard, like being patient or helping others. Obeying God means knowing and loving God and doing things that improve the world. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the Liz and Friend Story Podcast Trust and Obey.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Today is Reformation Sunday, when churches in a variety of Reformed denominations celebrate the work of Martin Luther and others who influenced generations of Reformed churches like those in the CRCNA. The "five solas" provide a helpful summary of Reformed faith teaching: solo Christus (Christ alone), sola gratia (grace alone), sola fide (faith alone), sola scriptura (Scripture alone), and soli deo gloria (glory to God alone). Spend time reflecting on these solas this week, thinking individually or discussing as a family how important these are in your relationship with Christ.

SEMINAR ON MENTAL HEALTH: \*UPDATE\* DUE TO DEMAND, WE WILL NOW BE LIVESTREAMING THIS SEMINAR!

When you register, select "online" to receive a link to join

According to the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, in any given year, 1 in 5 Canadians experiences a mental illness and by the time they reach 40 years of age, 1 in 2 have – or have had – a mental illness. The reality is that all of us have or likely will be affected by mental illness in our lives - or will know someone who is. But even with this prevalence, mental health is often the elephant in the room. We believe that Christians have a responsibility to be educated, equipped and empowered on these topics so we can love our neighbours well. And so, we invite you to join us on Monday October 28 from 7.00-9.00 PM at Talbot Street Church for "The Elephant in the Room: Removing the Stigma Around Mental Health". Our speaker is Damian Devonish (B.A., M.Sc., RP), a Registered Psychotherapist, Canadian Certified Addiction Counsellor and Psychodynamic Therapist here in the City of London. Damian is a trained Theologian and Pastoral Care and Counselling expert who understands the transformative power of addressing spiritual alongside emotional and physical needs. Doors open and coffee is served at 6.40 PM with the program starting at 7.00 PM.

For more information:

<https://mailchi.mp/talbotstreetchurch/elephant-in-the-room>

To register:

<https://talbotstreetchurch.churchcenter.com/people/forms/828266>

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WORSHIP LEADER  
MUSIC – PRAISE TEAM

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- † Gathering Song “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”  
*LUYH 521*
- † Welcome
- † Call to Worship
- † God’s Greeting
- † Song of Praise “Living Hope” *on screen*  
“Your Name” *LUYH 375*
- Announcements

OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

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Redeemer University – *plate*
- The Prayers of the People
- † Song of Response “I Am Not My Own” *on screen*
- † Children’s Song “Jesus Strong and Kind” *on screen*  
*Children are dismissed to go to Sunday School*

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- Scripture Reading Psalm 46; Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34;  
Romans 1: 16, 17
- Message Love Where You Live
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