

## HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

### Nursery

Today Heather H, Avery V  
Oct 13 Kerry W, Joseph D  
Oct 20 Essex United Church Celebrations

### Lead Elder

Greg S  
Pete K

### AV

Today John & Beverley vH  
Oct 13 Tim K & Emerson V  
Oct 20 Essex United Church Celebrations

### Sunday School

Renee B  
Renee B

### Coffee Clean Up

Today Wayne & Electa B  
Oct 13 John & Margaret vN  
Oct 20 Essex United Church Celebrations

### Greeters

John & Beverley vH  
Fred & Linda M

### Offerings

Today Mortgage Reduction  
Oct 13 Essex Food Bank  
Oct 20 Essex United Church Celebrations

### Preacher

Pastor Darrell Edgar 9:00 am  
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10:30 am



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



# ESSEX CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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**Sunday October 6, 2024**  
**Morning Worship 9:00 am**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 6, 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 **Anne B** in prayer as she was admitted to Hotel Dieu hospital being treated for a bowel infection. We continue to pray for healing so she can go home soon.

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, and Simon V, Johanna W.**

#### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Albert S (Tues), Avery V (Thurs), Ashley A & Charmaine V (Fri), Jacoba D (Sat). May the Lord bless you!

What is Happening This Week

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

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Praise Practice – Wednesday at 7:45 pm

Next Sunday October 13, 2024

9:00 am – Thanksgiving Morning Worship in-person and online where we welcome Pastor Darrell Edgar. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper

#### 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.

#### FROM THE GEMS

A new season of GEMS has begun and we had a great turnout! Some of the new families that came are in need of sponsorship. If there is anyone willing to sponsor a girl so she can attend GEMS this year, it is only \$100 for the entire season. Please talk to Andrea S or Tammy K if you feel you can support one of the girls.

Weekly Offerings

Today's offerings are for the **FINANCIAL MINISTRY PLAN** and **MORTGAGE REDUCTION**

October 13 offering is for Essex Food Bank

#### 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 6 – Oodles and Oodles and Oodles of Noodles - Bring in any kind of dried pasta noodle or canned pasta.**

October 13 – Fruits and Veggies are good for the heart – Any kind of canned fruit or vegetable can be dropped off in the food bank bin.

October 20 – Need something to snack on? Any kind of snacks that can be placed in a lunch bag would be great. Pudding, fruit and applesauce cups, granola bars and juice boxes are just a few examples.

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.*

#### MARANATHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY FUNDRAISER

We are excited to invite you to **Fact Fiesta: Nacho Average Trivia Night** on **October 19 @ 7-9 p.m.** This fun-filled trivia night is a fundraiser for **Maranatha Christian Academy**. Gather a team of six and compete for prizes, enjoy delicious nachos and more! Tickets are sold by the table, and the event is open to anyone who loves a good challenge. We hope to see you there! Tickets are available at [www.maranathachristian.ca](http://www.maranathachristian.ca)

#### KIDS CORNER: BEATITUDE 1: DEPEND ON GOD

Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Matthew 5:3 is all about dependence. But what does it mean to depend on God? Can you think of one way to practice relying on God this week? Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the Liz and Friend Story Podcast: Change of Plans.

## GROUNDWORK: LIVE A HOLY LIFE SET APART FOR GOD

When the culture we live in makes our faith feel restrictive, the apostle Peter encourages believers to embrace a new perspective. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Peter 1:13-2:3 to learn what it means to live a holy life, set apart by God for his purposes, and how God's Word provides the spiritual sustenance we need to maintain an active faith in all circumstances. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Today is All Nations Heritage Sunday! To celebrate and give thanks to God for the beautiful gift of diversity, learn how to say "Thank you, God" in a new language every day this week. Practice these phrases as you pray with thanks to God for your siblings in Christ around the globe. Thank you, God! For more information about how you can support growing diversity in CRC ministries, leadership, and congregations, visit [www.crcna.org/AllNations](http://www.crcna.org/AllNations) Brought to you by Thrive: [www.crcna.org/Thrive](http://www.crcna.org/Thrive)

## PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN TURKEY AND THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION – (May 27 - June 8, 2025)

Visit ancient sites connected with Paul's first, second, and third missionary journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu)

## WORLD RENEW HURRICANE HELENE RESPONSE

World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is preparing to respond to Hurricane Helene in the most affected communities from Florida to North Carolina. You can help people whose homes and property have been flooded or destroyed since Helene made landfall on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024. Please give generously to World Renew DRS as we help families rebuild and recover their lives. Donate online at [www.worldrenew.net/hurricanehelene](http://www.worldrenew.net/hurricanehelene) call 1-800-552-7972, or make out your check to World Renew DRS, with Hurricane Helene written in the memo line, and mail to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr., SW, Byron Center, MI, 49315

SUNDAY OCTOBER 6, 2024  
MORNING WORSHIP – 9:00 AM

LEAD ELDER GREG SCHINKEL  
PASTOR DARRELL EDGAR  
MUSIC – PRAISE TEAM

### THE GATHERING

- † Gathering Song "The Solid Rock" *LUYH 772*
- † Welcome
- † Call to Worship
- † God's Greeting
- † Song of Praise "Holy Is the Lord" *LUYH 597*  
"King of Kings" *on screen*

Announcements

### OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

Offering Financial Ministry Plan – *Budget Box*  
Mortgage Reduction – *plate*

The Prayers of the People

- † Song of Response "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" *LUYH 348*
- † Children's Song "Jesus Loves the Little Children" *on screen*  
*Children are dismissed to go to Sunday School*

### THE PROCLAMATION

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Acts 9: 19 – 31

Message An Encouraging Gift

- † Song of Response "Build My Life" *on screen*

### THE SENDING

- † Parting Blessing
- † Doxology "We Receive Your Blessing" *LUYH 947*
- † Postlude
- † *Indicates Congregation standing if able*

Highlights Classis Ontario Southwest  
Tuesday, September 24, 2024 hosted by Wallaceburg CRC

With 25 of 28 churches of classis gathered, 57 delegates (including 7 first-time delegates), Rev. Peter Hoytema (Chair) of Compass Community Church and Rev. John Moelker (Vice-Chair) of Covenant CRC, led us through our agenda.

Delegates and guests were encouraged by a number of reports and presentations throughout the day. For more detail please refer to the Minutes which are available through your church or Ron Middel, Stated Clerk. The following are a few highlights.

- Classis was blessed to participate in and witness the examination of Candidate Nick Vander Ploeg, called by Forest City Community Church (London). Nick sustained his examination, and is admitted as Minister of the Word in the CRCNA. Nick's ordination service is being planned for November 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Classis was also blessed to participate in and witness the examination of Stephanie VanRooyen as Commissioned Pastor. Stephanie serves as the Director of Faith Formation and Worship at Grace Church (Chatham). Stephanie sustained her examination and is approved as a Commissioned Pastor. Stephanie's ordination service is being planned for October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- As Rev. Marcel Kuiper competed a term call at Fellowship Church (St. Thomas) in October 2021, classis approved a second one-year extension for his eligibility for call.
- As Rev. Steve Dozeman has accepted a ministry call outside of the CRCNA, Rev. Dozeman has resigned his position at Talbot Street Church (London). Classis approved the request of Talbot Street Church and Rev. Dozeman that he be honourably released from the office of Minister of the Word in the CRCNA (Art. 14-b C.O.)
- Classis approved the Auditor's Report and 2023 Financial Statements; approved increasing the classis mileage rate effective January 2025 to \$0.62/km; approved an increase in the remuneration for the Outreach Ministry Developer, Treasurer, and Stated Clerk by 2.5%; and approved the 2025 Classical Ministry Share budget. The 2025 budget is \$63.49 per member (a decrease of \$1.65/member)
- Classis elected the Officers and Directors of the Corporation for 2024-25:
  - President: Rev. Tim Luimes (CMC Chair)
  - Secretary and Vice-All: Ron Middel (Stated Clerk)
  - Treasurer: Harry Verburg (Treasurer)
- Rev. Corey VanHuizen, pastor of *RedeemerOnline.Church*, updated classis of the successes of the ministry (now connecting with people from 81+ countries!). Classis approved three years of additional funding for this ministry from classis church plant funds.

- Classis was advised that we recently received a letter from Vitalpoint church that it is their intention to disaffiliate with the CRCNA. We will be following up with this and it will come before a future meeting of classis.
- As a result of decisions made by Synod 2024, a special meeting of classis is being planned for November 5 at Hope Community Church, Mount Brydges. The purpose is to share, listen, graciously discuss, and pray about the impact of Synod on our churches, classis and denomination.
- Classis approved that Art Schouten (Living Hope) serve on the Nominating Committee.
- Classis is seeking people to serve as:
  - Classical Safe Church Coordinator
  - Deacon at Large member for CMC
  - A member to serve on the Nominating Committee
  - Two (pastor) Church VisitorsPlease contact the Stated Clerk with any recommendations or questions.
- The next regular session of classis is scheduled, D.V., for Saturday, February 1, 2025 at Aylmer CRC.