

HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

Nursery

Today Tammy K, Chris S
Sept 21 Greg S, Joseph D
Sept 28 Heather H, Avery V

AV

Today Tim K, Emerson V
Sept 21 Chris S, Sterling S
Sept 28 Chris S, Sterling S

Coffee Clean Up

Today Pete & Tammy K
Sept 21 Jamie & Renee B
Sept 28 George & Ruth V

Offerings

Today Diaconal Ministry
Sept 21 Resonate Global Missions
Sept 28 Ministry Shares

Lead Elder

Peter K
Greg S
Matt V

Sunday School

Renee B
Renee B
Renee B

Greeters

Greg & Andrea S
Wayne & Electa B
Matt & Charmaine V

Preacher

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/EsexCRC 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
Ana Mello – Contact Information contact@essexcrc.ca

Essex CRC Council Executive

Council Chair – Greg S
Vice-Chair – Matt V
Clerk – Ben V clerk@essexcrc.ca
Deacon Chair – Linda M

The Banner and Today booklets
are ready for pick up on the back table.



ESSEX CHRISTIAN
REFORMED CHURCH

519-776-5071
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Sunday September 14, 2025
Morning Worship 9:00 am

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 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

Congratulations to **Chris & Ann VD B** who will be celebrating their 64th Wedding Anniversary on Tuesday September 16. We thank God for his love and faithfulness.

Keep those family members and friends in prayer as they endure with various health issues **Robin & Zackara B, Gail L, 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**.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Chad W (Tues) and Tim K (Thurs). May the Lord bless you!

What is Happening This Week

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

Family Movie Night – Monday at 6:00 pm

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Next Sunday September 21, 2025

9:00 am – Sunday Morning Worship in-person or online where we welcome Pastor Darrell Edgar. We will be hosting a Potluck Luncheon after the service in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

NOTE SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Sunday services with Pastor Darrell Edgar will always be at 9 am. When we have a classical appoint or other preachers who may be travelling a distance our worship services will be at 10:00 am.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

All are welcome to join us for September Family Movie Night on Monday September 15. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Bring your pillow and blanket – free snacks. Come on out and let's have some fun! If you would like to volunteer to help out see Pete or Tammy K.

SALAD AND SANDWICH POTLUCK SEPTEMBER 21

We all like a good Potluck and we have one arranged for Sunday September 21 after the service.

Make plans to join us for lunch. You can bring a salad and/or sandwiches. For more information see any member of the Social Committee.

Weekly Offerings

Today's offerings are for the **FINANCIAL MINISTRY PLAN** and **DIACONAL MINISTRIES**

Diaconal Ministries Canada is a partner agency of the CRCNA that promotes diaconal work in Canada. God calls churches to follow Him into their communities to share Christ's transformational love with each other. Cities and neighbourhoods should be impacted and blessed through the engagement of local Christians.

September 21 offering is for Resonate Global Missions. As Christ followers, we are part of a bigger story than just our own individual lives, or the lives of our own families and churches. We are a part of a global church of believers called to recognize the Holy Spirit's work in the world and to live out God's mission of sharing the good news of the gospel with all people. Resonate Global Mission, your Christian Reformed mission agency, is here to connect you and your church to that bigger story.

SUPPORT EARTHQUAKE SURVIVORS IN AFGHANISTAN

Thousands of families are still experiencing urgent need from the devastating 6.0 magnitude earthquake that struck Afghanistan on August 31, followed by multiple aftershocks across remote, mountainous regions in several eastern provinces. More than 2,200 lives have been lost, and entire villages have been levelled—leaving families without shelter as winter approaches. We pray for God's comfort for grieving families, healing for the injured, and provision for those displaced. World Renew is responding to meet urgent needs among the most vulnerable. Please give generously at www.worldrenew.ca/afghanistan-earthquake or by calling 1-888-975-3769. Let us stand together to extend God's hope to families impacted by this disaster.

GEMS & CADETS BEGIN SOON

GEMS & Cadets meet every Monday evening from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Registration is open for GEMS & Cadets Grades 1 – 8 by email at contact@essexcrc.ca or see Pete or Tammy K for more information.

For Cadets: <https://forms.gle/wQYD8ZQe5NtWue1e7>

For Gems: <https://forms.gle/F1kYE7VBqcbJCfnU9>

Our first event is the Family Movie Night on Monday September 15, invite all your friends and family! See you there!

ALPHA

Due to circumstances, we are postponing Alpha to a later date. More details to follow.

FOOD BANK DRIVE – SUNDAY OCTOBER 5

Help Us Out ~ The Deacons are hosting a one Sunday Food Drive so we can deliver all the items to the Essex Food Bank before Thanksgiving. See Linda or Ben for more information

Many items needed are –

- i. School Snacks including pudding, fruit and applesauce cups, granola bars...
- ii. Canned Veggies & Fruit ...
- iii. Breakfast is the best way to begin your day with cereal or oatmeal
- iv. Baby Needs ... formula, diapers etc
- v. Hygiene Products

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH CONFERENCE

Diaconal Ministries Canada and Resonate Global Mission are pleased to bring back this conference on November 14-15 at King's Christian Collegiate in Oakville, ON. With a range of dynamic workshops and keynote speaker Danielle Strickland (daniellestrickland.com), this conference will equip you with practical skills and spiritual insights to better serve your neighbours and local community. Why not bring your whole leadership team, and save and grow together? This year we are adding a 25% group discount for churches sending 5 or more members. Contact Conference Organizer Joan Brady, at jbrady@crcna.org for your special discount code. Workshop descriptions and registration information are now available on the event website: <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/moving-forward-faith> We can't wait to see you there!

KIDS CORNER DEVOTIONS: BAKING WITH GOD

Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Baking With God" at www.kidscorner.net. In the devotion story today, a good time for prayer was when the family spent time baking bread. Each of us has different routines, so when is the best time for you to pray? Maybe it's when you ride your bike to school or when you spend time building Lego. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net

GROUNDWORK: BE A DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST

Many Christians have questions about following Jesus. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Timothy 4:7-8, 1 Peter 2:2-5, and 1 Timothy 2:1-3 to help us define discipleship, understand what this means for the lives of his disciples today, and discover the importance of community on our journey. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 MORNING WORSHIP – 9:00 AM

LEAD ELDER PETE KUIPERS
PASTOR DARRELL EDGAR
MUSIC – PRAISE TEAM

THE GATHERING

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| † Gathering Song | "The Heart of Worship" | <i>on screen</i> |
| † Welcome | | |
| † Call to Worship | | |
| † God's Greeting | | |
| † Song of Praise | "Ancient Words" | <i>LUYH 762</i> |
| Announcements | | |

OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

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| Offering | Financial Ministry Plan – <i>Budget Box</i>
Diaconal Ministries – <i>plate</i> | |
| The Prayers of the People | | |
| † Song of Response | "Speak O Lord" | <i>LUYH 755</i> |
| † Children's Song | "Thy Word" | <i>on screen</i> |
| <i>Children are dismissed to go to Sunday School</i> | | |

THE PROCLAMATION

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| Prayer of Illumination | | |
| Scripture Reading | Hebrews 4: 11 – 13 | |
| Message | The Word that LISTENS Back | |
| † Song of Response | "I Give You My Heart" | <i>LUYH 340</i> |

THE SENDING

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| † Parting Blessing | | |
| † Doxology | "We Receive Your Blessing" | <i>LUYH 947</i> |
| † Postlude | | |
| † <i>Indicates Congregation standing if able</i> | | |