

HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

Nursery

Today Kerry W, Joseph D
Sept 14 Tammy K, Chris S
Sept 21 Greg S, Joseph D
Sept 28 Heather H, Avery V

Lead Elder

Jamie B
Peter K
Greg S
Matt V

AV

Today Tim K, Emerson V
Sept 14 Tim K, Emerson V
Sept 21 Chris S, Sterling S
Sept 28 Chris S, Sterling S

Sunday School

Renee B
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Coffee Clean Up

Today Fred & Linda M
Sept 14 Pete & Tammy K
Sept 21 Jamie & Renee B
Sept 28 George & Ruth V

Greeters

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

Offerings

Today Calvin University
Sept 14 Diaconal Ministry
Sept 21 Resonate Global Missions
Sept 28 Ministry Shares

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/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

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Essex CRC Council Executive

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



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REFORMED CHURCH

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Sunday September 7, 2025
Morning Worship 9:00 am

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

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 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

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**.

What is Happening This Week

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

Alpha – Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Next Sunday September 14, 2025

9:00 am – Sunday Morning Worship in-person or 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 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.

THANKS!

Thanks to all who helped out during our Ecumenical service in August. Our time together was blessed by all served and baked. And above all the Lord blessed our time together!

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 **CALVIN UNIVERSITY**.

Calvin is a school with a big mission: equipping students to be agents of renewal, ready to step into the public square and renew all things for the glory of Christ. We believe that every student has something to offer the world; every student has something that God is calling him or her to do. Calvin's job is to partner with each student to discover what that is and then help them develop the skills they'll need to gain that success.

September 14 offering is for 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.

HELP FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE AFGHANISTAN EARTHQUAKE

On August 31, a magnitude 6.0 earthquake struck Afghanistan, killing more than 1,400 people and injuring more than 3,000 people. World Renew is planning a response to bring emergency assistance to vulnerable families affected by this disaster. Please join us in prayer for Afghanistan and give generously to help earthquake survivors at www.worldrenew.ca/afghanistan-earthquake

COUNCIL REPORT

Council met on Wednesday and the following items were discussed:

- After 26 years of devotion and service in the role of treasurer at Essex CRC, Harvey VH will be retiring at the end of this year. Since 1999 Harvey devoted his time and his gifts to the position of treasurer. His attention to detail and endless knowledge with numbers, helped guide our church to where it is today in serving the Lord. We would like to wish Harvey all the best and encourage one another to reach out and thank him for faithfully serving with his gifts unto the Lord.
- Council has scheduled the congregational meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 7 PM at the church. The topic on the agenda for this meeting will be the 2024 financial statements and the 2025 budget. Agenda packages will be sent out no later than two weeks prior to the meeting. If you have any questions, please reach out to your community elder or any member of Council
- This year's Christmas dinner will be held on Saturday November 22, 2025 The time will be determined at a later date. This year's theme we will be celebrating 75 years as a church at Essex CRC. We will also be having a dessert auction for Joseph D. This will be a fundraiser for his upcoming missions' trip to Guatemala. Please be on the lookout for more details regarding this event

ALPHA BEGINS SEPTEMBER 9 – WE NEED YOU!

ALPHA will begin September 9 through November 18, every Tuesday evening at 7:00 at the church as well as the ALPHA day Saturday October 25. It is important for us as a congregation to pray for this event that we can share the gospel with those outside of our regular Sunday worshippers. You are all invited to attend, but we need you to invite others. Social media invites will go out through our church web page and Facebook page, please like and share this event. Please also consider volunteering for this event. We need

1. Hosts to help facilitate and encourage discussion in small groups
2. Helpers in small groups to help the hosts
3. Nursery attendants each week
4. Dessert and beverage host. Someone to prep and serve as people are arriving for each evening session.
5. Brunch host for ALPHA weekend. We need people to prep and serve brunch as well as refreshments before the first session on Saturday October 25.
6. Dinner host for ALPHA weekend. We need someone to prep and serve dinner on the ALPHA weekend on Saturday October 25
7. AV – We need someone to run the videos for each session. We may need more than one if there are enough people for more than one small group.
8. Prayer Group – It is important that we as a congregation pray for this event, but ALPHA strongly recommends we have a prayer team that prays during the sessions.

Use this QR code to sign up and attend ALPHA you can go to the ALPHA web site, search

for a group in your area, choose us and sign up.

To volunteer talk to Greg S



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!

KIDS CORNER DEVOTIONS: PRAYING FOR OUR ENEMIES

Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Praying for Our Enemies" at www.kidscorner.net. In Matthew 5, Jesus preaches the Sermon on the Mount. He wanted people to know how to treat one another and show love the way he loves. He even wants us to show love and kindness to those we think of as our enemies because God cares about and provides for everyone. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the classic "Liz and Friends" podcast!

GROUNDWORK: LIVING AS CITIZENS OF GOD'S KINGDOM NOW

We've learned that Jesus brought God's kingdom near -- so near, in fact, it's within us. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 6:9-13, Romans 14:17, Micah 4:1-5, Matthew 25:35-40, Philippians 2:5-8, Acts 2:42-47, Revelation 11:15, and 1 Corinthians 15:58 to learn what it means and looks like for us to live in God's kingdom here and now, even when we can't fully see it. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

BOARD MEMBER NEEDED FOR YOUR CLASSIS

If you believe the work of the deacons is vital to your congregation and local community, like having your voice heard on important issues, enjoy collaborating with like-minded individuals across Canada to bring positive change to the local church through the ministry of the deacons, have time to volunteer to help diaconal work flourish across Canada -- then you might just be our next board member! Diaconal Ministries Canada is looking for a board rep for your classis. Email our National Director, Ron Vanden Brink, at rvandenbrink@crcna.org OR our Board Chair, Peter VanHarmelen, at pvanharmelen@gmail.com to find out more!

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH CONFERENCE

Join us Friday, November 14 & Saturday, November 15, 2025, at King's Christian Collegiate in Oakville, ON. This year's theme is The Church Released. Our plenary speaker is Canadian author and justice advocate, Danielle Strickland. Over 30 workshops to choose from! Each promises to be practical and helpful, covering topics like prayer, mission, ministry for youth and young adults, and more. An optional bus tour will also be available -- go and see local ministry in action! REGISTRATION WILL OPEN IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. Save these dates and get a team from your church ready to attend and be inspired. More info here: <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/moving-forward-faith>

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY!

Today we celebrate grandparents! On this special day, consider how you might extend your legacy—whether by setting up a trust or including a charitable gift in your will. If you haven't taken that step yet, the CRC offers resources to guide you. Learn more about planned giving at www.crcna.org/foundation

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - A new school season has begun. The rhythms and activities of a new school year can make it challenging to include space for God in your everyday family life. One way you can do that is by reviewing the "highs and lows" of your day, giving thanks for God's many blessings and asking for God's presence in the midst of hard situations. See Everyday Family Faith (FaithAliveResources.org) for more ways to make time for God with your family. Brought to you by Thrive: www.crcna.org/Thrive

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LEAD ELDER JAMIE BOMBARDIER
PASTOR DARRELL EDGAR
MUSIC – PRAISE TEAM

THE GATHERING

- † Gathering Song “Build My Life” on screen
- † Welcome
- † Call to Worship
- † God’s Greeting
- † Song of Praise “Come Thou Fount Come Thou King” on screen
- Announcements

OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

Offering Financial Ministry Plan – *Budget Box*
Calvin University – *plate*

The Prayers of the People

- † Song of Response “Goodness of God” on screen
- † Children’s Song “This is the Day” PsH 241
- Children are dismissed to go to Sunday School*

THE PROCLAMATION

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 136: 1 – 26

Message The Practice of Gratitude

- † Song of Response “Give Thanks” LUYH 358

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