

HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

Nursery

Today

AV

Today Tim K & Emerson V
Sept 25 Tim K & Emerson V
Oct 2 Beverley & John vH

Coffee Clean Up

Today Wayne & Electa B
Sept 25 Henry & Alta V
Oct 2 George & Ruth V

Little Lambs

Today

Offerings

Today Diaconal Ministries
Sept 25 Safe Church
Oct 2 Essex Food Bank

Preacher

Today Mr. Cameron Oegema
Sept 25 Mr. Jamie Bombardier
Oct 2 Pastor Steve Vandyk



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!

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



ESSEX CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

519-776-5071
www.essexcrc.ca

Sunday September 18, 2022
Morning Worship 10:00 am

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

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

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

Our Church Family

Tena D has been moved to Windsor Hospice this week. We pray for John & Tena and the family for strength and comfort during this time.

Doris V was admitted to Erie Shores Health Care Centre this past week due to breathing issues. She is home now. We are thankful for doctors and medication to help her feel better.

Keep those family members and friends in prayer as they endure with various health issues **Tena D, Jack D, Carl J, Gail L, Anna R, Gerry S, Winny S, Doris V, Johanna W** along with our elderly in care homes or those receiving extra support (**Pete & Betty A, Cory B, Diny K, Nick K Sr and Anna P.**)

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Tim K (Mon). May the Lord bless you!

What is Happening This Week

10:00 am – Sunday Morning Worship with Mr. Cameron Oegema in-person or online at Facebook/Essex CRC.

GEMS & Cadets – Monday at 6:30 pm

Praise Practice – Wednesday at 6:30 pm

Next Sunday September 25, 2022

10:00 am – Sunday Morning Worship with Mr. in-person or online at Facebook/EssexCRC.

SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER TIME

We will not be meeting this Saturday September 24. See you next week.

PASTOR VACATION

Pastor Steve Vandyk will be on vacation until Monday September 26. Please contact an Elder of the church in case of any need.

GREETERS

Council would like to bring back the role of Greeters each Sunday. This is a volunteer role which helps guide visitors and members each Sunday with a smile. The choice to shake hands is optional and we need to be mindful for those individuals who will be apprehensive with this greeting. As before the pandemic all of us were included on the list for Greeters. Please contact the church office if you would not like to participate.

Weekly Offerings

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

This offering helps Diaconal Ministries Canada partner with churches and ministries across Canada to demonstrate God's love in the community.

September 25, offering is for Safe Church. Do you feel overwhelmed by the task of making your church safe and free from abuse? Are you struggling with identifying what more your church can do to prevent and respond to abuse? Safe Church can help. This year our Abuse Awareness theme is Safe Church Basics: 5 Steps to a Safe Church. Next Sunday on the bulletin insert you will find a step-by-step guide to making your congregation safe. Additional Abuse Awareness Sunday resources will point you to effective tools that can help church leaders with this important work.

PAR DEBIT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER ONLY

For PAR information, Pete Westmaas is ready to take your PAR application to have monies debited from your bank account and into the church's bank account. He needs this information by **October 4**, to be debited by October 20. This is a once a month program. You can change it or discontinue it at any time.

MILK BAG & MATS!

The Mat'ters group has decided to stop meeting and making mats. Fortunately, there is a group in Chatham who will be able to use the mat weaving equipment and our reserve of milk bags. **THANKS** to everyone to collected and donated milk bags. Our sincere request is for **NO** more milk bags to be donated here at the church. They will only be going into the garbage.

OUR NURSERY IS BECOMING A BUSY PLACE AND WE ARE SO EXCITED!

We are now in a position to have a regular rotation of nursery volunteers. Please **SIGN UP** to be included in this year's **Nursery schedule**. Every week one Adult (leader) and one Youth age 12 and up (helper) will be needed. The sign-up sheet is located on the information table near the office. This is an important and necessary area of Essex CRC that need volunteers to watch the youngest members of our congregation during the service each Sunday. Any questions can be directed to John vH or Kerry W!

MISSION EMPHASIS WEEK

Thank you for your gift to support God's mission through Resonate! Resonate Global Mission is committed to walking alongside you and your church as you follow God on mission in your own community and discover God at work around the globe. Find out how your support makes a difference, or look for opportunities to get involved, at www.resonateglobalmission.org

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS NEEDED!

The campus ministry at Western has launched a weekly "jam night" where undergrad students are invited to gather in community and play guitar and piano and sing together. We are in need of HAND INSTRUMENTS (tambourines, maracas, two sticks, etc) for students who don't have an instrument to play. If your church has anything like this and you'd be willing to donate these items to us, can you please email campus minister Michael Wagenman at mwagenman@uwo.ca or text/call 519-851-5845. Thank you!

HELPING WITHOUT HARMING IN COMMUNITY AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT" WORKSHOP

Your Classis Ontario Southwest Diaconal Committee is excited to host this valuable workshop, led by World Renew Canada and Diaconal Ministries Canada! Participants will learn how to help alleviate poverty and address injustice through effective engagement in their local community. Discover how food banks, deacon funds, short-term service trips and other benevolent activities can be more meaningful and have a greater impact. This workshop is for every ministry team in your church, particularly your deacons! Join us at Grace CRC in Chatham, ON, on Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 9:30am to 2:30pm. A \$10 donation is recommended to cover lunch and refreshments. Seating is limited so register today! Visit <https://bit.ly/3Bb8Mml> or diaconalministries.com/events for more information and to save your spot! Questions? Contact John KG, Diaconal Coach for Classis Ontario SW, at john.kleingeltink@gmail.com 519-485-3271 or Jeff Robinson at jnrobinfam@gmail.com 519-773-7235.

SEPTEMBER 2022 SAFE CHURCH WEBINAR

Step 4 - Practice Being Restorative - Join us live on September 21, 2022, at 12 pm (EDT) for our 4th webinar in our Safe Church Basics Series: Practice Being Restorative. In restorative congregations, all in the church interact with empathy and respect, listening with one another as they go forward as the body of Christ even amidst conflict. To register for this event: <https://bit.ly/SCwebinarSeptember22>

LIBERTAS MALE CHOIR

Music and Dinner Night - Directed by Martin Mans. Accompanists: Joyce Postmus and Hugo Van der Meij. Join us October 27, 2022 for dinner at 5:30 pm (\$80 per person) or for the concert only at 8:00 pm (\$25 per person) at The Oxford, 184 Oxford Street in Ingersoll, ON. Special guests: Alumni Choir, directed by Johann VanIttersum and accompanied by Sarah Kenter. For tickets call 905-745-5609 or 905-522-0001. Email and e-transfer: tjitske@rogers.com Tag: Libertas.

THE TONGUE IS LIKE A SPARK

Check out the kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net When James says, "The tongue is like a spark," he's comparing our words to fire. Just like how a tiny spark can start a cozy campfire or a devastating forest fire, your words can help or hurt those around you. Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

GROUNDWORK

Jesus Teaches about Money, Worry, and Judging People - Jesus continues to teach us what it means to live as his redeemed followers. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 6:19-7:5 to learn what it means to have a kingdom perspective on our money and how this kingdom perspective influences how we think about our security and about other people. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

At-home Faith Formation Tip - At-home Faith Formation Tip: In the book Liturgy of the Ordinary (IVP 2016), Tish Warren writes, "We learn the craft of holiness day by day in the living of a particular life . . . we are part of God's big vision and mission—the redemption of all things—through the earthy craft of living out our vocation, hour by hour, task by task. I want to do the big work of the kingdom, but I have to learn to live it out in the small tasks before me." How might this insight change your perspective on the small tasks of your daily life? (Tip from Faith Formation; bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation)

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2022
MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 AM

WORSHIP LEADER – MR. CAMERON OEGEMA
MUSIC – ASHLEY ALLEN, PRAISE TEAM

THE GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Opening

Call to Worship

† Gathering Song “The Heart of Worship” *on screen*

† God’s Greeting

† Song of Praise “Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me” *on screen*

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response “My Jesus, I Love Thee” *LUYH 366*

OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

Offering Financial Ministry Plan – *plate*

Diaconal Ministries – *bag*

THE PROCLAMATION

Children’s Song “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” *on screen*

Children are invited to come forward during the children’s song

Children’s Moment

The Prayers of God’s People

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 1

Message Comfort, Comfort, My People

† Song of Response “I Am Not My Own” *on screen*

THE SENDING

† Benediction

† Doxology “Praise God, Whom All Blessings Flow” *LUYH 965*

† Postlude

† *Indicates Congregation standing if able*