

December 30, 2018

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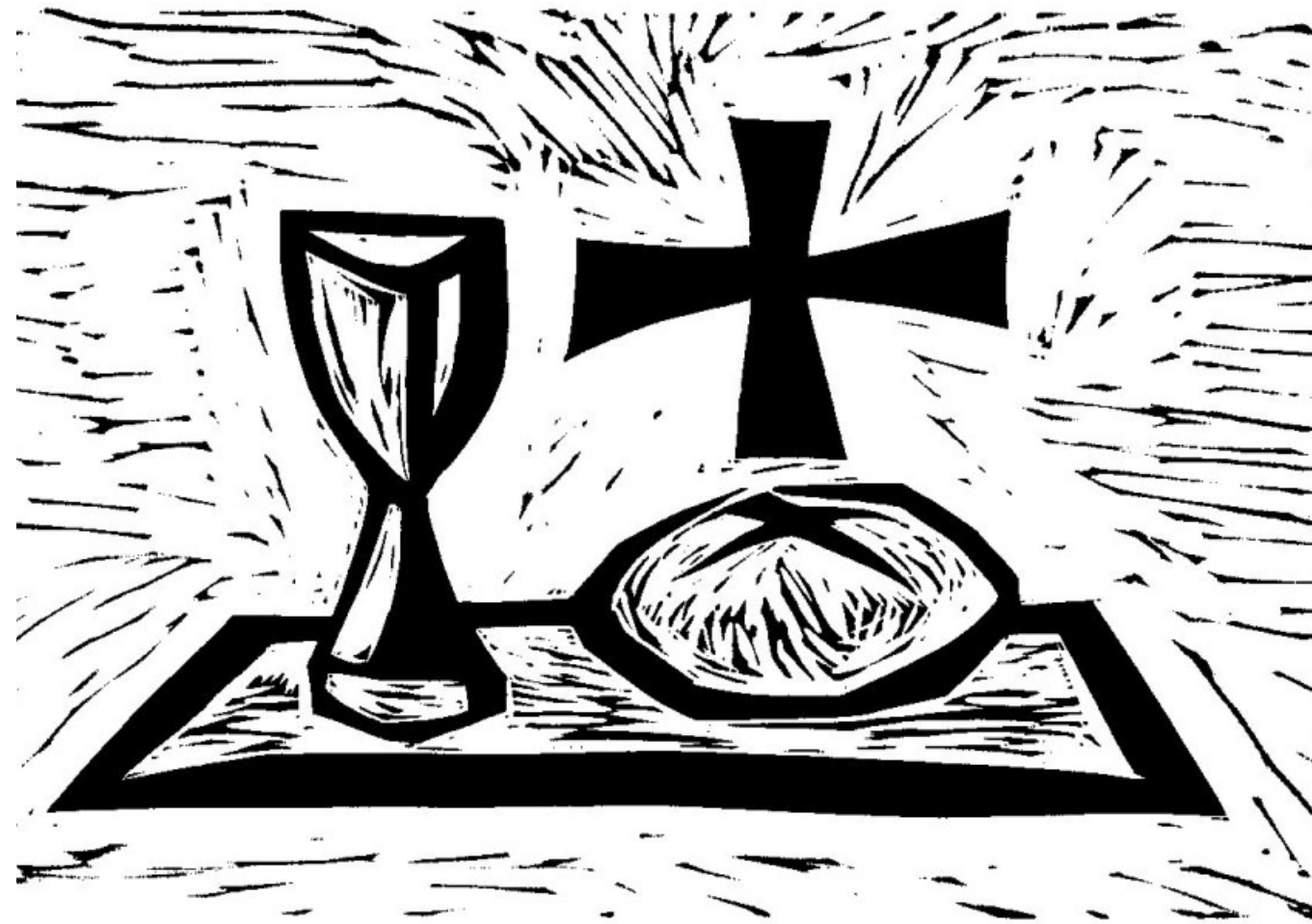
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# Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to the last Sunday celebration of 2018! My heart is full of gratitude as I look back on a year that has been full of blessing for our church family. And I am full of anticipation as I look forward to the new year to come.

May it be a year of worship, fellowship and growth in Christ.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for how we can improve the way we do things here, please be sure to let me know or speak to another member of council.

Many blessings, -Pastor Jason

Welcome & Prayer

**Song: Joy to the World**  
**How Great is Our God/ How Great Thou Art**

God's Greeting & We Greet Each Other

**Song: 10,000 Reasons**

Announcements & Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering

1 - Ebenezer Ministries

2 - Sea Farers

**Song: Lead Me, Guide Me**

Scripture: John 1:19-34, Serving Elder: Henk Siderius

Sermon: Behold! The Lamb of God

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

**Song: In Christ Alone**

Parting Blessing

**Parting Song: Benediction**

## Church Family

We are thankful that **Walker I** has returned home from the hospital. Also, **Jan W** health has stabilized and she is getting stronger every day. Thank you for praying for these families.

**Henk G** will remain at the Grey Nun's Hospital for the coming week to undergo tests. Short visits are welcome. Please remember Henk, Henny and their family in your prayers.

*If you are experiencing physical or emotional difficulties, please speak to Pastor Jason, your district Elder, a Deacon or contact the church office. We want to support you in your journey. We pray that God will provide you with peace, comfort and healing.*

**PARENTS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN:** The children will remain in the service today and during the New Year's Day service. Sunday School will resume on Sunday, January 6th. Thank you!

**Beginning the first week of Advent,** we have watched the children receive gifts during the Children's Message. These gifts have been books selected by Pastor Jason. For those of you who are interested in tracking these books down for your own families, here is a list of the books used:

- The Poison Cup by R. C. Sproul
- The Lightlings by R.C. Sproul
- The Plan: How God Got the World Ready for Jesus by Sinclair Ferguson
- The Donkey Who Carried a King by R. C. Sproul
- The Barber Who Wanted to Pray by R. C. Sproul
- The Pine Tree Parable by Liz Curtis Higgs

**HOLIDAY CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** The Church Office will be closed from December 24th until Jan 3rd. We will re-open Friday, January 4th at 9am.

*It has been such a joy to serve you this past year! Thank you for being such a welcoming congregation.*

*Blessings in the New Year, -Jen F, Marco D & Wendy T.*

**CORRECTION TO PHOTO DIRECTORY:** Please remove the phone number listed under Pete & Birgit M beginning with (B). Thank you!

**VISIT TO THE OLANCHO HONDURAS CHURCH:** Last year Pete M was invited to the Olancho Honduras church inauguration, but due to civil unrest the Honduran Olancho Classis advised that the visit be cancelled. A new date has been set for January 25-29, 2019. Pete will be in Honduras for those dates. The visit will consist of the Olancho Classis meeting, doing a review of church government, and four church services in the 4 evenings available. Pete will be bringing along a personal donation. If anyone else feels led to give a donation please talk to Jen F before January 20th, 2019. The church's biggest need is for pastoral and adult Sunday school material.

Please remember this opportunity in your prayers. Thank you.

**FUNDRAISER REPORT:** We are done with the Christmas cookie gift boxes. We sold 50 boxes and received some extra donations for delivering the boxes. The total of \$1520 will go towards the church building wherever its needed most. Bakers - thank you for the baking! Cookie gift box team: Joyce , Evelyn, Bea.

## Denominational News

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU AS MEMBERS OF THE CRCNA.** Sometimes you must wonder what impact we together are having. Well, this year, the impact ranges from being part of winning the Nobel Peace Prize to launching youth curriculum, impacting parliament on key issues, and working towards 21st century communication tools for churches. There are so many more ways that your congregation has been a part of or benefited from our shared work. Thank you for your continued striving together in all of this. For more info, feel free to visit [crcna.org/resources](http://crcna.org/resources). Strength to you and your church in the New Year. Sincerely, Darren Roorda - Canadian Ministries Director, CRCNA

**INGLEWOOD CRC** is hosting a **Young Adults (18-35ish) retreat** Feb 8-10, 2019 at Camp Warwa. Young adults from across the city are encouraged to attend as we get back to basics and learn a new way to make the most of our Bible and assistive resources. The cost for the weekend is \$150.00, which includes meals, lodging, activities, speaker, and materials. Carpooling available. To register, email Emily Erin: [icrcprogcoor@telus.net](mailto:icrcprogcoor@telus.net) by Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

More news and encouragement can be found at <http://www.ebenezercrc.com/news>. A paper copy is posted on the Bulletin Board.

## Coming Up @ Ebenezer

<b>Sunday, Dec 30</b>	<b>@ 9:15 am</b>	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	<b>@ 10:00 am</b>	Worship Service -no Sunday School
<b>Tuesday, Jan 1</b>	<b>@ 11:00 am</b>	New Years Day Service -no Sunday School
<b>Saturday, Jan 5</b>	<b>9am - 3pm</b>	Oliebollen Cup Volleyball Tourney at Covenant School
<b>Sunday, Jan 6</b>	<b>@ 9:15 am</b>	Weekly Prayer Meeting in the Library
	<b>@ 10:00 am</b>	Worship Service



**THE FIRST EVER OLIEBOLLEN CUP!** Come out to a co-ed volleyball tournament in support of our Youth Group's mission trip to Mexico! The tournament will be held on Saturday, January 5th at Covenant Christian School. Is your team gathered yet? There's room for 8 teams! Entry fee is \$250.00. Ages 15+. Want to donate money or food for the concession or volunteer to ref/lines games? Looking for a team or ready to register? Talk to our tournament coordinator, Nicole V!

**FREEDOM SESSION** is a 30 week, intensive healing-discipleship journey that uncovers the roots of pain in our lives and invites Jesus Christ to heal those areas of our hearts. This journey is for everyone and deals with real issues: frozen emotions, broken marriages, pornography, sexual woundedness or abuse, depression, anger, fear and any destructive pattern used to escape from pain. Hope City (formerly Mill Woods Assembly) will be starting their Freedom Session course on Wednesday January 23. For more information go to <https://hopecity.ca/freedom-session/>.

## Deacon's Corner

**1<sup>st</sup> Offering - EBENEZER MINISTRIES** - This offering is used to cover the day-to-day expenses of the church, fund the various ministries at Ebenezer, cover the salaries of staff, and contributes to the ministry shares that we are committed to as members of Classis Alberta North and the CRC Denomination.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offering - SEA FARERS** - The Ministry to Seafarers of the Christian Reformed Church is a Vancouver-based organization dedicated to caring for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of seafarers visiting the port of Vancouver. The ministry exists to be a seafarer's advocate and first line of support, to lend both a sympathetic ear and a helping hand, and assist in providing a safe, relaxing place that all seafarers can call their home-away-from-home.

**January 1 - FOOD BANK** - The Leduc Food bank serves a population of approximately 55,000. Their mission is to promote human dignity, bring surplus food together with people in need, lend support to other agencies that care for those in crisis and develop community awareness, co-operation and education. For more info see [leducfoodbank.ca](http://leducfoodbank.ca)

**January 6 - MISSIONARIES** - The two families we support in our church are the G family and the S family. is based out of Honduras and the family is based out of Africa. Each year we commit to giving each family \$3000.00. For more info about their missions, please visit the Christian Reformed World Missions website and look up each family individually. We also post their newsletters on the *Deacons' Corner* Bulletin Board in the foyer.

**FOR NADC UPDATES AND NEWSLETTERS** you can subscribe to receive email updates on the Classis website or check out new posts at [www.classisalbertanorth.ca/nadc](http://www.classisalbertanorth.ca/nadc). Also like the NADC facebook page or friend Ab North to follow on social media.

**GRIEF SHARE:** It hurts to lose someone. Find help at GriefShare where a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. The program will begin again on January 9 to April at Evangel Assembly <https://www.evangel.info/>. There is no charge for the program. the book is \$25 for those who want to purchase it. The course is on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. For more information contact Geri Peter at [peterpack4@gmail.com](mailto:peterpack4@gmail.com).

## Thank You to Our Volunteers!

**Ushers:** Howard O, Ted K

**Jan 6:** Tim & Bev C

**New Years Day:** Marilyn & Andy Z

**Greeters:** Gary & Jen F

**Jan 6:** Gerard & Wendy B

**New Years Day:** Luke & Alyse K

**Coffee Duties:** John & Wendy T, Marco D

**New Years Day:** John & Joyce D, Gerard & Wendy B, Michelle O

**Jan 6:** Sam & Beth Ga, Elly M, Brendan & Alicia B

**Serving Elder:** Andy T

**Jan 6:** Terry V

**New Years Day:** Art T

**Worship Team:** Marianne

**Jan 6:** Grace D

**New Years Day:** Alice VDK

**Projection & Audio:** Mike R/Nicole VDK **New Years Day:** Pete V/ Wes V

**Jan 6:** Matt K/ Jamie B

**Nursery Supervisor** - Linda K

**Inf:** Linda K, Sadie H, Carrie B, Julie B

**Tod:** Emma Ha, Chad D, Elliott D

**New Years Day:** **Nursery Supervisor** - Kara B

**Inf:** Kara B, Josh K, Joyce D, Grace C

**Tod:** Natasha D, Raquel D, Theo D

**January 6:** **Nursery Supervisor** - Christine H

**Inf:** Christine H, Brett L, Linda H, Naomi G

**Tod:** Francine K, Sam G, Clara D

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Click the **Volunteer Schedule** button on the bottom left of the homepage.

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