

January 6, 2019

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Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer on this first Sunday of 2019. Today we consider the call of Christ on our lives. What does it mean for us to follow Him? Where is He leading us? How can we participate in the kingdom that He is building? These are questions that affect us all and our songs and Scripture passage this morning and can provide helpful insights. Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship.

Welcome and Prayer

**Song: Praise is Rising
We Worship You**

God's Greeting & We Greet Each Other

Song: Speak O Lord

Time of Confession

Song: The Potter's Hand

Prayer of Assurance

Song: Faith Begins by Letting Go

Announcements & Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering 1 - Ebenezer Ministries
2 - Missionaries

Children's Message

(Children ages 3 to Grade 3 leave for Children's Church)

Scripture: John 1:35-51, Serving Elder: Terry V

Sermon: "What Are You Seeking?"

Song: The Summons

Parting Blessing

Parting Song: He Leadeth Me

Church Family

Henk G will remain at the Grey Nun's Hospital. He is requesting that he not receive visitors at this time. Please continue remember Henk, Henny and their family in your prayers.

Marilyn H's mother suffered a stroke on Monday morning. She is now recovering at home.

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.



DAYS FOR GIRLS - There will be a work bee on Saturday, January 26 from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm. Curious? Come and check it out. Coffee is on all day. Newcomers are welcome, no special skills required. Lunch will be provided. Questions? Call or text Linda H.

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

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 Fiebich 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.

For those of you who are interested in tracking this book down, the **New Years Day Service** story was based on the book "Keeping Holiday" by Starr Meade

EDMONTON NATIVE HEALING CENTRE AND CPJ Please come join us at the Edmonton Native Healing Centre on January 14th, 2019 at 7pm. We are hosting Joe Gunn for an evening of celebrating his work and the work of Citizens for Public Justice over the years to present day. Joe will be reflecting on his book "Journeys to justice: Reflections on Canadian Christian Activism". Coffee/tea and bannock will be served, along with an opportunity to buy Joe's book. Our address is 11813-123 street Edmonton AB, T5L 0G7.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS DECEMBER 11, 2018

Unfailingly, our meetings begin with a devotion led by one of the council members which is followed by the prayer bowl. For those of you who may not know, every members/family name is in the prayer bowl and at every council meeting, each council member draws a name from the bowl and we collectively pray over each name drawn. Since we are assured that our heavenly Father hears us, we offer these prayers for you, relying on his steadfast faithfulness to hear and answer.

Congregational meeting feedback was reviewed, and minutes will be discussed and approved at our January council meeting.

As always, it is our pleasure to offer you home visits. When your district elder calls (or emails or connects with you at church) about the possibility of a home visit, please know that we deeply care about how you are doing and want to offer you an opportunity to share your joys or struggles with us.

Various ministries shared reports and as council, we are encouraged by all the ways you find to help with these opportunities for service. It is so heartening to hear about your passion to serve and the fruits of your faithful labours.

You know by now that this is only a short summary of our discussions. Please feel free to ask Pastor Jason or your district elder or a deacon if you have any questions or would like more information on any of the topics discussed. We hope it's evident to you that our council serves the church out of a dear desire to see God's kingdom furthered and we consider it an honor and a privilege to do so. In His Service, Clerk of Council

Denominational News

TRINITY'S 50th ANNIVERSARY: Trinity CRC is celebrating 50 years of God's faithfulness. To mark this occasion we will be having a time of celebration on the evening of Saturday February 9 at Trinity Church.

There will be a catered dinner, former Pastors, entertainment, and more. If you would like to join us please contact the church office. Please leave a message with your name and phone number or email the church at trinitychurchedmonton@gmail.com and we will get back to you. Tickets are \$25.00 and available until January 23. There are a limited number. Sunday February 10th will also be a time of celebrating. Everyone is welcome.

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 by Dec 20th, 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

Sunday, Jan 6	@ 9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	@ 10:00 am	Worship Service
Monday, Jan 7	@ 7:00 pm	Friendship
Wednesday, Jan 9	@ 9:30 am	Coffee Break Resumes (see announcement)
	@ 6:30 pm	GEMS
Sunday, Jan 13	@ 9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting in the Library
	@ 10:00 am	Worship Service
	@ 11:45 am	Catechism Resumes

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN: COFFEE BREAK 2019 begins this Wednesday at 9:30 am. Come join us as we welcome a special guest speaker. Nicole Ashley, a certified laughter leader from Calmar will be launching 2019 with a fun, exciting, and stress-busting biblical laughter class.

Nicole will be sharing from God's word the importance of laughter in our lives and will be getting us moving with some exercises. Also, pick up a copy of our new Bible Study book on 1-3 John! If you have questions, contact Marco D.

DREAMS AND VISIONS

Our Ebenezer family is richly blessed! Our homes, families, economics, friendships, and abilities to give to others are rich in grace. We have an amazing place to worship, and gardens to share. We have skills and abilities we use for each other and for people beyond our circle.

Can we deepen this giving by exploring further? Could our resources be used to support the development of a home for those who want or need it? Would this be a home for seniors? For those requiring subsidized living arrangements? For widows and/or orphans? For friends with special needs?

Let's explore together. Please join us in the church fellowship hall for an introduction to what Emmanuel Home in Edmonton has done. This society, well-known to many of us in the Dutch immigrant community, has worked for many years to provide housing and other supports for aging members of the Christian community. Could this be a possibility for us? You are invited to join the discussion: Wednesday, January 16, 2019, at 7 pm. We look

Deacon's Corner

1st 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.

2nd Offering - MISSIONARIES - The two families we support in our church are the Geisterfer's and the Strydhorst's. The Geisterfer family is based out of Honduras and the Strydhorst 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.

Next Week: YOUTH UNLIMITED Youth Unlimited is a non-denominational, non-profit ministry organization with the focus of assisting the Church and its many local congregations with their ministry to our youth. We strongly believe that the local church is the tool God longs to use to reveal Himself to this world. We know that taking the call of ministering to youth today is not easy or for the faint of heart. Therefore, we are blessed by encouraging, supporting, equipping and partnering with congregations across North America to reach this generation for Jesus Christ! Youth Unlimited is one of three ministries incorporated in an organization called **Dynamic Youth Ministries**. [GEMS Girls' Club](#) is a ministry for young girls and [Cadets](#) is the companion ministry for boys. [Youth Unlimited](#) is the co-ed ministry for high school youth.. For more info see www.youthunlimited.org.

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. 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.

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/>.

Thank You to Our Volunteers!

Ushers: Tim & Bev C

Next Week: Dennis V, Andrew V

Greeters: Gerard & Wendy B

Next Week: Tim & Bev C

Coffee Duties: Sam & Beth Ga, Elly M, Brendan & Alicia B

Next Week: Dick & Judy O, Matt & Kendra F, Tony & Monique T

Serving Elder: Terry V

Next Week: Gord W

Worship Team: Grace D

Next Week: KerryAnne H

Projection & Audio: Matt K/ Jamie B **Next Week:** Dan V/Ted K

Nursery Supervisor - Christine H

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

Tod: Francine K, Sam G, Clara D

Next Week: **Nursery Supervisor** - Janette G

Inf: Janette G, Jay K, Leanne K, Cheyenne H

Tod: Kim M, Barry H, Lyon D



You will find new volunteer schedules on the website ebenezercrc.com