

January 27, 2019



Ministry Information & Contacts

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Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good Morning and welcome to Ebenezer.

If you're visiting then we're glad that you have joined us.

If you're a regular attender, then here we are again!

Why are we assembled here? Because God is primary and we are secondary.

Because God has placed in our hearts a desire to declare His worth. Because it is our joy and privilege to begin our week gathered together in worship and fellowship.

This morning we will consider together a rather jarring passage in which our Lord did not approve of what was happening when His people gathered in God's house.

Let's see what we can learn from this rather intense event in the life of our Lord.

Opening Songs: **Jesus, All for Jesus**

Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

God's Greeting & We Greet One Another

Song: **What the Lord Has Done in Me**

Baptism of Parker T, son of Brad & Lauren T

Song of Response: **Cornerstone**

Announcements & Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering

1 - Ebenezer Ministries

2 - Deaconate

(Children ages 3-Grade 3 leave for Sunday School)

Scripture: John 2: 13-25

Sermon: *The Zeal of the Lamb*

Song of Response: **Give Us Clean Hands**

Parting Blessing

Parting Song: **I Am Persuaded**

Church Family

Please continue to pray for **Keira D.** She is still on eye drops and this seems to be helping. She will go back to the Doctor mid February. They are still watching to see if/how her Juvenile Arthritis progresses.

Heather C has been diagnosed with a rare blood disorder which makes her very susceptible to infection. Please pray for her as she battles ongoing infections and seeks to care for her children. She will be undergoing further tests in April and May.

Congratulations to **Tim & Bev C** on celebrating their 25th Anniversary today, January 27th! May God continue to guide and bless your lives together.

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.

THANKS TO EVERYONE who has supported us in the last few weeks as we mourned the passing of our husband/dad/grandpa/great grandpa. Your support through meals, flowers, cards and stories about how he impacted your lives meant a lot to us and helped in so many ways.

It is wonderful to be a part of this church family!

-Hennie G and Susan S and extended family

NEEDS ... Do you have any ongoing needs that you could use some help with? Snow removal or a home repair project or something else? What about transportation to our service on Sunday morning? If you have any needs that our Ebenezer family can help you meet, please make your needs known! You can either contact the church office, your district elder, a deacon or pastor Jason. Part of what it means to be a church family is serving one another!

LOST A RING? Please call the office at 780-986-4119 to claim .

CADET CALENDARS! There is a donation box by the mailboxes if you wish to donate: the funds raised from your Cadet Calendar donation are put aside to help our Cadets cover some of the cost to attend the International Camporee every three years. Our next camporee is in Michigan in July 2020, and we, as a Cadets club, thank you for your support of our Cadets in this very special way!

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.

AID AND TRADE WITH THE GLOBAL SOUTH: Join World Renew on March 23, 4-8pm at Covenant CRC (19010 87 Ave., Edmonton) to learn how small business development and just trade can empower communities to improve their lives. Featuring a global marketplace, Central American cuisine, and keynote speakers Daniel Jean-Louis (author of "From Aid to Trade") and Doug Seebeck (Partners Worldwide). Tickets are \$10/person, \$30/family and are available at wrtraid.eventbrite.ca, or in person from Marg Hoogland (587-377-0422) or Ray Prins.

URGENT NEED FOR MISSIONARIES - How is God calling you to spread the gospel? Resonate has an urgent need for people to step into ministry in North America and throughout the world. You might be surprised by how God can use your knowledge, skills, and abilities to expand his kingdom. Explore volunteer and career opportunities by visiting resonateglobalmission.org/go.

SAVE THE DATE: CRC CANADIAN NATIONAL GATHERING

Thursday, May 23 – Saturday, May 25, 2019 at The King's University

WEST END CRC IS LOOKING FOR A PART TIME ADMINISTRATOR - Duties of the position include providing administrative support to pastors, council and serve as a first point of contact in the church office. We are looking for someone able to work up to 20 hours a week in a job share position. To obtain the full job description please contact Jo VanBerkel at docdan@shaw.ca. We will be accepting applications until Feb 7.

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

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| Sunday, Jan 27 | @ 9:15 am | Weekly Prayer Meeting |
| | @ 10:00 am | Worship Service |
| | @ 11:45 am | Catechism |
| Monday, Jan 28 | @ 7:00 pm | Friendship |
| Wednesday, Jan 30 | @ 9:30 am | Coffee Break |
| | @ 6:30 pm | Cadets |
| Thursday, Jan 31 | @ 6:00pm | Stamppot Supper & Youth Auction |
| Sunday, Feb 3 | @ 9:15 am | Weekly Prayer Meeting in the Library |
| | @ 10:00 am | Worship Service |
| | @ 12:30 pm | Widowed Lunch Bunch |

STAMPPOT SUPPER AND YOUTH AUCTION this Thursday January 31 the youth group will be hosting a delicious stamppot supper here at the church. Dinner will begin at 6:00 pm by donation and will be followed by a youth auction at 7:30pm. The youth group will be auctioning themselves to the congregation for various work jobs that you do not necessarily want to do yourselves or may need help with. These jobs may range from housework to babysitting to rock picking! All proceeds will be directed to the youths mission trip to Ensenada Mexico this March. If you have any questions feel free to call Jamie or Kelly

WIDOWED LUNCH BUNCH will be held again on Sunday, February 3 at 12:30 pm at the home of Per and Bernice. Anyone who is widowed is welcome to come. Please contact Beth N for more information.

FAMILY DAY TOBOGGANING & SHINNY 2019 Our annual Family Day Tobogganing Party will take place on February 18th at 1:30 p.m. out by Josh and Nicole V farm! We'll have a fire going to warm you up so feel free to bring along some marshmallows, hotdogs/buns and hot chocolate (we'll have hot water)! Too cold to sled? There is public skating from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Millet Agriplex! We'll wrap up the day with the annual Shinny game from 4:15-5:45 p.m. at the Millet Agriplex. Come on out to suit up with or cheer on your favourite shinny team (full equipment required). Cost for shinny is \$10.00 per player to cover ice costs. Questions? Contact Josh or Nicole V.

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 - DEACONATE - Deacons are church officers whose main job description is to administer the mercy of Christ to all people. The deacons are also called upon to motivate the members of Christ's church to faithful, obedient stewardship of their resources on behalf of the needy. Along with loving deeds and with gifts of money and assistance, the deacons serve the needy with counsel, leading people to see the grace of our loving Savior and recognizing the Lord through whom all blessings flow.

Next Week: effect:hope

effect:hope (formerly The Leprosy Mission of Canada) is a Christian development organization, focused on achieving lasting, positive change among people living with the causes and consequences of Neglected Tropical Diseases. Our values as followers of Christ include:

- We are called to love and to seek restoration
- We are champions of community and collaboration
- We demonstrate honesty and integrity
- We are committed to high impact and effectiveness

Neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) are a diverse group of tropical infections which are especially common in low-income populations in developing regions of Africa, Asia, and the Americas. They are caused by a variety of pathogens such as viruses, bacteria, protozoa and helminths. effect:hope is working to eliminate NTDs by providing services to people affected by these diseases, strengthening health systems, research, and advocacy. For more information go to <https://effecthope.org/>

FROM BACK TO GOD MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL:

Dear Congregation: Thank you for your support and prayers for the work of sharing the Gospel through your gifts of ministry shares this past year. We are blessed to partner with you in presenting the living water of the Gospel to a thirsty world. Together we may share the Good News of Jesus Christ to our neighborhoods, our country, and all over the globe. We are privileged to share in the work of your church. To see how you are impacting lives for Jesus, in 10 global languages, visit www.backtogod.net and see the Holy Spirit at work in our world!

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION TIP - Make faith formation a part of birthday celebrations this year. Thank God for the birthday person and share some of the ways that person blesses your family and others. Talk about the unique gifts God has given him or her. Or pass birthday candles out to family members and ask them to name one thing they love about the birthday person before placing the candle on the cake. Affirmation is the best birthday gift of all! (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

Thank You To Our Volunteers!

Ushers: Dennis & Ruby P

Next Week: Howard O, Ted K

Greeters: Fred & Linda K

Next Week: Henk & Mennie S

Coffee Duties: Dale & Karen H, Aaron & Heather L, Gord & Jan W

Next Week: Jordan & Kristy I, Dennis & Ruby P, Tim & Bev C

Serving Elder: Herman B

Next Week: Wilbur H

Worship Team: Alice V

Next Week: Grace D

Projection & Audio: Pete V, Wes V

Next Week: Matt K, Jamie B

Nursery Supervisor - Carol W

Inf: Carol W, Mike D, Petro K, Anke K

Tod: Jamie B, Heather L, Koen D

Next Week: Nursery Supervisor - Alesha S

Inf: Alesha S, Dan H, Emily M, Ava-Marie L

Tod: Janna P, Tamara P, Levi H



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

Questions about Serving? Contact the office for more information or to be added to the volunteer List.