

February 3, 2019

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Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer! Psalm 111:1 expresses the cry of the heart of all of God's people: "I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation." We are gathered together again in the name of the Lord. For the disciple of Jesus, it just doesn't get any better than this: gathered together with God's people in God's house giving thanks to Him with our whole hearts. May each one of us experience His grace and truth during our time of fellowship and worship this morning.

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship

**Song: Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet
Shout to the Lord**

God's Greeting & We Greet One Another

Song: Made to Worship

Time of Confession

Song: The Power of Your Love

Prayer of Assurance

Song: I Lift Your Name

Announcements & Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering

1 - Ebenezer Ministries, 2 - effect: hope

Children's Message

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

Scripture: John 3:1-21

Sermon: God So Loves The World

Song of Response: How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Closing Blessing

Closing Song: Shine On Us

Cover Art: Nicodemus Visiting Jesus - By Henry Ossawa Tanner

Church Family

Andy L has been admitted to the University Hospital. He is asking for limited visitors as he is sharing a room with 3 other people. Please continue to keep Andy and Shirley in your prayers.

Lord willing, next Sunday, **Jordan and Kristy I** will present their son Walker for the sacrament of baptism. We look forward to celebrating this event with you!

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.

The **SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY** is looking for a Coordinator as well as an Assistant for the fall. Anyone with a heart to serve is welcome: man, woman, parent, grandparent, senior, young adult. Speak to Carrie T for more information.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CAME OUT TO THE DAYS FOR GIRLS WORK BEE. We had a great turnout from our church family and some ladies from the community also came out to show their support. Together we were able to make 57 kits on Saturday. These kits bless girls all over the world. Ted and Joanne recently brought 54 kits to Guatemala, 50 will go out to Ethiopia and 90 are being brought to Uganda. Praise God for this important work!

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!

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED: 8 young people with a chaperone from Grand Prairie are coming to the "Be Ready Alberta 2019" conference <https://www.bereadyalberta.ca/> needing a place to stay for Friday and Saturday night March 8 and 9. They will look after everything else for themselves. If your church or individuals in your church have available space please contact Amenla Achen at achenfamily@hotmail.com.

Denominational News

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS THROUGHOUT EDMONTON: You are invited to attend a day of spiritual enrichment, Biblical learning, and social activity. February 9 Introduction to Biblical Foundations will be taught by Pastor Bill Nieuwenhuis at Inglewood Christian Reformed Church from 9:00am-3:00pm (cost: \$60, including lunch, refreshments, and books that are yours to keep). Then, following this, we will travel to Galaxyland for an afternoon at the amusement park (cost: \$25.00). Please register by February 6, 2019, by contacting the Program Coordinator.

PRAYER RETREAT: On Saturday, February 23, you are invited to enjoy a day of growing in prayer personally and corporately. This is an opportunity to rest in our Lord, commune with Him and gain tools for a stronger prayer life for yourself and your church. Spiritual Director and man of prayer, Len Thompson of Urban Sanctuary will look with us at the life of the prophet Daniel and guide us in prayer. We'll learn about:

Session 1: Developing a Bullet-Proof Prayer Habit

Session 2: Daniel's Prayer Focus

Session 3: When Prayer Shakes You...Then What?

Session 4 The Character Change Prayer Made in Daniel

There is no cost to attend. Also refreshments and lunch are provided. This will take place at Trinity CRC, Edmonton from 9am to 2:30/3:00pm as part of the Classis Alberta North Prayer Ministry. Please indicate that you are coming by emailing revrichdelange@gmail.com by February 20 or call 780-475-2662. Come and be blessed and equipped. If you're coming from out of the city and want lodging on Friday evening, please let us know.

SAVE THE DATE: CRC CANADIAN NATIONAL GATHERING

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

*More news and encouragement can be found at
<http://www.ebenezercrc.com/news>.*

A paper copy is posted on the Bulletin Board.

EDMONTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2019-20:

Application packages for Preschool and Kindergarten – Grade 12 are available at our three schools (Northeast, West and High) and the Society office. You can also print the forms and information from our website: www.edmchristian.org. Plan to attend an **Open House event** on Monday, March 4 (Northeast) or Tuesday, March 5 (West and High), from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call us at [780-476-6281](tel:780-476-6281).

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

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| Sunday, Feb 3 | @ 9:15 am | Weekly Prayer Meeting in the Library |
| | @ 10:00 am | Worship Service |
| | @ 12:30 pm | Widowed Lunch Bunch |
| Monday, Feb 4 | @ 7:00 pm | Friendship |
| Wednesday, Feb 6 | @ 9:30 am | Coffee Break |
| | @ 6:30 pm | GEMS Girls Ministry |
| Sunday, Feb 10 | @ 9:15 am | Weekly Prayer Meeting |
| | @ 10:00 am | Worship Service |
| | @ 11:45 am | Catechism |
| | @ 7:30 pm | Youth Group |
| Tuesday, Feb 12 | @ 7:00 pm | speaker Cindy Verbeek: Creation Care |

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

SPEAKER ON CREATION CARE: When it comes to creation care we are often faced with discouragement, we lose hope and we feel like the problem is just too big or too far gone for us to do any good. **But there is hope.** There are so many incredible stories of people doing amazing things to care for creation all over the world. Join Cindy Verbeek, Northern BC Project Coordinator for A Rocha Canada and BC's Climate Witness Project representative for a hope-filled exploration of the biblical basis for our hope and stories of those who are bringing this hope to life. Tuesday, February 12th at Ebenezer at 7pm.

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's farm! We'll have a fire going to warm you up! 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. Questions? Contact Josh or Nicole.

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 - 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/>

Next Week: Rise Up House

Established in 2007 Riseup House Society is an equipping and healing women's outreach centre responding to the reality of domestic violence and abuse. Riseup House provides group support, counselling and resources for women impacted by intimate partner abuse, and educates individuals and community groups about preventing and responding to abuse. For more info see riseuphouse.ca

HELPING WITHOUT HURTING IN CHURCH BENEVOLENCE Calling all Deacons, past, present and those who have a heart for benevolence. Diaconal Ministries Canada and Northern Alberta Diaconal Conference is hosting a Helping Without Hurting in Church Benevolence workshop on Monday Feb 11th, from 7 - 9 pm, at Centrepointe (5940 - 159Ave, located in the North Edm Christian School). This workshop addresses in practical ways how to engage in poverty alleviation and helping those who come knocking on our doors when making ends meet is a challenge. For further info please contact Lucinda (DMC) at 780 242 5676 or klapwyk@yahoo.ca or Jesse (NADC) at 780 819 7488 or your-nadc@gmail.com

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION TIP - In the book Family: The Forming Center, Marjorie Thompson observes that the Christian home is a sacred shelter where parents and caregivers can reflect God's love to children through presence (being there), acceptance, affirmation, accountability, forgiveness, and hospitality. How can you help your kids' faith grow in the everyday-ness of life? (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

TRINITY'S 50 YEAR CELEBRATION: Next Sunday February 10 Trinity CRC will be celebrating 50 years of God's faithfulness. You are welcome to join us for our celebration service at 10:00 am. There will be special worship, fellowship and many former pastors will be speaking as well as refreshments to follow. Hope to see you here.

Thank You To Our Volunteers!

Ushers: Howard O, Ted K

Next Week: Marilyn & Andy Z

Greeters: Henk & Mennie S

Next Week: Jason & Yoka T

Coffee Duties: Marco D, Dennis & Ruby P, Tim & Bev C

Next Week: Mike & Jenna D, Colin & Kara B, John & Wendy T

Serving Elder: Wilbur H

Next Week: Jordan S

Worship Team: Grace D

Next Week: Jordan S / Jason D

Projection & Audio: Matt K, Jamie B

Next Week:

Dan

V, Ted K

Nursery Supervisor - Alesha S

Inf: Alesha S, Dan H, Petro K, Ava-Marie L

Tod: Janna P, Tamara P, Levi H

Next Week: Nursery Supervisor - Tammy M

Inf: Tammy M, Graham R, Mennie S, Mercedes L

Tod: Candice P, Ryman H, Carolyn D

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.

