

February 10, 2019

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Welcome to Ebenezer!

Greetings and welcome to Ebenezer! Thomas Merton wrote, "The spiritual life is first of all a life. It is not merely something to be known and studied, it is to be lived." As we walk through the gospel of John we are continually reminded of this truth. The call of Christ is not merely a call to a set of beliefs but a comprehensive call to a way of life. What a joy for us to be on this journey of discipleship together. **Let us worship!**

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship

**Song: All Glory Be To Christ
The Solid Rock**

God's Greeting & We Greet One Another

Song: O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

Confession/Assurance of Pardon

Song: The Lord's My Shepherd

Baptism

Song: It is Well

Announcements & Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering

1 - Ebenezer Ministries, 2 - Rise Up House

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

Scripture: John 3:22-36

Sermon: The Path To Complete Joy

Song of Response: Mighty to Save

Closing Blessing

Closing Song: Behold Our God

Cover Art: Nicodemus Visiting Jesus - By Henry Ossawa Tanner (1899)

Church Family

Andy L remains in critical condition in the University Hospital. Even as his body is failing, he remains in good spirits and is hoping to be able to transfer to the hospital in Westaskiwin. Please continue to keep Andy and Shirley in your prayers. They are requesting no visitors at this time.

Congratulations to Susan & Graeme B on the birth of their son, They are at home and doing well. We rejoice with you and your family with this precious blessing.

John Bos, an uncle of Tom T was called into glory last week Sunday while in palliative care in Red Deer. They were singing hymns with him, till his passing. Please remember Tom and his 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.

NEXT WEEK, Lord willing, we will celebrate the Lord's s Supper together.

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 AND FOUND - Please check the lost and found table in the foyer. This is the last week that these things will be there. Anything left will be going to the second hand store this week.

DREAMS AND VISIONS. Thank you to all those who attended our first exploratory meeting of possibilities for a residence for people who might need this in our community in the next while. Many questions were raised, and we were honoured to have with us Darren and Coby from Emmanuel Home in Edmonton to describe their work and service there and how this could connect with our discussions. If you would like further information now or about future work, please send your email address to Pete V. Thanks

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION TIP - "In a comprehensive study of relational dynamics in more than 300 families spanning 35 years, family warmth was more correlated with faith transmission than any other relational factor," say the folks at the Fuller Youth Institute. Take your family's "temperature" this week and look for new ways to create a warm, loving, accepting, and encouraging home environment. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

Denominational News

Young adults throughout Edmonton are invited to attend a day of spiritual enrichment, Biblical learning, and social activity.

February 16, 2019, 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). (This event was moved from February 9th due to an emergency.)

Please register by February 13, 2019, by contacting the Program Coordinator.

Whether you choose to come only to this, or to attend other opportunities to utilize these materials, it is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about studying your Bible, and to build connections with other young adults in Edmonton.

For more information about these and other events, please visit the website: inglewood-crc.org/young-adults/, or contact the Program Coordinator: 780-455-1066, icrcprog-coor@telus.net.

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.

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

Sunday, Feb 10	@ 9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting in the Library
	@ 10:00 am	Worship Service - Baptism
Monday, Feb 11	@ 7:00 pm	Friendship
Tuesday, Feb 12	@ 7:00 pm	Speaker Cindy Verbeek: Creation Care
Wednesday, Feb 13	@ 9:30 am	Coffee Break
	@ 6:30 pm	Cadets
Thursday, Feb 14	@ 10:00 am	Seniors Games & Valentines Day Lunch
Sunday, Feb 10	@ 9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	@ 10:00 am	Worship Service - Communion

ALL SENIORS are invited to come out this Thursday morning at 10:00 for some fun and games and a special valentine lunch! Looking forward to see you all! Jen F

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.

FROM THE WIDOWED LUNCH BUNCH we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all in the Ebenezer Family who hosted us for a delicious lunch occasionally or offered to host us over the last 3 years. We were blessed by your hospitality and kindness. This is a note to inform you that the Widowed Lunch Bunch will no longer be happening. Thanks again....Beth N.

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.

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 - Riseup Society Alberta

Established in 2007, Riseup Society Alberta 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

Next Week: Missionaries

LIBRARY NEWS: First we would like to express our deepest thanks to those who have graciously donated books and DVDs to the library! They are greatly appreciated and allow us to provide an excellent collection for the congregation.

The library has purchased a great selection of new books (fiction as well as non-fiction) and DVDs. Before we put these new books and DVDs on the shelves, we need to take inventory of our existing supplies. In order to do so we will be CLOSING the library for the month of March. During this month we hope to collect overdue books and DVDs.

If you have previously borrowed books or DVDs, we would be immensely grateful if you could check your DVD cases and book shelves at home to see if any have been mistakenly misplaced. Also, please check the DVD cases to make sure DVD is in the case before returning it to the library.

When renting from the Library, please be sure to return items on time and in original condition. Lastly, please ensure that all children in the library have adequate supervision so that we can better maintain the organization and condition of the items we provide. Thank you! Jenny R & Lisa K.

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 - 159 Ave, 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 lklapwyk@yahoo.ca or Jesse (NADC) at 780 819 7488 or yournadc@gmail.com

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! 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.

Thank You To Our Volunteers!

Ushers: Marilyn & Andy Z

Next Week: Tim C, Bev C

Greeters: Jason & Yoka T

Next Week: Ed & Monica V

Coffee Duties: Mike & Jenna D, Colin & Kara B, John & Wendy T

Next Week: Brent & Michelle T, Alex & Alinda B, Harry & Karen D

Serving Elder: Jordan S

Next Week: Henk S

Worship Team: Jordan S / Jason D

Next Week: Marianne D

Projection & Audio: Dan V, Ted K

Next Week: Mike R/Nicole V

Nursery Supervisor - Tammy M

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

Tod: Candice P, Ryman H, Carolyn D

Next Week: Nursery Supervisor - Glen H

Inf: Glen H, Jenna D, Gea T, Kaitlyn M

Tod: Matt B, Julie S, Ryan K



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.