

Ministry Information & Contacts

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Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer. This morning we consider the most common substance on the face of the earth: water! Though water is all around us and easy to take for granted, it is absolutely essential to our lives. And in our passage this morning Jesus uses the common substance of water to point to something that's even more essential for our lives: grace! Just as water sustains our physical lives, God's abundant grace gives us eternal life. May each one of us be refreshed by the living water of God's grace this morning.

-Pastor Jason

Call to Worship

Opening Song: Hope of the Nations

God's Greeting & We Greet Each Other

Song: Oh How Good It Is

Confession & Assurance

Song: Come As You Are

Announcements & Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering:

- 1 - Ebenezer Ministries
- 2 - Office of Social Justice

Children's Message

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

Scripture Reading: *John 4: 13-26*

Serving Elder: *Andy T*

Sermon: *An Eternal Spring of Living Water*

Song of Response: Spirit of the Living God

Parting Blessing

Closing Song: Everlasting

Church Family

Congratulations to **Glen & Christine H** on the birth of their daughter, **Chloe Christine**, born Sunday, February 17, 2019. We rejoice with you for this precious gift from God!

Congratulations to **Colin and Kara B** on the arrival of their daughter, **Holland Cecilia**, born on Tuesday February 19, 2019. She was born healthy despite the known heart defect. Holland underwent a successful surgery at the Stollery on Thursday afternoon. Praise God!

An update on **Tim and Nolene B**, son and daughter-in-law to Ed and Grace B: Nolene is staying in the hospital at this time. Her baby, which is not yet full term, may be born this week. Because of the baby's size they may encounter difficult complications. Please continue to pray for healing, comfort and peace.

Beth N underwent surgery this past Wednesday for the tumor on her brain. The surgery went well. Beth is now able to get up and move around. The family is waiting for test results and instructions for chemotherapy and radiation. Please continue to pray for healing, faith and endurance.

If you are experiencing physical or emotional difficulties, please speak to Pastor Jason, your district Elder, a Deacon or contact the church office.

A NOTE FROM WENDY & NATHAN G AND FAMILY: Thank you so very much for all the condolences, prayers, love, hugs and cards on the passing of our Dad, Grampa and Great-Grampa, that makes all the difference! May God bless you!

COOKING DAY for Janna P (Beth N's daughter) and family. Janna will be spending most of her time with her mom at the hospital and is unsure when she would be home. Frozen meals will be very helpful! You are welcome to join us on **Tuesday, February 26 @1:00 p.m.** at the church to make some meals. Alternatively, you may bring in a frozen meal (2 adults and 3 children). There are no dietary restrictions. *Thank you so much!*

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER IN LEDUC: St. David's United Church in Leduc invites you to join them on Friday, March 1st at 7pm for the World Day of Prayer. This year the country focus will be Slovenia. Churches from across Canada will be gathering on this day to pray for this country. Refreshments will be served.

Ebenezer Ministry Updates

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.

GREETING CARDS FOR SALE - The Mission Trip Team is selling boxes of All Occasion Greeting Cards as a fundraiser for their upcoming trip. They come in a box of 33 for \$33. If you are interested in having a look or ordering cards please check the table in the foyer today. All orders due by Feb. 24th.

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 the 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.

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; OFFICE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE - The Office of Social Justice works to develop a deeper understanding of and response to God's call to let justice flow like a river in both our personal and communal lives, as well as in the structures of our societies. When we talk about social justice, we mean God's original intention for human society: a world where basic needs are met, people flourish, and peace (shalom) reigns. God calls us, the church, to participate in the renewal of society so that all--especially the weak and vulnerable--can enjoy God's good gifts. for more info see crcna.org/pages/justice.cfm

Next Week: DIACONAL MINISTRIES CANADA

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, Feb 24	@ 9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	@ 10:00 am	Worship Service
	@ 11:45 am	Catechism
	@ 7:30 pm	Youth Ministry
Monday, Feb 25	@ 7:00 pm	Friendship Ministry
Wednesday, Feb 27	@ 9:30 am	Coffee Break Women's Ministry
	@ 6:30 pm	Cadets
Sunday, March 3	@ 9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	@ 10:00 am	Worship Service

KUB KAR RACES - Saturday, March 9th, come out and race your car or join us for lunch and cheer for your favourite! Registration opens at 10 am and races begin at 10:30am! A concession with lunch and snacks will be provided by the GEMS counsellors. Concession profits will go towards fundraising efforts for GEMS Leadership Training.



EDMONTON-WIDE WORLD CUP PING PONG TOURNAMENT will be held March 2 @ 2:00 PM at Inglewood Christian Reformed Church. Everyone is welcome to take part!! Hosted by Rick Mast (U of A Chaplain) in conjunction with Inglewood CRC. For questions or to register email rmast@ualberta.ca. For more information, see the poster on the bulletin board.

INGLEWOOD CRC PRESENTS ADULT EDUCATION: Please join us for some interesting and thought-provoking sessions in the Inglewood Room at Inglewood Christian Reformed Church, 12330 - 113 Avenue on the following dates:

March 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm: "Understanding You through Understanding Me" an art based workshop by Bernadette Arthur who is a Black Canadian woman serving as the Canadian Race Relations Advocate for the Office of Race Relations in the CRC Church in North America. Sign-up required. Cost of \$12, payable by cash or cheque to CRCNA - includes art bowl which you take home, snacks and refreshments. RSVP to: jimjoosse@gmail.com

Lent Speaker Series:

March 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm: "Why did Jesus Die? The theologies of Atonement" a reflection and discussion led by Roy Berkenbosch, Advisor to World Renew and The Micah Center.

April 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm: "Gethsemane" a reflection on the anguish of our Lord in his passion led by Pastor John Ooms.

Denominational News

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.

UPDATES FROM REDEEMER UNIVERSITY COLLEGE:

Tuition Reduction: With the support of an \$11 million gift over five years, Redeemer University College is reducing tuition for Canadian undergraduate students by 42%. The new rate of \$9800 will remain frozen until 2022. The tuition reduction is part of a comprehensive change that will put Christian university education in reach for many more students. Learn more at: redeemer.ca/tuition-reduction/

Act Five: Act Five is an 8-month Christian Gap Year program at Redeemer University College that is launching in September 2019! The program is designed for students graduating high school who are looking for a year to explore, learn, serve & prepare before deciding "what's next". The application to join the first cohort is open, apply now and learn more at actfive.ca

A YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING EVENT: *The Joshua Effect* is coming to Alberta! From Friday April 26th at 8:00 pm through Sunday afternoon April 28th Lesli van Milligen from Faith Formation Ministries of the CRC will lead Grade 9-11 students and their mentors in leadership training. This event offers biblical, hands-on leadership equipping tasks along with time for theological reflection on God's call into various leadership roles. The mentor/coach relationship between Moses and Joshua in the Bible will provide the framework for the leadership/coaching training for the weekend. Cost is \$170 per person to attend which includes five meals and all activities. It is highly encouraged that students and their mentors/youth leaders attend this training event together. The training will take place at Circle Square Ranch, Halkirk, AB. Make plans to attend soon. Registration is limited to a total of 45 students and leaders. More information and registration forms will soon follow. Further questions? Contact Pastor Bill Nieuwenhuis, Classis Alberta North Youth Consultant, at newiebill@gmail.com or call 403-783-0756.

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

A paper copy is posted on the Bulletin Board.

SAVE THE DATE: CRC CANADIAN NATIONAL GATHERING

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

Thank You To Our Volunteers!

Ushers: Luke K, Andrew V

Next Week: Mike D, Dennis V

Greeters: Dick & Judy O

Next Week: Dennis & Ineke V

Coffee Duties: Terry & Alice V, Ed & Grace B, Bea & Gezinus M

Next Week: Dan & Christina V, Chad & Raquel D, Roger & Barb G

**** IMPORTANT:** For those on coffee duty, please be at the church by 9:15 a.m. in order to have enough time to set the coffee out. Thank you so much!

Serving Elder: Andy T

Next Week: Art T

Worship Team: Alice V

Next Week: Grace D (Joanne K)

Projection & Audio: Pete V/Wes V

Next Week: Matt K/Jamie B

Nursery Supervisor - Lisa K

Inf: Lisa K, Emma H, Monique T, Ashley T

Tod: Sadie H, Jason T, Shane K

Next Week: Nursery Supervisor - Linda K

Inf: Linda K, Joke T, Ivan T

Tod: Natasha D, Warren T, Klaret K



If you have a conflict, please arrange for a substitute. If you need help with this, please don't hesitate to call the office. The volunteer schedules are available on the website www.ebenzercrc.com.