

March 3, 2019

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EBENEZER
Christian Reformed Church

Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer. This morning we conclude our three-part series on the interaction between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. What we find is that this woman is truly one of the heroes of the gospel of John. In the course of one encounter with Jesus she goes from having no idea who Jesus is to being the first evangelist, someone who brings crowds of people to come and meet Jesus for themselves.

-Pastor Jason

Call to Worship

**Opening Song: I will Enter His Gates
This Is The Day**

God's Greeting & We Greet Each Other
Song: Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

Confession & Assurance
Song: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Announcements & Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering:

- 1 - Ebenezer Ministries
- 2 - Diaconal Ministries Canada

Children's Message
(Children ages 3 - Grade 3 dismissed for Sunday School)

Scripture Reading: John 4:27-42
Serving Elder: Art T

Sermon: The First Evangelist

Song of Response: I Believe In Jesus

Parting Blessing

Closing Song: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Church Family

Holland B, daughter to **Colin and Kara B**, has now been released from the hospital and has joined the family at home. Praise God! Please continue to pray for a full recovery.

Beth N is now home from the hospital and welcomes visitors. Feel free to stop by. No need to call ahead!

An update on **Keira D**. Things are going well at the moment. She will be going for more testing in May. Thank you for your continued 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.

A NOTE FROM SHIRLEY L AND FAMILY: Thank you so much for all you did for me and my family to make a wonderful celebration of Life for Andy. The cards, the visits, the love and hugs, and especially the prayers were appreciated during this difficult time. Blessings on this amazing congregation.

A NOTE FROM JANNA P AND FAMILY: We would like to thank everyone for all the meals we received. We really appreciated the love and support. It was wonderful. Thank you.

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.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION TIP - Ash Wednesday Family Faith Formation Tip: Wearing ashes on one's forehead on Ash Wednesday is a symbol of repentance. Talk with your kids about the fact that repentance is more than saying "I'm sorry"—it means asking God to change our heart and mind. For help with explaining what Lent means, check out tinyurl.com/LentQuestions and tinyurl.com/LentKids. Lent Family Faith Formation Tip: Giving up something for Lent? Visit tinyurl.com/40ThingsLent for a thought-provoking list of 40 things (like worry and envy) that parents and older kids might consider giving up for Lent. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

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: DIACONAL MINISTRIES CANADA - Diaconal Ministries Canada partners with churches and ministries across Canada to demonstrate God's love in the community. Their mission is to inspire, equip and encourage deacons, churches and their partners as they join in God's transforming work in communities. For more info see www.diaconalministries.com

Next Week: CENTRE FOR PUBLIC DIALOGUE - Seeking Justice, Speaking Hope. We believe that every person is created in the image of Creator God. From this foundation, we work to promote the flourishing of all people through constructive dialogue and advocacy in Canada. As Christian citizens we stand with vulnerable and marginalized people in our communities as allies and work toward a just world in which structures and institutions give every person the opportunity to thrive. They work with issues such as Refugee Justice, Indigenous Justice, Human Trafficking and Climate Change. <https://www.crcna.org/PublicDialogue>

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MISSIONARIES, LEANNE AND CASPAR GEISTERFER (WORLD RENEW AND RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION)

Dear friends:

Greetings from Honduras!

It seems we're racing forward in the new year. In this update, we share about World Renew's response to flooding in Honduras and local churches with open doors, who minister to those around them. Please check it out.

Since writing this update, the political situation in Haiti has continued to deteriorate. There is unrest in the streets that has made it difficult for staff to get to the office or program sites; electricity and clean water are scarce; and food supplies are getting limited. Two Resonate families with small children have temporarily left for the US. Please pray for the remaining members of the team, and all the staff of our partner churches and organizations, so they are kept safe.

We trust the promise that our prayers are heard.

(Please see full letter posted on the Deacon's Corner bulletin board)

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, March 3	@ 9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	@ 10:00 am	Worship Service
Monday, March 4	@ 7:00 pm	Friendship Ministry
Wednesday, March 6	@ 9:30 am	Coffee Break Women's Ministry
	@ 6:30 pm	GEMS Girls Club
	@ 7:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Saturday, March 9	@ 10:00 am	Kub Kar Races
Sunday, March 10	@ 9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	@ 10:00 am	Worship Service
	@ 7:30 pm	Youth Ministry
Tuesday, March 19	@ 7:00 pm	Lenten Soup Dinner

KUB KAR RACES - this 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.



NO CATECHISM IN MARCH: Please Note there will be no Catechism classes in the month of March. Classes will resume April 14th.

INGLEWOOD CRC PRESENTS ADULT EDUCATION: Please join us for some interesting and thought-provoking sessions in the Inglewood Room at Inglewood Christian Reformed Church:

March 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm: "Understanding You through Understanding Me" an art based workshop by Bernadette Arthur. RSVP to: jimjoosse@gmail.com

Lent Speaker Series:

March 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm: "Why did Jesus Die? The Theologies of Atonement"

April 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm: "Gethsemane" a reflection on the anguish of our Lord in his passion

Denominational News

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 training will take place at Circle Square Ranch, Halkirk, AB. More information 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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: From March 6 through April 14, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside : Woman's Health Options abortion facility, 12409 109A Ave, Edmonton. Outside the no free speech zone see map at facebook.com/40DaysForLifeEdmonton and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Edmonton Prolife info@edmontonprolife.org or call 780-425-1637

HOPE MISSION SUMMMER CAMP: Hope Mission is looking to hire staff to help out with their summer camps. They are looking for young adults (and the young at heart!) For more information, see the poster on the bulletin board.

DONOR APPRECIATION EVENING: Friday, March 15 – 6:30 p.m. in the Level Coffee House at The King's University, King's is hosting their 3rd annual Story Slam competition and we need YOU to join us! This year's theme is "School Days." We want you to hear these stories, and if you have a story to tell, we want to hear it! Appetizers and dessert will be served. To RSVP to the event or sign up to tell a story call 780-465-8314, email development@kingsu.ca, or do so online at kingsu.ca/donor-night.

A LENT DEVOTIONAL SERIES - Lent is a season to focus on the hope of Jesus Christ. Receive a free Today devotional email series to help you refresh, refocus, and renew your faith during Lent. Or download the ebook! Subscribe at TodayDevotional.com/Lent.

CLOSEOUT SALE Looking for tremendous bargains on Christian books, gifts, and other unique items? The King's Bookstore at King's University (9 AM to 3 PM Monday to Friday) will be closing its retail location permanently. King's logo gear, retail books, cards, stationery, CD's, fair trade coffee, tea, sugar, and many unique gifts must be sold to make room for the new Academic Enrichment Centre to serve our students. There will be many great bargains until the final day of operation on March 28.

Thank You To Our Volunteers!

Ushers: Mike D, Dennis V

Next Week: Dennis P, Ruby P

Greeters: Dennis & Ineke V

Next Week: John & Wendy T

Coffee Duty: Dan & Christina V, Chad & Raquel D, Roger & Barb G

Next Week: Henk & Mennie S, Gresham & Deborah V, Jan & Gea T



**** 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: Art T

Next Week: Terry V

Worship Team: Grace D (Joanne K)

Next Week: Kerry Anne H

Projection & Audio: Matt K/Jamie B

Next Week: Dan V, Ted K

Nursery Supervisor - Linda K

Inf: Linda K, Joke T, Ivan T

Tod: Natasha D, Warren T, Klaret K

Next Week: Nursery Supervisor - Janette G

Inf: Janette G, Francine K, Brett L, Wikus K

Tod: Roy VanBoom, Sandy V, Jacob M



*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 **[ebenzercrc.com](http://www.ebenzercrc.com)**.*