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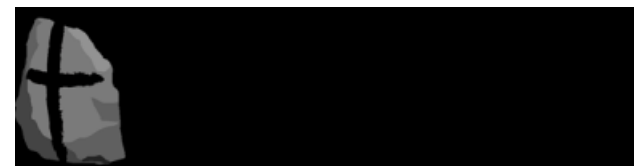
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# Welcome to Ebenezer!

Today we begin our Lent series entitled, "A Meal with Jesus". This morning we welcome Pastor Frank DeBoer as he preaches from Exodus on trusting God's hospitality. In keeping with the theme of "A Meal with Jesus" we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper together each week during the Lent season. May the Lord use these special "meals with Jesus" to deepen our faith and help us to draw near to Him. Pastor Jason is on a classical appointment in Rocky Mountain House today.

Welcome & Call to Worship

**Opening Songs: Open the Eyes of My Heart  
Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)**

God's Greeting & We Greet Each Other

Sacred Reading

**Song: Give Us Clean Hands**

Confession & Assurance

**Song: This is Amazing Grace**

Announcements & Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering

- 1 - Ebenezer Ministries
- 2 - Center for Public Dialogue

Children's Message

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

*Scripture Reading: Exodus 16:1-5; 13-35*

*Serving Elder: Terry V*

*Sermon: Trusting God's Hospitality*

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

**Song: The Servant King**

Parting Blessing

**Closing Song: Lion of Judah**

# Church Family

Today we celebrate with **Edith and Konrad B** who have been blessed in the Lord with 45 years of marriage. Praise God!

Congratulations to **Matt and Kendra F** on the arrival of their daughter, **Raleigh Marie**. She was born on Wednesday, March 6th. Mother and baby are doing well.

Next week, Lord willing, we will celebrate the Baptism of **Holland B**, daughter of Colin and Kara B and **Colton B**, son of Graeme and Susan B. Next Sunday we will also be Commissioning the Youth as they leave on their Mission Trip to Mexico. The Youth will travel to Ensenada, Mexico from March 23-31. Please be in prayer for these upcoming events in the life of our church.

*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 OF THANKS FROM BETH N:** Thank you Ebenezer for your prayers, thoughts and cards. It is wonderful to be part of the family of God. I feel so blessed. I am recovering well at home and I welcome visitors. Please call ahead to ensure I will be home.

**AN UPDATE FROM GRACE & ED B:** Thank you all, so much, for your prayers for our family, our son Tim and our daughter-in-law, Nolene and their baby Wyatt. Wyatt and Tim and Nolene have a long road ahead and we continue to ask for your prayers - for Wyatt's lungs, heart and bowels to remain free from infection, to develop as best as possible, for strength and safety for Tim as he commutes from Thorsby to the Royal Alex on the days when he's not able to stay overnight, for strength and hope for Nolene as she earnestly waits for Wyatt to grow strong so that one day he may go home with them. Visitors are welcome but only if you are completely healthy as we are sure you can appreciate, we want the absolute best for Tim, Nolene and Wyatt. Your concern and prayers are truly appreciated and are so very much needed. If you are on Facebook, you can see daily updates there. If you are not, and would like those updates, please let us know and we will do our best to share them with you. Thank you so much for your prayers.

**FROM COUNCIL:** We are now receiving nominations for people to serve in the office of Elder and Deacon. Please prayerfully consider if there is someone in our congregation that you think is called and qualified to serve in one of these positions and let a member of council know if the Lord brings someone to mind. The biblical qualifications for these offices can be found in the following passages: 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-16; 1 Peter 5:1-5. We also have job descriptions of elders and deacons which we would be happy to provide if you would like to know more about what elders and deacons do here at Ebenezer.

## Deacon's Corner

**1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offering: 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.

**Next Week: CALVIN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY** - Calvin Theological Seminary exists to serve the Christian Reformed Church in North America and wider constituencies by preparing persons for biblically faithful and contextually effective ministry of the Word and by offering Reformed theological scholarship and counsel. For more info see [calvinseminary.edu](http://calvinseminary.edu)

## Denominational News

**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.

*More news and encouragement can be found at*

*<http://www.ebenzercrc.com/news>. A paper copy is posted on the Bulletin Board.*

**BETHANY G** is going to the Gambia, Africa with Youth For Christ (Youth Unlimited) in July to help build a University. One of the fundraisers is to sell Good Neighbour Coffee. This Fair Trade coffee is grown in Honduras and hand roasted in Lacombe, Alberta by Pastor Rick and Joyce Abma. If you are interested in supporting Bethany please speak to her at church or call her or Janette.

## Coming Up @ Ebenezer

<b>Sunday, March 10</b>	<b>@ 9:15 am</b>	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	<b>@ 10:00 am</b>	Worship Service, The Lord's Supper
	<b>@ 7:30 pm</b>	Youth Ministry
<b>Monday, March 11</b>	<b>@ 7:00 pm</b>	Friendship Ministry
<b>Wednesday, March 12</b>	<b>@ 9:30 am</b>	Coffee Break Women's Ministry
	<b>@ 6:30 pm</b>	Cadets
<b>Sunday, March 17</b>	<b>@ 9:15 am</b>	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	<b>@ 10:00 am</b>	Worship Service The Lord's Supper & Baptism
<b>Tuesday, March 19</b>	<b>@ 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Lenten Soup Dinner</b>

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

**SAVE THE DATE:** Our next Days for Girls WorkBee will be held at 9:30am on Saturday, April 13. Visit [daysforgirls.org](http://daysforgirls.org) to learn more about this wonderful ministry.

**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](mailto: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

# Council Highlights

The following are the Council Highlights from our February Meeting:

Our clerk Grace B was unable to attend our February meeting so these highlights are a little late and this report was written by Pastor Jason.

As always we opened our meeting with devotions and prayer for the congregation. We discussed the Lord's Supper at Ebenezer and approved a document composed by pastor Jason which articulates our theological understanding of what Lord's Supper is and who may participate. This document does not represent a change in our views or practice but summarizes what we are already doing. It is available for anyone who would like to read it.

We appreciate the work of the Ushers and Greeters. We're thankful for everyone who serves in those capacities and we are considering ways we can support and equip those individuals in the areas of seating procedures, emergency response and "Safe Church" considerations.

We received a letter from King's University regarding recent articles written in the Edmonton Journal regarding their new position on issues related to sexual ethics. In response we determined that we will contact the University and request a visit from a representative so that we can continue the dialogue.

We discussed the ongoing question of our Thanksgiving Day service. Some time ago we received feedback from members of the congregation who would like to see this service reinstated, and after discussing it, we decided to reinstate this service for 2019. But after making that decision we received feedback from other members who preferred the Thanksgiving service to be held on the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving. We were also made aware of previous work done by the Worship Committee on this subject and asked that they share with us the history of why the decision was made not to have a Monday service. They provided an explanation of why the decision was made and they also gave a recommendation for our Thanksgiving services moving forward. After further considering the issue, council has decided to follow the recommendation of the Worship Committee and continue to hold our Thanksgiving service on the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving. Thank you to everyone who provided valuable feedback on this issue.

We began the process of nominating candidates for council. Please provide us with the names of anyone that you would like to nominate. That is just a short summary of what was a long and fruitful meeting. It is a joy for us to serve the church on council and we thank you for your ongoing feedback, prayers and support.

**CHRISTIAN CREDIT UNION - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** Featuring Lorne Robinson, National Director-Canada from Kingdom Advisors®. It has been an eventful year and the Lord has blessed us richly. Please join us as we celebrate with food, fellowship, and an exciting presentation. **Wednesday, March 13 at** Gateway Alliance Church, 13931 140 St. NW, Edmonton. 6:30pm - Appetizers & drinks; 7:30pm - Business meeting and presentation Visit [www.christiancu.ca](http://www.christiancu.ca) or contact a branch for **FREE** tickets!

## Thank You To Our Volunteers!

**Ushers:** Dennis P, Ruby P

**Next Week:** Howard O, Ted K

**Greeters:** John & Wendy T

**Next Week:** Roy & Teena V

**Coffee Duty:** Henk & Mennie S, Gresham & Deborah V, Jan & Gea T

**Next Week:** Wes & Candice V, Janette G, Dan & Emma H

**\*\* 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:** Terry V

**Next Week:** Gord W

**Worship Team:** Kerry Anne H

**Next Week:** Marianne D

**Projection & Audio:** Dan V, Ted K

**Next Week:** Mike R, Nicole V

**Nursery Supervisor -** Janette G

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

Tod: Roy VanBoom, Sandy V, Jacob M

**Next Week:** Nursery Supervisor - James H

Inf: James H, Charlene VDK, Issac M

Tod: Jay K, Teena V, Lane T



*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 [ebenezercc.com](http://ebenezercc.com).*