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# Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer! Jesus had a tendency to make comfortable people uncomfortable and to bring comfort to the hurting. This morning we consider a time when Jesus brought comfort to a man who had been hurting for 38 years but in so doing He made a lot of other people uncomfortable. May each one of us be comforted this morning where we need comforting and challenged where we need challenging. -Pastor Jason

## WELCOME & PRAYER

SONG — *Days of Elijah*  
*Build Your Kingdom Here*

## GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

## CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG — *What Can I Do*  
*Living Hope*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

### THANK OFFERING

1 - Ebenezer Ministries      2 - Safe Church Ministry

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*(children ages 3 - Grade 3 leave for Sunday School)*

SCRIPTURE READING — *John 5: 16 - 30*

SERMON — **The Power of the Son**

SONG — *By Faith*

PARTING BLESSING & CLOSING SONG — *Behold Our God*

# Church Family

A note from **Abe and Tena H:** With thankfulness to God we are celebrating our 45th wedding anniversary this weekend with family and friends. Please enjoy a piece of cake with your coffee after the service.

Next Sunday, Lord Willing, we will celebrate with **Alex & Candice P** as they present their son, **Thys Jelle P**, for the Sacrament of Baptism.

*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.*

## Delight In Creation

**DELIGHT in Creation** begins this morning! Today is an orientation session for all children ages 3 to grade 3, for mentors who have signed up to lead, for anyone interested in being a runner, and anyone else who really wants to know what's going on. We will gather as a group for worship, explanations and a special story. Then children and their mentors will go to their various classrooms for the remainder of the time to be introduced and to respond to the story.

**Parents** please note: **attendance** will be kept of all participating children. Children ages 3, 4 and 5 (K) must be brought by a parent to the DELIGHT classroom (signs will be on the doors) to be signed in, and picked up by a parent to be signed out from the same room. Parents of children grades 1, 2, and 3 may sign in their child at the welcome desk before the service or at their classroom.

**The Story-telling Workshop** is planned for this evening at 7:30 pm. Come on out and enjoy some good stories! And receive tips on how to tell an interesting and relevant story! We will have approximately 150 opportunities to tell a story to our younger children in this DELIGHT year. Sign up sheets will be available at the workshop so you can choose your favourite topics and times!

Stories will be about your own personal experience of an aspect of creation and how this is a sign of God's presence, power and love. Specific scripture passages and stories will be available at the beginning of each topic. **Everyone** is welcome to share your stories with us.



**GEMS GIRLS CLUB - Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior** - All girls in grades 4-8 are welcome to join GEMS! We meet every other Wednesday evening, 6:30 to 8:30 starting on September 25th. Cost is \$40/girl or \$60/family for the year. Come hang out with us, we have a lot of fun activities planned and will especially be learning that we are LOVED. Registration forms are available online at the church website. For more information please call Leanne K at or Charlene V.



**CADETS:** It's that time of year again, when our boys' club here at Ebenezer CRC gets up and gets going! All boys from Grade 2-9 are invited to join us every other Wednesday evening from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the church. Our regular club meetings start on Wednesday, October 2nd, and run until mid to late May. Registration forms and more information may be found on our website: <https://www.ebenezercrc.com/ministries/cadets>

**Cadet Counselors:** Since the beginning of the school year, we have received many more requests for information about the Cadet club at our church. Our club is set to grow again this September! With this growth, there is a need for more Counselors and Junior Counselors to join in and support this flourishing ministry we are so blessed to be able to provide for the boys in our community. Meetings happen every other Wednesday night, and we go on a few events a year; a Fishing Derby, Kub Kar Races, Cadet Sunday, and the always adventurous Annual Spring Campout! Please see Scott K after church, or, send an email to: [leduccadets@gmail.com](mailto:leduccadets@gmail.com).

**FRIENDSHIP MINISTRY:** It is that time of year again to start planning for another season of Friendship. We are having a planning meeting, Oct 7th, 7:00 pm at the church. Please attend the meeting if you are involved with this ministry. Miriam will update the Safe Church requirement. Friendship begins on Oct 21<sup>st</sup>. Call Wendy B if you have any questions,

I am excited to share that the Wetaskiwin Mission Church will be starting a Friendship program this fall. A few of us will be attending their Church service, next week, to share what the Friendship Ministry means to us. Please continue to pray for the local, national and international Friendship Ministry.



**COFFEE BREAK WOMEN'S MINISTRY:** Calling women of all ages and stages! We are excited to begin another season of friendship and growth together. *Our first meeting will be Wednesday, Oct 2nd from 9:30 to 11am.* Mark your calendars! This fall our Bible Study is on the Fruit of the Spirit. We offer childcare for children 5 and under, in the nursery (ages 0 - 2), at Little Lambs (age 3), or at Story Hour (ages 4 & 5). For more info contact Marco D at . Follow us on Facebook at Ebenezer CRC Coffee Break.

**TODAY** stop by our table in the foyer to check out our Bible Study book and ask your questions.

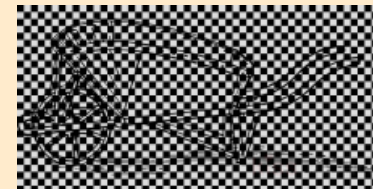
Reminder for Childcare volunteers: please come to our Welcome Back Information Session on Wednesday, September 25th at 10am in the Church Library.

## Coming Up @ Ebenezer

**Sunday, September 22** @ **9:15 am** Weekly Prayer Meeting  
 @ **10:00 am** Worship Service  
 @ **7:30 pm** **Sunday School Workshop**  
**(Storytelling)**

**Wednesday, Sept 25** @ **10:00 am** Coffee Break Volunteer Session  
 @ **6:30 pm** **GEMS Girls Club begins!**

**Sunday, September 29** @ **9:15 am** Weekly Prayer Meeting  
 @ **10:00 am** Worship Service



**ANNUAL POTATO HARVEST** - You are invited to come out on Saturday, September 28 @ 11:00 a.m. and join the gardeners harvest the foodbank plots and potatoes! Please bring your shovels and grocery bags. A light lunch will be served after the harvest (12:30 ish)

**LOST AND FOUND** Please check the Lost and Found table. Unclaimed items will be donated in October. Thank you!

**CATECHISM IS STARTING AGAIN!** The waiting is over!! I've heard that many of our kids have been going through withdrawal as they languished during the summer months without catechism. But the long wait is over and we will resume our classes on **October 6!** This class is for Grades 7-11. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month in the council room after our church service from 11:45-1:15. Your catechumen should bring a lunch to eat during our class. This year we will be making our way through the glorious Belgic Confession. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Jason (aka PJ).

**BUDGET REQUESTS** – It's that time of year again! The finance team is starting to draft the 2020 church budget. They are asking all Ministry Teams to submit their budget requests by Sunday, October 6 in Ted K mailbox. Thank-you!

## 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: SAFE CHURCH MINISTRY** Safe Church Ministry is a resource for churches to prevent abuse, and to respond where it has occurred with compassion and justice. Synod has encouraged each classis to have a Safe Church Team made up of representatives from each church. The Safe Church Team acts as a resource to the churches, fulfilling three important mandates: awareness and education, support, and an advisory panel process. For more info see [crcna.org/safechurch](http://crcna.org/safechurch)

**Next Week: YOUTH UNLIMITED (NATIONAL)**

## Denominational News

**PRAY "YOUR KINGDOM COME!"** Come join us on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019, at Trinity CRC, Edmonton from 9:00 – 2:30 to learn about prayer and to pray together. The disciples asked Jesus, "Teach us to Pray" and Jesus taught them what we now call The Lord's Prayer. We will be looking at 2 parts of this prayer, Intercession and Spiritual Warfare, as taught by Pete Greig in "The Prayer Course". And then we will pray for God's Kingdom to come in our churches, in our Classis and in the areas in which we live. This prayer event is sponsored by Classis Alberta North. Our day will be facilitated by Pastor Anne Vander Hoek, Pastor of Prayer at mosaicHouse Church, where she is mobilizing people to pray. Lunch will be provided at no cost to participants. Contact Pastor Rich deLange, Classis Prayer Coordinator, to register ([revrichdelange@gmail.com](mailto:revrichdelange@gmail.com)) and please advise him of any food allergies you may have.

**THE KING'S UNIVERSITY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) | SEPTEMBER 28:** This invitation is open to all members. Members include all who have made a financial contribution to King's during the past two calendar years, and who endorse the Statement of Faith and Mission Statement of The King's University. The meeting will take place at The King's University, 9125 – 50 Street, Edmonton in Knoppers Hall (near the Atrium) and starts at 4:15 p.m. and ends by 5:00 p.m. Following the AGM, join us for the **KINGS ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY BANQUET** Purchase tickets for our 40 Anniversary Community Banquet. Look forward to an evening of live entertainment, silent auction, fantastic food, and reflecting on our history of being blessed by God's goodness.

**More news and encouragement can be found at**  
<http://www.ebenzerarc.com/news>.  
**A paper copy is posted on the Bulletin Board**

## Thank You To Our Volunteers!

**Ushers:** Mike D, Dennis V

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

**Greeters:** Roy & Teena V

**Next Week:** John & Joyce D

**Welcome Centre:** Charlene V

**Next Week:** Marco D

**Coffee Duty:** Tim & Bev C, Ed & Grace B, Roger & Barb G

**Next Week:** Colin & Kara B, Brad & Lauren T, Michelle O

**Serving Elder:** Herman B

**Next Week:** Terry V

**Worship Team:** Sandy V

**Next Week:** Grace D

**Projection & Audio:** Mike R/Nicole V

**Next Week:** Matt K/Jamie B

**Nursery Supervisor -** Linda K

Inf: Linda K, Graeme B, Mennie S, Lyon D

Tod: Alex B, Kaija M, Daniel Bo

**Next Week: Nursery Supervisor -** Lisa K

Inf: Lisa K, Matt B, Yoka T, Bethany Gr

Tod: Mike D, Julie S, Elliott D



*If you have a conflict, please arrange for a substitute. If you need help with this, please don't hesitate to call the office. You can find the volunteer schedules online at [ebenezercrc.com](http://ebenezercrc.com).*

**HARD EDGE/SOFT TOUCH**, an exhibition of acrylic paintings by Christian artist Frank van Veen will be available for your delight and inspiration. See God's world through this artist's imagination. At VASA Art Galleries and Studios, 25 Sir Winston Churchill Avenue in St Albert. October 1 - November 2, 2019. Gallery hours: Tuesday through Saturday 10AM-5PM. You are invited to the opening reception Thursday Oct 3, 6-9 PM, the artist will be in attendance. Phone 780 460 5990. [www.vasa-art.com](http://www.vasa-art.com)