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Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer. Every Sunday is special because it is the Lord's Day and because we get to begin our week together with one another in God's presence. But today is an extra-special moment in our life as a church family because we get to celebrate along with 6 of our young people as they make Profession of Faith. And we also have the privilege of sharing a family meal together as we come to the table of the Lord. May you be blessed as you participate in our worship service.

-Pastor Jason

WELCOME & PRAYER

SONG — *Hosanna, Praise is Rising*

GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

SONG — *Build Your Kingdom Here*

PROFESSION OF FAITH

SONG — *Build My Life*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG — *Lord I Need You*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THANK OFFERING

1 - Ebenezer Ministries 2 - Chaplaincy and Care Ministry

SCRIPTURE — **John 7: 1-39**

SERMON — **Rivers of Living Water**

SONG — *Shine, Jesus Shine*

PARTING BLESSING & CLOSING SONG — *Benediction*

SPECIAL NOTE: Please check your mailboxes for an information packet containing: Congregational Meeting Agenda, 2020 Proposed Budget, & the new Elder District List.

Church Family

Today we will celebrate the Profession of Faith of **Joe H, Esther H, Andrea K, Wikus K, Isaac M** and **Levi M**. We will welcome them as confessing members of Ebenezer.

This past week **Chris Z**, son-in-law of **Gary and Jenny F**, was hospitalized with a bowel obstruction. Please keep him and the doctors in your prayers as they continue to do tests to determine the cause of the blockage.

Beth N is in need of some more help, including help with house work, errands and getting to church. If you are able to help out, please let a Deacon know. Thank you.

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.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM NOVEMBER MEETINGS:

The council meeting was opened with devotions and prayer bowl, where we select names from the congregations to pray for.

Our Finance Coordinator Jen F joined the session and presented the upcoming Church budget for review by Council. This was followed up with a discussion about the possibility of hiring a part-time second pastor to serve at Ebenezer. This idea is in the beginning stages and we look forward to discussing this topic at the upcoming congregational meeting and getting feedback from the congregation.

Council has been looking at all the youth programs in the Church and noticed an absence of programs for young adults aged 18 and over. Building on the good work done by many to support our youth, this is a topic of continuing interest to Council, and will be followed up with more discussions. The Classis Alberta North Youth Advisor will also be coming to present to Council in the new year.

The Ebenezer Council also met with the Rimbey and Ponoka CRC Councils this month. This session aligns with work by Classis Alberta North to support Church Visitation among neighbouring Church Councils. It also provided a great opportunity to support and learn from each other as we discussed different challenges and encouraging developments in our Churches.

Through different avenues of discussion, one of the main items reviewed was the importance of engaging youth in the Church. Our neighbouring Councils will continue to explore this opportunity area.

REHOBOTH MINISTRIES - Rehoboth would like to thank everyone who generously donated throughout our annual membership drive! Member numbers and total donation amounts will be available once all information has been collected from the church canvassers. If you were missed by a canvasser membership & donations will be received to our office until December 31/19. Rehoboth is also grateful for Christian Credit Union sponsoring our e-newsletter sign up drive and we are excited to announce that Irene Schussler from Burdett was the winner of the \$1,000. More information on how CCU supports the community is available on their website. Please join Rehoboth in congratulating Irene!

POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER -The GEMS girls club is selling poinsettias and greenhouse gift cards again this year! This is the main fundraiser for our club. The money raised will go directly to the girls as it will be used for club expenses, craft supplies and our campout. If you would like to place an order, please talk to a GEM or use the form that is in your mailbox. You can place your order with payment in the box in the foyer. All orders are due by Nov. 24th. Poinsettias will be available to pick up at the church on Nov. 29th, 3-4pm. Thank you for your support of our club!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - Shoebboxes are due today! I will be delivering the shoeboxes on Wednesday afternoon so if you have forgotten there are still a few days to drop your box off at the church. Thank you to all those who participated this year. If you have any questions please contact Leanne K.

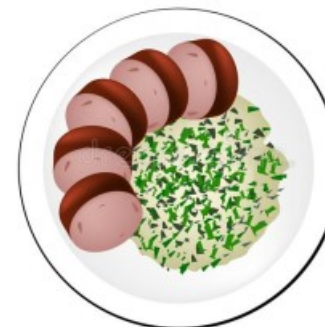
PREPARE YOUR HEART. - Starting December 2, 2019, World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice will distribute a free email devotional to your inbox during Advent. Don't let Christmas presents overtake the Christmas Presence. Sign up to receive reflections on this year's theme of How Long, Lord? every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday through Christmas Day. How Long, Lord? will explore how witnessing destruction and injustices can often lead us to ask the same question that God's people and the prophets in the Bible asked: "How Long, Lord?" Yet, in the midst of asking that question, we can have hope that our pain will not be forever and that the God who made us is with us, now and forever. Go to crcna.org/advent to sign up today!

FREE ADVENT JESSE TREE RESOURCE - Jesse Tree: God's Big Advent Story is now available FREE for CRC families! This downloadable package from Faith Alive and Faith Formation Ministries includes 25 simple devotions that are great for kids of various ages and printable story symbol ornaments that follow God's story from creation to the birth of Jesus. Each day's reading invites families to read and wonder about a Bible story together, pray together, and step away from the busyness of the season. Learn more and download the devotions and symbols at tinyurl.com/DwellJesseTree.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

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| Sunday, November 17 | @ | 9:15 am | Weekly Prayer Meeting |
| | @ | 10:00 am | Worship Service
Lord's Supper & Profession of Faith |
| | @ | 11:45 am | Catechism |
| Monday, November 18 | @ | 7:00 pm | Friendship |
| Wednesday, Nov 20 | @ | 9:30 am | Coffee Break |
| | @ | 6:30 pm | GEMS |
| Thursday, November 21 | @ | 6:30 pm | Stamppot Supper |
| | @ | 7:30 pm | Annual Congregational Meeting |
| Sunday, November 24 | @ | 9:15 am | Weekly Prayer Meeting |
| | @ | 10:00 am | Worship Service |

This Thursday



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 21

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held this Thursday, November 21 at 7:30 pm. Come early, at 6:30 pm, for a delicious traditional Dutch supper - STAMPPOT, by donation towards debt reduction. Then stay for the insightful discussions to follow. If you are unable to attend, there will be proxy ballots available at the Welcome Center for voting on the budget. Please leave completed proxy ballots in the clerk's mailbox.

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 - CHAPLAINCY AND CARE MINISTRY - PRAY FOR CHAPLAINS. Chaplaincy is a healing, reconciling ministry of God, an expression and extension of God's activity and mission in the world. The CRC endorses 146 chaplains to embody the grace of Christ in our communities. Please join us in praying for and supporting the ministries of chaplains everywhere.

Next Week: DEACONATE

Denominational News

THE KING'S UNIVERSITY CHOIRS, MUSIC FACULTY AND GUESTS invite you to their upcoming concert, "**Be Still, My Soul,**" on **Friday, November 29 at 7:30 p.m. at West End Christian Reformed Church** (10015-149 Street). Tickets available at kingsmusic.eventbrite.ca or at the door. Adults: \$20; Seniors, Alumni, and Students: \$15; Children under 12: \$5. King's students free. More info: www.kingsu.ca

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS: Winspear Centre - Monday, December 2, 7:30 p.m. The Interfaith Chaplains at the University of Alberta, the University of Alberta Mixed Chorus & the University of Alberta and The King's University Departments of Music present, Robert de Frece (Director) and organists Marnie Giesbrecht & Joachim Segger. The pricing for all seats is \$20 (plus service chg.). Buy your tickets and come early - get the best seats in the house for just \$20! Call the Winspear Box Office: (780) 428-1414. The sponsors of this event are the U of A Interfaith Chaplains & the Mixed Chorus, U of A and The King's University Departments of Music. This is a benefit concert for the U of A Student Support. With the recent increase in tuition fees, many students desperately require this assistance. Your support is needed and appreciated. Thank you!

REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES AND THE JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR invite you to 2019 Choral Coffeehouse in support of Rehoboth's Summer Camp program on Saturday, November 16 at West End Christian Reformed Church (10015 - 149 St). The Coffeehouse opens for seating at 6:15 for ticket holders only. Tickets are \$12 each and include your choice of beverages and a deluxe dessert. A gluten-free ticket option is available. Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite.ca. Following the Coffeehouse at 7:30 is a Choral Concert with the Joyful Noise Choir open to the public and no admission. The 63-voice choir is now in its 41st season as ambassadors for Rehoboth.

**More news can be found at www.ebenzercrc.com/news.
A paper copy is posted on the Bulletin Board.**

Thank You To Our Volunteers!

Ushers: Tim C & Bev C

Next Week: Luke K, Andrew V

Greeters: Henk & Mennie S

Next Week: Jason & Yoka T

Welcome Centre: Linda K

Next Week: Marco D

Coffee Duty: Roy & Teena V, Brent & Lisa K, Tom T

Next Week: Gezinus & Bea M, Graham & Brianne R, Charlene V

Serving Elder: Gord W

Next Week: Herman B

Worship Team: Alice V

Next Week: Jordan/Jason

Projection & Audio: Pete V/Wes V

Next Week: Dan V/Nicole V

Nursery Supervisor - Glen H

Inf: Glen H, Alinda B, Carolyn D, Amy A

Tod: Graeme B, Raquel D, Seth A

Next Week: Nursery Supervisor - Linda K

Inf: Linda K, Susan B, Mercedes L

Tod: Matt B, Joyce D, Ryan Ku

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 ebenzercrc.com.



CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE & SILENT AUCTION to support the residents of Emmanuel Home will be held on **Saturday, November 30, 2019, 9:30 am-2:00 pm.** at Trinity CRC (13427-57 St). Come enjoy a festive time of craft sales, Dutch food, interesting auction items and great fellowship! For more information contact Aria at 780-822-1274, aria@emmanuelhome.ca