

November 24, 2019

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Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer! Jesus claimed to be "The Christ." But what did that mean and why should we believe Him? These are questions for us to consider together this morning. I pray that beyond simply talking about Jesus this morning, we will encounter Him by the power of His Spirit. -Pastor Jason

WELCOME & PRAYER

SONG — *This is My Father's World*
Across the Lands

GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

SONG — *All Glory be to Christ*

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

SONG — *O Come O Come Emmanuel*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THANK OFFERING

1 - Ebenezer Ministries 2 - Deaconate

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Children ages 3 to Grade 3 leave for Sunday School)

SCRIPTURE — **John 7:40-52**

SERMON — **Confusion Concerning Christ**

SONG — *Days of Elijah*

PARTING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG — *Come People of the Risen King*

Church Family

Congratulations to **Lieuwe B** who will celebrate his 76th birthday on November 26th. We are thankful for you. May God continue to bless and guide you in the days to come.

*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.*

AN UPDATE FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

Dear friends: We send warm greetings from Central America, recognizing that many of you have been experiencing colder than normal conditions. May you find warmth and encouragement in God's presence surrounding you.

The last few months have seen a lot of activity and there are many motives for prayer. In this update, we've shared a list of prayer concerns. We're also pleased to tell a story about the role of forgiveness in healing and a challenge to create missional networks, communities and leaders.

We thank you for your faithful support and are pleased that we'll be able to meet with many of you next Spring, while we fulfill our home service / connections tour.

Please read the full update to learn more. (posted on Deacon's Corner Bulletin Board)

Leanne and Caspar

Leanne Talen Geisterfer
Latin America Ministry Team Leader
World Renew

Caspar Geisterfer
Career Missionary
Resonate Global Mission

HELP NEEDED!! We are looking for energetic individuals who are willing to help out with side-walk snow removal. You would need to be available when necessary on Sundays as well as during the week when there are programs happening. If you are willing to help out, please contact the church office.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS UPDATES:

Gary & Jane A:

108 Hillside Court, PO Box 922, Millet AB, Phone # 780-387-5448, Cell # 587-283-0583

Albert & Evelyn - 206, 4421 - 46 St, Leduc T9E 8N9

Per & Bernice - 208, 4421 - 46 St Leduc, T9E 8N9

OPERATION SHOEBOX - Thank you Ebenezer! Together we packed 29 shoeboxes! They are now on their way to children who will appreciate them very much!

FROM YOUR GEMS CLUB...

GEMS COOKIE WALK - It's time to start thinking about that Christmas baking! Pick your favourites by the pound at the GEMS Cookie Walk! What's a Cookie Walk? We'll lay out the Christmas goodies on trays and across tables and you simply wander around picking your favourites! Impress everyone with "your" festive baking! December 5 from 3-5 pm and again from 6-8 pm! **Are you interested in helping** the GEMS leaders out by baking 5+ dozen of YOUR Christmas specialties? We'd love it! Funds raised are going toward GEMS leadership training.



POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER -All orders are due TODAY! 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. Poinsettias will be available to pick up at the church on Nov. 29th, 3-4pm. Thank you for your support of our club!

Advent Resources

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.

WORLD RENEW 2019-2020 GIFT CATALOGUE - Follow Jesus into the lives of the poor at Advent through the World Renew 2019-2020 Gift Catalogue. Choose a gift that helps people who live with scarcity to experience more of the fullness of life that God intends for them. Go to worldrenew.net/gifts to give or call 1-888-WRLD-RNW to order.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, November 24	@	9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	@	10:00 am	Worship Service, Profession of Faith
Monday, November 25	@	7:00 pm	Friendship
Wednesday, Nov 27	@	9:30 am	Coffee Break
	@	6:30 pm	Cadets
Sunday, December 1	@	9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	@	10:00 am	Worship Service
			1st Sunday of Advent
	@	11:45 am	Catechism

YOUTH MALL HUNT - The youth are looking for eager members to participate in a mall hunt. You will get to dress up and hide around the mall while the youth group races to find you! It will take place December 15, 2019 from 1 - 4 pm. Please call Kelly L or Jamie B.

EBENEZER & THE MUSTARD SEED - Our church family has again been asked to help out with the annual Christmas Dinner at the Mustard Seed in Edmonton. The dinner will be held on Saturday, December 14th. Approximately 350 people are expected to attend the dinner. We have been asked to supply the following items : plates, cutlery, cups, glasses, tablecloths, napkins, boxes of stuffing and cooked mixed vegetables.

After the service next Sunday, December 1st you will have the opportunity to help cover the cost of these items. Any extra money collected will be forwarded to the Mustard Seed. ***If you are planning to write a cheque, make it payable to Ebenezer and on the memo line put Mustard Seed***

If you would like to help out at the Mustard Seed you must be 14 years old, and if under 18 be accompanied by an adult. Help is also needed to cook the vegetables at Ebenezer before the dinner. Please contact Joyce D, Mennie Si or Margaret T if you are able to help. Your donations, help and prayers are appreciated. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE - Our next Days for Girls Work Bee will be on January 11th. We hope to make many kits for women and girls in Rwanda. Wilbur and Linda Hofstra have an opportunity to travel there in January to deliver these kits. Thank you so much for all your support in the past! If you are interested in helping with advance prep for the Work Bee contact Linda.

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 - DEACONATE - Deacons are church officers whose main job description is to administer the mercy of Christ to all people. The deacons are also called upon to motivate the members of Christ's church to faithful, obedient stewardship of their resources on behalf of the needy. Along with loving deeds and with gifts of money and assistance, the deacons serve the needy with counsel, leading people to see the grace of our loving Savior and recognizing the Lord through whom all blessings flow.

NEXT WEEK: SEAFARER'S MINISTRY - The Ministry to Seafarers of the Christian Reformed Church is a Vancouver-based organization dedicated to caring for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of seafarers visiting the port of Vancouver. The ministry exists to be a seafarer's advocate and first line of support, to lend both a sympathetic ear and a helping hand, and assist in providing a safe, relaxing place that all seafarers can call their home-away-from-home.

A Special Note: The Seafarer's ministry is still short on toques, please send any you can! Ministry to Seafarers: 401 E Waterfront Rd, Vancouver, BC V6A 4G9, Canada

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

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE - Rehoboth Christian Ministries invites you to our annual **Pancake Breakfast** (served 9:00 – 11:30 am), **Christmas Craft Sale & New To You** (gently used clothing store) on **November 30, 2019** from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at 3920 - 49 Ave. in Stony Plain. Cost for breakfast; \$5.00/adult & \$3.00/child. Come check out the selection of great stocking stuffers and Christmas gifts. Once again, we are pleased to have other vendors join us; call 780-968-4315 for information. We look forward to sharing the festive spirit with you.

THE STUDION SCHOOL FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: The Studion offers a two-year, part-time program in spiritual direction. If you have ever considered becoming a spiritual director and are looking for a way to nurture your own spiritual life, consider joining our next cohort beginning in March. Application Deadline: Nov. 30. For more information or to apply, visit thestudionschool.org

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: Luke K, Andrew V

Next Week: Mike D, Dennis V

Greeters: Jason & Yoka T

Next Week: Ed & Monica V

Welcome Centre: Marco D

Next Week: Jen F

Coffee Duty: Gezinus & Bea M, Norm & Grace H, Charlene V

Next Week: Brett & Kelly L, Graham & Brianne R, Pete & Birgit M

Serving Elder: Herman B

Next Week: Wilbur H

Worship Team: Jordan/Jason

Next Week: Grace D

Projection & Audio: Dan V/Nicole V

Next Week: Matt K/ Jamie B

Nursery Supervisor - Linda K

Inf: Linda K, Susan B, Mercedes L

Tod: Matt B, Joyce D, Ryan Ku

Next Week: Nursery Supervisor - Lisa K

Inf: Lisa K, Jenna D, Barry H, Ava-Marie L

Tod: Alicia B, Sam G, Isaac 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. 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

9TH ANNUAL EVENING IN BETHLEHEM - Calvary Baptist Church in Wetaskiwin on November 29th, 30th and December 1st. See Bulletin Board for details.