

ADVENT 2019

December 1, 2019

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Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer. Today is the first Sunday of Advent. May each one of us experience stillness in the presence of the Lord as we meditate on the miracle of the incarnation. - Pastor Jason

WELCOME & PRAYER

SONG — *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

SONG — *We Worship You*

ADVENT READING - JESSEE TREE

SONG — *Hark The Glad Sound*

TIME OF CONFESSION

SONG — *Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

PRAYER OF ASSURANCE

SONG — *Joy Has Dawned Upon The World*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THANK OFFERING

1 - Ebenezer Ministries 2 - Seafarer's Ministry

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

SCRIPTURE — **Isaiah 11:1-4a**

SERMON — **The Root of Jesse**

SONG — *Advent Hymn*

PARTING BLESSING & CLOSING SONG — *Jesus, Hope Of The Nations*

Church Family

We extend our congratulations to **Nico & Krystal (B) M**, who were joined in marriage on November 16, 2019 in Terrace, BC. May you experience God's rich blessing as you begin their journey together.

Please pray for **the deB and L families** and especially for Johnny, as we grieve the sudden passing of Billy L. Billy, Johnny's twin, was father to two sons and step-father to one more son. Pray for his wife Christina as she learns to take care of her children without him.

Please continue to be in prayer for **Beth Nf**. Her CT Scan showed that the tumor is growing which is causing some dizziness and confusion. She is currently in the Leduc Hospital and welcomes visitors.

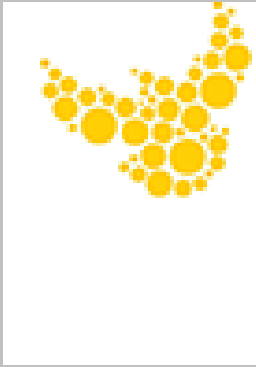
If you are experiencing physical or emotional difficulties, please speak to Pastor Jason, your district Elder, a Deacon or contact the church office.

We want to support you in your journey.

We pray that God will provide you with peace, comfort and healing.

FREE ADVENT JESSE TREE RESOURCE - Pick up your Jesse Tree packet today at the Welcome Center! Daily devotionals and "ornaments" are meant to guide you through the Advent season. Follow along at home the same material we will be celebrating at church on Sunday mornings.

HELP NEEDED!! We are looking for energetic individuals who are willing to help out with sidewalk 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.



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 **TODAY** 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***

Thanks to all those that have volunteered to help at the Mustard Seed Dinner.

Still in need of a person or group to serve as the contact person/coordinator.

Your donation, help and prayers are appreciated. Thank You. Margaret/Joyce/Mennie

Denominational News

West End Church invites everyone to our **JOY TO THE WORLD Nativity Display** showcasing hundreds of nativity sets, taking place on Thursday, December 12 (6-9), Friday, December 13 (6-9) and Saturday, December 14 (3-9). Please invite your friends, neighbours and co-workers! Come and share in the wonder of our Savior's birth! Live music...refreshments...crafts.(10015 - 149 St.)

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE: While there is good reason for the 'celebrative' atmosphere of Christmas, it can also be a challenging, even painful, time for those who live with the reality of brokenness or loss in their lives. A "Blue Christmas Service" is a service that allows that reality to be acknowledged and brought before the Lord, while at the same time recognizing the one who is bigger than a season. You are invited to participate in such a service (with communion) held at **West End CRC on Sunday, Dec 15 at 6:30 p.m.**

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

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, December 1	@	9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	@	10:00 am	Worship Service
			1st Sunday of Advent
	@	11:45 am	Catechism
Monday, December 2	@	7:00 pm	Friendship
Wednesday, Dec 4	@	9:30 am	Coffee Break
	@	6:30 pm	GEMS
Thursday, December 6		3-5pm & 6-8pm	GEMS Cookie Walk (see announcement)
Sunday, December 8	@	9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	@	10:00 am	Worship Service
			2nd Sunday of Advent

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.

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.

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 - 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

NEXT WEEK: CALVIN COLLEGE - Calvin College is a comprehensive liberal arts college in the Reformed tradition of historic Christianity. Through our learning, we seek to be agents of renewal in the academy, church, and society. We pledge fidelity to Jesus Christ, offering our hearts and lives to do God's work in God's world. For more info see calvin.edu

Community Events

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

PIATTA FORMA SINGERS present WINTERSONG on Friday December 6 and Saturday December 7. See Bulletin Board for details.

COMMUNITY CAROL SING - Friday, December 13 at Peace Lutheran Church in Leduc. See Bulletin Board for details.

Thank You To Our Volunteers!

Ushers: Mike D, Dennis V

Next Week: Dennis P, Ruby P

Greeters: Ed & Monica V

Next Week: Dick & Judy O

Welcome Centre: Jen F

Next Week: Wendy T

Coffee Duty: Brett & Kelly L, Graham & Brianne R, Pete & Birgit M

Next Week: Sandy & Jon V, Jordan & Alesha S, Evelien T

Serving Elder: Wilbur H

Next Week: Freda MO

Worship Team: Grace D

Next Week: KerryAnne H

Projection & Audio: Matt K/ Jamie B

Next Week: Dan V/ Ted K

Nursery Supervisor - Lisa K

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

Tod: Alicia B, Sam G, Isaac M



Next Week: Nursery Supervisor - Tammy M

Inf: Tammy M, Mike D, Sadie H, Kaitlyn M

Tod: Brendan B, Dale H, Levi 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 ebenezercrc.com.

Advent At-Home Faith Formation Tip - During Advent, we light the candle of Hope. Through Jesus Christ, God provides us with hope for our daily living and hope for our future. How can you be a messenger of hope this week? Wonder and talk about that with someone this week. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)