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## Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer. This morning is Sanctity of Life Sunday and we'll be considering together what makes human life sacred and what we can do to promote the health and thriving of everyone. Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship. - Pastor Jason

### WELCOME & PRAYER

**SONGS** — *Let All Things Now Living*  
*Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

### GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

**SONG** — *The Lord Will Provide*

**CONFESSION & ASSURANCE** *Sanctity of Life Sunday Liturgy*

**SONG** — *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

### THANK OFFERING

1 - Ebenezer Ministries      2 - effect: hope

**OFFERTORY SONG** - *The Gospel Song*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*(children age 3 to grade 3 leave for Sunday School)*

**SCRIPTURE** — **John 8:1-11**

**SERMON** — **There Are No Exceptions, Every Human Life is Sacred**

**SONG** — *All Creatures of Our God and King*

### PARTING BLESSING

**CLOSING SONG** — *I Stand Amazed*

## Church Family

Congratulations to **John and Lauren V** on the birth of their grandson, Josiah John Wayne. Josiah was born to Richard and Amy V.

**Wilbur and Linda H** leave today for Rwanda to deliver Days for Girls Hygiene kits and to participate in a variety of community projects. Let us lift them up in prayer asking that the Lord would use them as instruments of grace in these communities.

**Gary A** has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Esophageal Cancer. He has an appointment at the Cross Cancer Institute on Tuesday. They will try Radiation and Chemotherapy to try to stop the growth of the tumor. Please pray for Gary, his wife Jane and their daughter Natasha D and family as they cope with this news and seek God's comfort.

**KerryAnne H** underwent successful surgery last week. In 6 weeks the doctor will re-examine her prognosis and set a treatment plan. Please pray for Kerry Anne, her husband Tim and their family, particularly over the next two weeks as she recovers from surgery.

We praise God that **Beth N** has now moved to Salem Manor to receive care. Continue to pray for her as she deals with the effects of her cancer.

*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 OUR JANUARY MEETING

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

We started the new year off by briefly reviewing the different aspects of decision making in council. This included how topics or issues go from the individual to the executive, to council and finally to the congregation. As always, if someone has any ideas, please pass them on to an elder or the clerk.

Thank you everyone for your feedback from the congregational meeting. There is a lot to go through and so we were only able to focus on a few topics this council meeting. The feedback from the proposed new vision statement was discussed at length, taking careful consideration of all the feedback received. Council is now working on the next step to this exciting process. Also, in response to feedback requesting more frequent congregational meetings we are planning to have one towards the end of February. This meeting will include the actuals from our 2019 budget.

We received a wonderful, and the cutest 😊, request from an important group of young boys in our church looking for their soccer balls. We are in unanimous support of replacing these missing balls, but if anyone has any information as to where they went, we would love to know.

## Denominational Announcements

**TURNING DOWN THE HEAT ON CLIMATE CHANGE: A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION:** **Climate Change and Global Warming** are the some of the biggest topics debated and discussed today. The Edmonton Environmental Justice affiliate of the CPJ (Committee for Public Justice) would like to invite you to the first session of our speaker series on this topic. Our January session is entitled **"What is Climate Change and the Science Surrounding It?"** **Date: TONIGHT, Sunday Jan. 19, 2020 7-9 p.m. at Bethel Community CRC (14204 - 25 Street).**

**Additional sessions** will be on the topics of: "Canada's Global and National Response" (Sun. 09 FEB 2020), "Policies and Technologies" (Sun. 15 MAR 2020), and "Life-style Choices and Living with Integrity" (Sun. 19 APR 2020). Mark these dates on your calendar.

**COMMUNAL GATHERING:** On the Sunday evenings of February 2, beginning 6:30 p.m. and February 9 beginning 6:30 p.m., Covenant CRC and West End CRC respectively, together with the Classis Alberta North sub-committee formed to look at matters of sexuality, are hosting next steps in information and discussion on matters of sexuality, specifically LGBTQ2+. The evenings will be under the theme "Walking alongside". The first evening at Covenant will look at "Walking alongside LGBTQ2+ Christians" and "Biblical Perspectives on LGBTQ2+ Issues". The second evening at West End will be a panel discussion presenting on "Growing up LGBTQ2+ in the church". Please mark these dates and consider joining us for these presentation and discussions.

**STRENGTHENING THE CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE 2020** - We invite all couples to join us for this year's marriage retreat on February 28 & 29. Our guest speaker will be Rev Van Luik, minister of the Canadian Reformed Church of Toronto. The focus of this event will be on his book titled Song of Songs. We will begin on Friday evening with a sign in at 6:30 followed by a presentation by Rev Van Luik. Join us for fun and fellowship after for Date night. This will include wine and cheese for your enjoyment as well as other beverages. Saturday morning we will continue with the second presentation followed by a hot lunch and the afternoon will conclude with the final presentation. Registration for the event is now available by contacting the undersigned. Please note that payment is due upon registration. As seating is limited we encourage you to register sooner rather than later. For those who would like to make this a true couples getaway to focus completely on each other, we encourage you to book yourself a hotel room in Leduc. Where: Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church in Leduc. Cost: \$120/couple. To register: Andrew Gunnink- [adgunnink4@gmail.com](mailto:adgunnink4@gmail.com) or Linda Appleyard- [lappleyard@hotmail.com](mailto:lappleyard@hotmail.com)

**FINANCIAL 101 JANUARY 24-25, 2020** Jan 24, 6:30 pm - Jan 25, 4:00 pm The King's University Alumni Relations and the Leder School of Business are excited to be partnering with Navigators Financial to offer a 2 day seminar on the biblical principles of finance. Learn how to manage your finances, get out of debt, steward your money for kingdom purposes and more. Register Here: <https://www.kingsu.ca/alumni/events/financial-101-registration>

**40TH ANNIVERSARY SAVE THE DATE:** Feb 17<sup>th</sup> KINGS will host a Family Day Skate on our own rink on the field, 3-8pm. Hockey games, family skate, music, hot chocolate and more.

## Coming Up @ Ebenezer

<b>Sunday, January 19</b>	@	<b>9:15 am</b>	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	@	<b>10:00 am</b>	Worship Service
	@	<b>11:45 am</b>	Catechism
<b>Monday, January 20</b>	@	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Friendship
<b>Wednesday, January 22</b>	@	<b>9:30 am</b>	Coffee Break
	@	<b>6:30 pm</b>	GEMS
<b>Sunday, January 26</b>	@	<b>9:15 am</b>	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	@	<b>10:00 am</b>	Worship Service - Cadet Sunday
	@	<b>7-9 pm</b>	Youth

**COFFEE BREAK RESUMES THIS WEEK** The cold snap is over! Come out and join us this Wednesday, January 22nd from 9:30-11am. Let's start the New Year together in God's Word! Our new Bible Study will take us through the book of Hebrews. We will explore what it looks like to have our hearts and minds fixed on Jesus. If you have any questions, ask Marco D.

**CALLING ALL PAST CADETS!!** Jan 26 is Ebenezer's Cadet Sunday. As part of our celebration for the Cadet Ministry, we are asking past and present cadets to bring in pictures, past International Camporee Camp crafts and unique projects you may have done as a Cadet to display to the congregation. The Cadet ministry has a rich history in Ebenezer and this is a fantastic way remind everyone (including ourselves) of the impact Cadets has left in many of our lives.

Also, thanks to all of you that sponsored the Calendar this year. Sponsorship is up from last year! The sponsorship money will make a direct impact on the Cadets attending the Camporee this summer. Calendars will be in church mailboxes on Cadet Sunday. *On Cadet Sunday cadets will be posted at the rear of the church to collect calendar donations or any additional monetary donations to offset the travel expense of the camporee this Summer.*

**GUITAR WORKSHOP** - In response to a desire of some of our guitarists, we will be hosting an interactive guitar workshop at the home of Grace D on Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:30 pm. Various presenters will cover the topics: Accessing and utilizing CCLI, basic music theory, chord progressions, strumming methods/patterns in various time signatures (e.g. 3/4 & 4/4), and use of the capo. No cost involved, and no need to be part of a worship team, but please call or text Grace to register. Bring your guitar, music stand, and capo.

## Deacon's Corner

**1<sup>st</sup> Offering: EBENEZER MINISTRIES** - This offering is used to cover day-to-day expenses of the church, fund the various ministries at Ebenezer, cover the salaries of staff, and contribute to the ministry shares that we are committed to as members of CRC Denomination.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offering - effect Hope** - effect:hope (formerly The Leprosy Mission of Canada) is a Christian development organization, focused on achieving lasting, positive change among people living with the causes and consequences of Neglected Tropical Diseases. Our values as followers of Christ include:

We are called to love and to seek restoration  
We are champions of community and collaboration  
We demonstrate honesty and integrity  
We are committed to high impact and effectiveness.

### NEXT WEEK - Cadets

**Kerry Anne H read this at our New Year's Service, and asked that it be printed here.**

"God won't give you more than you can handle..." Odd, I can't seem to find that verse.

I'm guessing Job would take exception to that cliché. So would Joseph. Paul did.  
"We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself..." II Corinthians 1:8

Why would God allow him to experience hurt more than he could handle? Read on. "...so that we might not rely on ourselves but on God." II Corinthians 1:9

Truth? Cancer is more than you can handle.  
So is infidelity.  
So is caregiving.  
So is rejection.  
So is death  
and loss  
and grief  
and prodigal children  
and 101 other life struggles.

God doesn't expect YOU to handle it. He expects you to hand it over to HIM.  
He doesn't want you relying on your strength, but on His.  
If we keep walking around thinking "God won't give me more than I can handle,"  
we're setting ourselves up for heavenly disappointment.

Good news? He beckons for your burdens,  
"Cast your cares upon Me..." I Peter 5:7  
You will never know relief until you do.

For this hard place, I have Jesus!

-The Quiet Life (2019), Facebook Post, Sept 16

## Thank You To Our Volunteers!

**Ushers:** Tim C, Bev C

**Next Week:** Luke K, Andrew V

**Greeters:** James & Cindy H

**Next Week:** Fred & Linda K

**Welcome Centre:** Marco D

**Next Week:** Wendy T

**Coffee Duty:** Glen & Christine H, James & Cindy H, Miriam P

**Next Week:** Fred & Linda K, Jan & Maricha K, Andrew V

**Serving Elder:** Herman B

**Next Week:** Freda MO

**Worship Team:** Jason/Jordan

**Next Week:** Alice V

**Projection & Audio:** Dan V/ Nicole V

**Next Week:** Pete V/Wes V

**Nursery Supervisor** - Lisa K

Inf: Lisa K, Quentin A, Carrie B, Clara D  
Tod: Wes V, Warren T, Lyon D

**Next Week: Nursery Supervisor** - Tammy M

Inf: Tammy M, Alex B, Sandy V, Theo D  
Tod: Graeme B, Kaija M, 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. Thank you!*  
You can find the volunteer schedules online at [ebenezercrc.com](http://ebenezercrc.com).

**LET'S TALK MENTAL HEALTH SEMINAR** Steele Heights Baptist Church is hosting "Let's Talk Mental Health" a workshop taking place on Saturday January 25, 2020 from 9am-3pm at the church (5812 149<sup>th</sup> Ave NW). The cost for this event is \$35 and includes materials and refreshments. Join keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Capt. Gordon Poley as we discuss how to properly minister to family members, friends, co-workers and neighbors who may be experiencing mental health issues. Please bring a bag lunch. Beverages will be provided. **If you are interested in this event, please register at [shbc.ca](http://shbc.ca).**