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# Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer. This morning we have a chance to celebrate and thank God for what He is doing through our Cadet ministry. The Cadets have taken prayer as their theme this year and we'll be thinking together about the blessing of serving a God who listens when we speak to Him. May you be blessed by our worship and fellowship this morning. - Pastor Jason

## CADET ENTRY

## WELCOME & PRAYER

SONGS — *Build My Life*  
*Be Still For the Presence of the Lord*

## GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

SONG — *Lord, I Need You*

## CONFESSION & ASSURANCE LITANY

SONG — *Living for Jesus*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

## THANK OFFERING

1 - Ebenezer Ministries      2 - Cadets

## CADET UPDATE

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

SCRIPTURE — **Jeremiah 29:4-14**

SERMON — **The God Who Listens**

SONG — *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

## PARTING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG — *All is Well*

## Church Family

Next Sunday, Lord Willing, we will celebrate the **Lord's Supper**. We encourage you to use the coming week to prepare your heart to participate in this blessed family meal.

Please remember **Gary A, KerryAnne H, & Beth N** in your prayers.

Beth thanks you for the visits! She has requested that if you do desire to bring a gift, she has space for 4" flowering plants. 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.*

**PASTOR VACATION:** Pastor Jason will be out of the country and will not be receiving emails or phone calls for the next two weeks. He and his family are traveling to the second happiest place on earth (Ebenezer is definitely the happiest place on earth but Disney World is a close second!). If you have any pastoral needs or concerns that arise while he is away please contact your district elder or call the church office. Thank you.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Congregational Meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7 pm.

*Bring your family – Childcare provided!*

**NOTE FROM COUNCIL:** Check your mailboxes! Council has prepared a letter explaining the current status of our church Vision Statement. Please read it and submit your feedback using the tear-away sheet provided (place in Mailbox marked, "Clerk/ Council" ) OR email the Clerk, [clerk@ebenezerchrc.com](mailto:clerk@ebenezerchrc.com). We request your feedback by Sunday, February 9th. This will allow Council time to consider your comments before the Congregational Meeting on February 18th. Thank you! We treasure your input and ask for your prayers as we continue to walk this road as a church family.

**PASTOR JASON'S RECOMMENDED READING:** During our New Year's Day service I mentioned that every year I read a lot of books. It was suggested to me that I might periodically recommend a book or two to the congregation that I found especially helpful. Here are two that I have enjoyed so far this year.

**The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry** by John Mark Comer. This book is a meditation on how a hurried pace of life diminishes the depth of our spirituality. Full of practical insights, Comer focuses on four areas where we can cultivate slowness as a spiritual discipline: Seeking silence, observing the Sabbath, cultivating simplicity, and practicing slowness.

**Adorning the Darkness** by Andrew Peterson. Andrew is a singer/songwriter and novelist. This book is all about the intersection between art, community and Christianity. Highly recommended for those who are interested in those topics.

## Denominational Announcements

**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)

## Coming Up @ Ebenezer

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| <b>Sunday, January 26</b>    | @ | <b>9:15 am</b>  | Weekly Prayer Meeting                  |
|                              | @ | <b>10:00 am</b> | Worship Service - <u>Cadet Sunday</u>  |
|                              | @ | <b>7-9 pm</b>   | Youth                                  |
| <b>Monday, January 27</b>    | @ | <b>7:00 pm</b>  | Friendship                             |
| <b>Wednesday, January 29</b> | @ | <b>9:30 am</b>  | Coffee Break                           |
|                              | @ | <b>6:30 pm</b>  | Cadets                                 |
| <b>Sunday, February 2</b>    | @ | <b>9:15 am</b>  | Weekly Prayer Meeting                  |
|                              | @ | <b>10:00 am</b> | Worship Service<br><b>No Catechism</b> |
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| <b>Tuesday, February 18</b>  | @ | <b>7:00 pm</b>  | <b>Congregational Meeting</b>          |

**COFFEE BREAK GUEST SPEAKER** this Wednesday: Amy Walton, a Registered Provisional Psychologist in Leduc, will encourage us to orient our lives around loving others. Her talk will focus on Reaching Out to Women. Invite your friends. Anyone is welcome to join us for this special event! Wednesday, January 29 from 9:30 - 11am. Childcare ages 0-5 provided.

**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.

**CLASSIS PRAYER RETREAT** Saturday, Feb. 22 at Trinity Church Edmonton 13427 57 Street NW, Edmonton, AB 9:30AM-2:30PM. Open to anyone at no cost and includes lunch. Pastor Anne Vander Hoek from mosaicHouse Church will be facilitating our learning, using some of the basics from Pete Greig's Prayer Course. We'll explore why we should pray and prayers of adoration. The most powerful thing we can do is to pray to our heavenly Father who builds a strong relationship with each one of us. The best way to learn is by doing, so there will be ample time to pray throughout the day. Look for the "Prayer Retreat" registration at [trinitycrcedmonton.org](http://trinitycrcedmonton.org) or email [trinitychurchedmonton@gmail.com](mailto:trinitychurchedmonton@gmail.com) or Pastor Rich deLange, the classis Prayer Coordinator at [revrichdelange@gmail.com](mailto:revrichdelange@gmail.com)

## 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 - CADETS** - The Calvinist Cadet Corps is an independent (non-denominational) youth ministry organization whose purpose is to provide the local church with a ministry program that will enable them to effectively share Christ's love with boys from their church and community. Founded in 1952, the Corps has more than 600 clubs throughout North America. We encourage any evangelical Bible believing church to consider using our ministry programs. The organization uses the title "Calvinist" to honour the Protestant reformer, John Calvin, who devoted his life to the religious education of God's children. For more info see [calvinistcadets.org](http://calvinistcadets.org)

### NEXT WEEK - RACE RELATIONS

**NOTE FROM DEACONS REGARDING COUPONS:** to offer a more simple, transparent approach, the deacons have decided that Coupons will no longer be available at the Welcome Desk. Rather, Coupons must be directly purchased from a Deacon. Deacons welcome your visit into the Council room on Sunday morning, before or after the service. Or simply wave a Deacon down in the Lobby! We want to take this opportunity to thank you again for your faithful giving.

**WHAT IS A COUPON? COUPONS** allow you to give to the Weekly Offerings, without having to use loose change. They come in \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20 and \$50 coupons. You will be receipted for the amount of Coupons you purchase. They will be recorded towards your Charitable tax receipt at year end. Coupons provide an opportunity to give faithfully, as you have thoughtfully and prayerfully determined ahead of time to give.

**THANK YOU FROM WORLD RENEW:** World Renew would like to extend our appreciation to Ebenezer CRC for your gifts of \$637.84 in Fall 2019 to support items in the gift catalogue (ducks, chickens, and a whole herd!) and the general program fund. Thank you for serving as Christ's followers and extending the kindness of Jesus to vulnerable communities around the world. May you continue to live into Christ's calling in Colossians 3:7, "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Join us in praying for World Renew's community development and disaster response work at [worldrenew.ca/pray](http://worldrenew.ca/pray).

## Thank You To Our Volunteers!

**Ushers:** Luke K, Andrew V

**Greeters:** Fred & Linda K

**Welcome Centre:** Wendy T

**Next Week:** Mike D, Dennis V

**Next Week:** Henk & Mennie S

**Next Week:** Jen F

**Coffee Duty:** Fred & Linda K, Jan & Maricha K, Andrew V

**Next Week:** Luke & Alyse K, Art & Linda T, Anne V

**Serving Elder:** Freda MO

**Next Week:** Jordan S

**Worship Team:** Alice V

**Next Week:** KerryAnne H

**Projection & Audio:** Pete V/Wes V **Next Week:** Dan V/Ted K

**Nursery Supervisor** - Tammy M

Inf: Tammy M, Alex B, Alinda B, Theo D

Tod: Graeme B, Kaija M, Elliott D

**Next Week: Nursery Supervisor** - Carol W

Inf: Carol W, Sandy V, Christina V, Bethany Gr

Tod: Susan B, Jay A, Calum H



*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).*

**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.

**KIDS CORNER:** Did you know that Kids Corner has over [30 Bible Story podcasts](#) available for kids and families? And in 2020, Kids Corner is putting the finishing touches on 25 new Bible Stories, each with a deep-dive devotional. Look for all these stories to be added to a redesigned website that showcase a new look. Check it out at: [kidscorner.reframemediacom](http://kidscorner.reframemediacom)