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# Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer. This morning we 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. All are invited to join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

## WELCOME & PRAYER

SONGS — *Hosanna*  
*To The River*

## GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

SONG — *Come As You Are*

## CONFESSION & ASSURANCE & LORD'S SUPPER

SONG — *The Table (During Sacrament)*  
*Who You Say I am*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

## THANK OFFERING

1 - Ebenezer Ministries      2 - Race Relations

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

## SCRIPTURE — 1 Corinthians 11:17-33

## SERMON — You're Invited

SONG — *You Are My All In All*

## PARTING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG — *Revelation Song*

## Church Family

**Tim & KerryAnne H and family** would like to thank you for your prayers, cards & baking during the past couple weeks as KerryAnne recovered from Surgery. We appreciate all the support.

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

*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.

The Cadets will be providing a **Spaghetti Supper starting at 5:30**. The cost for the dinner is by donation with the proceeds going toward the upcoming Camporee..

*Bring your family – Childcare provided by the Cadets!*

**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.

**UPDATE ON THE WORLD RENEW ANNOUNCEMENT FROM LAST WEEK** – World Renew thanked us for the gift of \$637.84. This was collected during Vacation Bible School week last summer! With this money they were able to buy some ducks, chickens and a whole herd!

## Denominational Announcements

**COMMUNAL GATHERING:** This evening, 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.

**TURNING DOWN THE HEAT ON CLIMATE CHANGE: A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION:** (CLIMATE HOPE EDMONTON) At our last session in January, we discussed the science surrounding Global Warming and Climate change and touched on some of the consequences for humanity and planet Earth. At the session this Feb. we will delve into our Federal response to this phenomenon, entitled "Climate Hope: Canada's Global and National Response". There will be informative presentations by two professors from the King's University, Dr. Harry Spaling (Canada and the Paris Climate Agreement: Global Cooperation and Contradictions), and Dr. John Hiemstra (Canada's Policies on the Transmountain Pipeline and Climate Change: are they reconcilable?). There will be opportunity for discussion as well as refreshments. **Date: Sunday Feb. 9, 2020, 7-9 p.m. at Bethel Community CRC (14204 - 25 Street).** Additional sessions will be on the topics of: "Policies and Technologies for a Just Transition" (Sun. 15MAR2020), and "Life-style Choices and Living with Integrity" (Sun. 19APR2020) . Mark these dates on your calendar. Please feel free to check out our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/780climatehope/](http://www.facebook.com/780climatehope/).

**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) make this a true couples getaway to focus completely on each other, we encourage you to book yourself a hotel room n 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)

**40TH ANNIVERSARY SAVE THE DATE:** Feb 17th 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, February 2</b>	@	<b>9:15 am</b>	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	@	<b>10:00 am</b>	Worship Service <b>No Catechism</b>
<b>Monday, February 3</b>	@	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Friendship
<b>Wednesday, February 5</b>	@	<b>9:30 am</b>	Coffee Break
	@	<b>6:30 pm</b>	GEMS
<b>Sunday, February 9</b>	@	<b>9:15 am</b>	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	@	<b>10:00 am</b>	Worship Service
	@	<b>7 - 9 pm</b>	Youth
<b>Tuesday, February 18</b>	@	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Congregational Meeting</b>

**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.

## Delight in Creation

**DELIGHT** will be featuring stories about **FISH and BIRDS** this month. Would you like to share your experience of these amazing parts of God's creation in your experience? Please contact Joanne K. We'd love to hear from you.

Next month is **ANIMALS**—do you have a good story for us?

**Support** for Tristan H. - We would like to support Tristan in coming to church and DELIGHT classes. Groups and high stimulation situations are challenging for him, and he will benefit from an adult who is willing to work with him consistently to form a safe bond and be his support in these situations at church. If you would like to get to know Tristan and fill this role, please contact Joanne. Thank you!

## 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 - RACE RELATIONS** - The Ministry of Race Relations is mandated by synod "to design, organize, and implement programs that will assist the denomination, churches, and members in eliminating the causes and effects of racism within the body of believers and throughout the world." Because there is a need for leaders and their congregations to have more effective ministry in the diverse communities they serve, there is also a need to have assistance in becoming culturally intelligent. The Office of Race Relations offers the resources and tools to develop this capacity. For more info see [crcna.org/race](http://crcna.org/race)

### NEXT WEEK - OFFICE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

**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.

**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)

## Thank You To Our Volunteers!

**Ushers:** Mike D, Dennis V  
**Greeters:** Henk & Mennie S  
**Welcome Centre:** Jen F

**Next Week:** Dennis P, Ruby P  
**Next Week:** Jason & Yoka T  
**Next Week:** Wendy T

**Coffee Duty:** Luke & Alyse K, Art & Linda T, Anne V

**Next Week:** Rob & Julie S, Gerard & Wendy B, Andrew V

**Serving Elder:** Jordan S

**Next Week:** Henk S

**Worship Team:** KerryAnne H

**Next Week:** Sandy V

**Projection & Audio:** Dan V/Ted K

**Next Week:** Mike R/TBA

**Nursery Supervisor** - Carol W

Inf: Carol W, Sandy V, Christina V, Bethany Gr  
Tod: Susan B, Jay A, Calum H

**Next Week: Nursery Supervisor** - Kara B

Inf: Kara B, Brendan B, Laura A, Cheyenne H  
Tod: Mike D, Edith B, Kiera 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).*

**SHARING HOPE IN CRISIS** is a one-day seminar that is designed for people who want to care for their neighbours and friends but who feel ill-equipped to do so. A couple of pastors have stated, 'We did not learn these skills in seminary'. A retired Victim Services Advocate called *Sharing Hope in Crisis* Victim Services training 101, Lite. The seminar will be presented at Eaglesmont Christian Church in Beaumont, on February 22, 2020 from 9 am - 4 pm. Cost: \$50. Registrations for *Sharing Hope in Crisis* can be made online at [BillyGraham.ca/RRTtraining](http://BillyGraham.ca/RRTtraining) or by phone at 1.800.293.3717.