

February 9, 2020

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Welcome

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer. May you be blessed as you participate in our worship service this morning. All are invited to join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

WELCOME & PRAYER

SONGS — *How Great Is Our God*
Holy Is The Lord

GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

SONG — *King Of My Heart*

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE & LORD'S SUPPER

SONG — *O Praise The Name (Anastasis)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THANK OFFERING

1 - Ebenezer Ministries 2 - Office of Social Justice

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

SCRIPTURE — John 9

SERMON — Blind or Seeing?

SONG — *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

PARTING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG — *10,000 Reasons*

Church Family

Congratulations to **Morris V** who is celebrating his **75th birthday** today. We thank God for you and wish you God's blessings on your birthday and all year through.

Eric H's surgery went well and we are praying for patience as he heals. We are thankful for all your prayers. Norm & Grace H.

Both **Harold & Lida dV** had cataract surgery this week. We are thankful everything went well. In two weeks they will both have their other eye done!

Garry A finished his radiation treatments this week. He will now have a two week break before he sees the doctor to determine further treatment.

Chianne B was airlifted from Powell River to Vancouver last Saturday after having a seizure Friday night. Chianne has had many tests/scans and a brain biopsy on Wednesday. The drs are still trying to discover what has caused the seizure and swelling on her brain. They inserted a pic line and started antibiotics while they wait for further test results. Wendy is now in Powell River, with 7 week Alexander, so Mark can be in Vancouver. We appreciate all the love, support and prayers of our church family. Gerard and Wendy B

Please continue to remember **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.

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@ebenezerCRC.com. We request your feedback by today.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - Please check your mailbox for a copy of the **Agenda** for the congregational meeting to be held on February 18 at 7:00 pm. Proxy Ballots and extra copies of the Vision Statement will be available at the Welcome Center.

Denominational Announcements

COMMUNAL GATHERING: This evening, 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". This second evening at West End will be a panel discussion presenting on "Growing up LGBTQ2+ in the church". Consider joining us for these presentations and discussions.

TURNING DOWN THE HEAT ON CLIMATE CHANGE: A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION: (CLIMATE HOPE EDMONTON) 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/.

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.

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 or email trinitychurchedmonton@gmail.com or Pastor Rich deLange, the classis Prayer Coordinator at revrichdelange@gmail.com 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 or Linda Appleyard - lappleyard@hotmail.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 AB, February 22, 2020 from 9 am - 4 pm. Cost: \$50 Registrations for *Sharing Hope in Crisis* can be made online at BillyGraham.ca/ RRTtraining or by phone at 1.800.293.3717.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, February 9	@	9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	@	10:00 am	Worship Service
	@	7 - 9 pm	Youth
Monday, February 10	@	7:00 pm	Friendship
Wednesday, February 12	@	9:30 am	Coffee Break
	@	6:30 pm	Cadets
	@	7 - 9:30 pm	Interactive Guitar Workshop
Sunday, February 16	@	9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	@	10:00 am	Worship Service
	@	11:45 am	Catechism
Tuesday, February 18	@	7:00 pm	Congregational Meeting

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 12th 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.

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!**

KUB KAR RACES - Saturday, March 7th, come out and race your car or join us for lunch and cheer for your favourite! Registration opens at 10:00am and races begin at 10:30! A concession with lunch and snacks will be provided by the GEMS Counsellors. Concession profits will go towards fundraising efforts for GEMS Leadership Conference this summer. Kub Kar kits will be available in the foyer after church next week for \$5.00 each. Everyone, young and old are invited to join us!



Deacon's Corner

1st 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 contributes to the ministry shares that we are committed to as members of CRC Denomination.

2nd Offering - OFFICE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE - The Office of Social Justice works to develop a deeper understanding of and response to God's call to let justice flow like a river in both our personal and communal lives, as well as in the structures of our societies. When we talk about social justice, we mean God's original intention for human society: a world where basic needs are met, people flourish, and peace (shalom) reigns. God calls us, the church, to participate in the renewal of society so that all--especially the weak and vulnerable--can enjoy God's good gifts. For more info see crcna.org/pages/justice.cfm

NEXT WEEK - YOUTH FOR CHRIST WETASKIWIN

The Board OF **REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES** wishes to thank those persons from Ebenezer CRC that contributed to the Annual Membership Campaign. Memberships and donations in total of **\$1805.00** was collected. A special thanks to Margaret TeVelde who collected on behalf of Rehoboth. THANK YOU for helping Rehoboth **"Make Room"** for individuals who live with disabilities; allowing them to *Flourish*.

DIDGITAL DAZE - Join us February 20th, 2020 at 7:00 at West End CRC for **DIDGITAL DAZE**, an internet safety presentation for parents. Julie Parr, a Sexual Violence Prevention Educator and Internet Safety Advocate, will cover topics such as on and offline boundaries, social media and gaming tips and privacy concerns, online bullying, sexting, pornography, and a host of motivational tips to help parents manage the impacts of today's digital world. Due to the sensitive nature of the topics covered this is an adult only event.

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 or Linda Appleyard- lappleyard@hotmail.com

Thank You To Our Volunteers!

Ushers: Dennis P, Ruby P
Greeters: Jason & Yoka T
Welcome Centre: Linda K

Next Week: Howard O, Ted K
Next Week: Ed & Monica V
Next Week: Charlene V

Coffee Duty: Rob & Julie S, Dick & Judy O, Andrew V

Next Week: Jason & Yoka T, John & Joyce D, Matt & Kendra F

Serving Elder: Henk S

Next Week: Art T

Worship Team: Sandy V

Next Week: Grace D

Projection & Audio: Mike R/TBA

Next Week: Matt K/Jamie B

Nursery Supervisor - Kara B

Inf: Kara B, Jay A, Laura A, Cheyenne H
Tod: Mike D, Susan B, Kiera D

Next Week: Nursery Supervisor - Janette G

Inf: Janette G, Kendra F, Grace B, Naomi Gr
Tod: Natasha D, Chelsea D, Levi 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**.*

EMMANUEL HOME SOCIETY EXPANSION: You are invited to an Information Meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at West End CRC (10015 149 St) at 7:00 p.m. to learn more about the Society's exciting developments in bringing a new Christian seniors home to the Inglewood neighbourhood in Edmonton's west end. The meeting will begin with an informative presentation and opportunities for discussion, questions, feedback and suggestions. Meet Society Board members, Executive Director Darren Sinke and other building experts. Building layouts, renderings and suite concepts will also be available for viewing. For more information, please email dsinke@emmanuelhome.ca or call 780-478-2051 (Website: emmanuelhome.ca).