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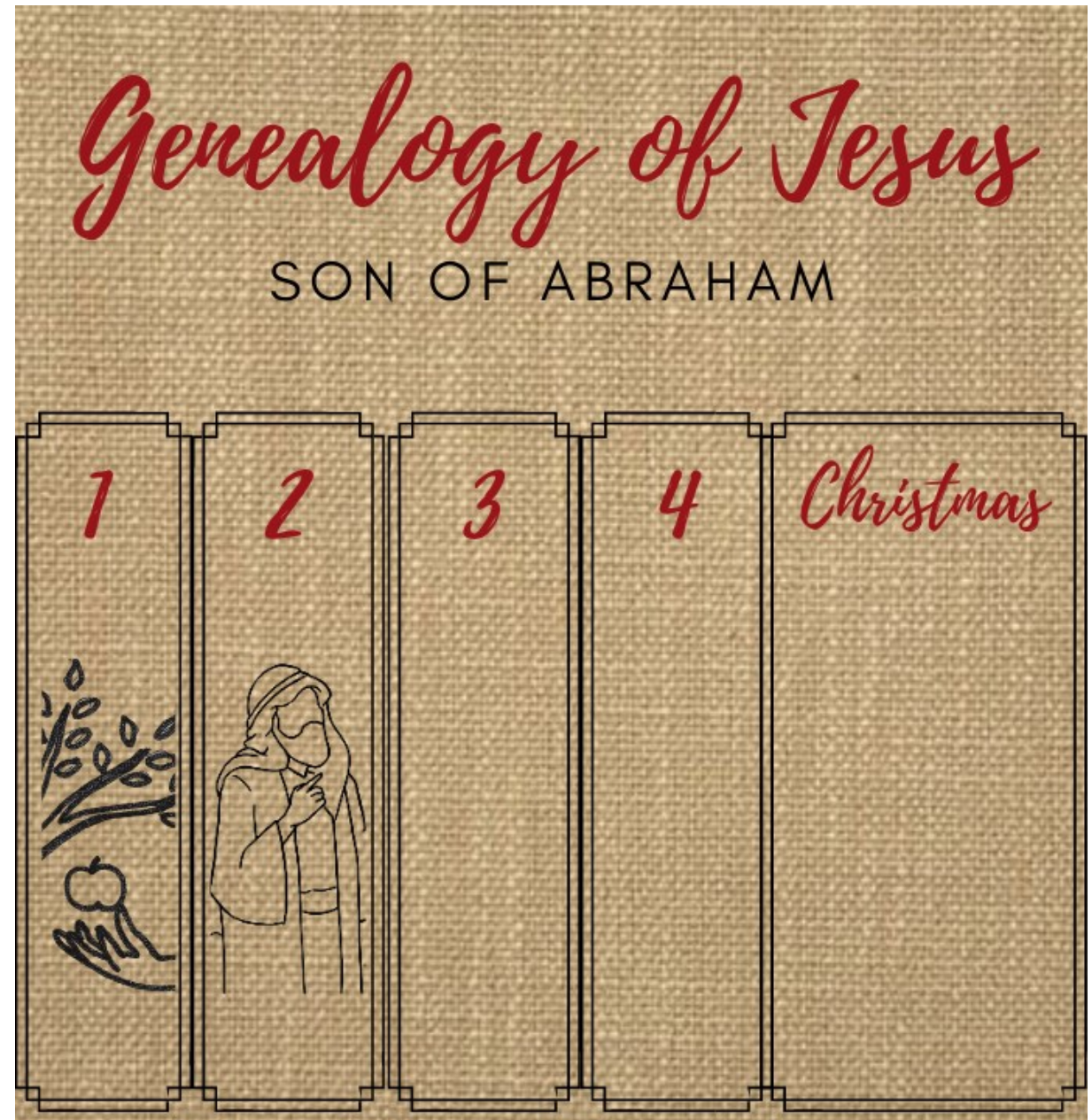
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Advent 2021

Welcome to our Service

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer, both in person and Livestream To access the Livestream, visit our website: www.ebenezercrc.com and click on the Livestream button that appears at the top of the page.

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

SONGS — *For Unto Us a Child is Born / Open the Eyes of My Heart
Hope of the Nations*

GOD'S GREETING & ADVENT READING

SONG — *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

TIME OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

SONG — *Emmanuel Medley*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THANK OFFERING

- 1 — Ebenezer Ministries
- 2 — Neighbours Outreach Wetaskiwin (NOW)

***See special Bulletin Announcement

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Children ages 3—Grade 3 are dismissed for Sunday school)

SCRIPTURE — **Genesis 12—25; Galatians 3: 7-14**

SERMON — *Son of Abraham*

SONG — *By Faith*

BENEDICTION & CLOSING SONG — *Crown Him*

CHURCH LIFE STROOPWAFEL EVENT. Hello Ebenezer! Today we are going to be offering Stroopwafel ice-cream sandwiches and coffee for you as you leave church. Looking forward to serving you!

Church Family

Congratulations to **Linda K** who turns 70 years old today! We are grateful for your faithful presence in our community. May God bless you in the year to come.

I (we) would like to thank you for your cards, texts and phone calls for my birthday. Appreciated all the best wishes and words of encouragement. Each day/year is a blessing and gift from God. I am slowly adjusting to my new surroundings, both physically and emotionally/mentally. Had a wonderful weekend with the whole family. Thank you for your prayers. I know that the Lord is my Shepherd and He cares and loves His sheep. **Margaret & Jim T**

Please keep **Konrad and Edith B** in your prayers. Konrad continues to receive care at the Red Deer Hospital with complications due to Covid and Pneumonia.

*If you are experiencing physical or emotional difficulties,
please speak to your district Elder, a Deacon or contact the church office.
We want to support you on your journey.*

If you would like a visit with Pastor Jason ...

please feel free to contact him directly by phone (780-964-9844) or email (pastorjason@ebenezercrc.com) and set up a time for him to come and visit. Pastor Jason also has drop-in hours at the church office from 10:00 AM -2:00 PM on Wednesdays and all are invited to stop by for a visit.



THE GIVING TREE in the front foyer has ideas for the types of gifts needed by N.O.W. and the HUB. A poster with the Giving Tree was created by The L girls. Please ask for an ornament and bring the "gift" suggested on the ornament to church. The gifts will be distributed to those in need during December. Thank you!

SENIOR'S CHRISTMAS DINNER EVENT. Calling all seniors, an event for you has been long overdue. We are excited to host our Annual Christmas Dinner for our seniors on December 16th at 11:30am. We will be extra careful in following current guidelines and are eager to have a safe time of fellowship, food and music! Are you interested in attending or volunteering? Please let Jen F. or Alex A. know. Thank you! Please pray for us as we plan this event.

*****NOW—CHRISTMAS BACKPACK CAMPAIGN** Neighbors Outreach Wetaskiwin (NOW) started the Backpack Campaign in September. This program ensures that a needy individual receives a backpack for Christmas on Christmas Day. Backpacks will be given out on Christmas day to the people who participate in the NOW lunch program and needy people the organization is aware of. Please join us as we continue to be the hands and feet of our Saviour Jesus by giving, serving and caring for our Neighbors!

If you are able to contribute, here is a list of things that NOW is looking for:

Backpacks—empty or filled with items. Please label them Male or Female. They do have a few families but most of the items needed are for adults.

Socks
Gloves
Toques
Scarf
Toothbrush and Toothpaste
Razor
Hair brush, Comb
Shampoo, Conditioner (travel size)
Lotion
Band-Aids
Christmas candy or treat (non perishable)
Pkgs. Of hand warmers or boot warmers
Size LG to XLG Hoodie or Sweatshirt
Gift certificates or gift cards to Tim Horton's or any food establishment

Please DO NOT include:

Food of any kind
Mouthwash with alcohol
Sanitizer lotions
Hairspray
Anything with alcohol

Please bring items to the church by Sunday, Dec 21st. Birgit M will then deliver the items.

Hamburger meat for lunch program—drop off at church Dec 21 from 9:30-1pm.

WORSHIP AND CHURCH LIFE MINISTRIES have joined up to put together an Advent devotional calendar. This resource is designed to not only prepare our hearts for the coming of the King, but also to encourage creative ways to reach out to one another and build community! These Advent readings are meant for all ages! For those families who already own a copy of *The Jesus Storybook Bible*, you can follow along with the stories as listed on the calendar. (If you don't already own it, it's wonderful! And you can get it through most book retailers, including Faith Alive Christian Resources). Teens and adults, you can follow along using the Scripture passages listed. The readings have been arranged to coincide with Pastor Jason's sermon series for Advent! **BONUS!** We were granted permission to revise the *Jesus Storybook Bible* Advent 2021 resource to coincide with our Advent Calendar, so those who wish to mark their journey through Advent with the corresponding ornaments can do so! We'd love to see pictures of your ornaments and/or you or your family doing some of the community building activities! Send them to worship@ebenezercrc.com!

If you'd like a copy of this resource, stop by the Welcome Center or Contact the office for more information.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, Dec 5	@	10:00 am	Worship Service 2nd Sunday of Advent In-person & Livestream STROOPWAFEL EVENT
Monday, Dec 6	@	7:00 pm	Friendship Ministry
Tuesday, Dec 7	@	7:00 pm	Monthly Council Meeting
Wed, Dec 8	@	9:30 am	Coffee Break
	@	6:45 pm	GEMS
Sunday, Dec 12	@	10:00 am	Worship Service 3rd Sunday of Advent In-person & Livestream

December 19th @ 7:00 pm Candlelight Service

HEALTHY KIDS: We welcome your healthy children to Nursery and Sunday School! If they are sick, please do not bring them to the Nursery or Classrooms. If your children appear to be unwell at some point during the service, teachers or Nursery staff will bring them back to you. This policy benefits your child and protects the safe environment for other children. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE When possible, please sign your child in at the Welcome Center upon arrival at church. However, we ask that you still escort your child to their class to help with our Safe Church goals here at Ebenezer. After church, please pick up your child at their classroom and sign them out on the Attendance chart. **Grade 2-3 kids do NOT need a signature** to be signed out, just a visual cue to the teacher - a wave, for example.

LEDUC INDOOR MARKET, CHRISTMAS SALE, Saturday December 11 and December 18, from 10 am till 3 pm in Leduc City center beside the Rexall drugstore. Bea will have a blow-out sale on December 11 on her inspirational novels, journals, colouring books, kids books, gift ware, boxed cards. There will be a large variety of large and giant print Bibles, cool Bibles for teens and tweens just come and check it out. (proceeds are going to Leduc Hub or the Leduc Foodbank) Hope to see you at the market, Bea M

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 — NOW, NEIGHBOURS OUTREACH WETASKIWIN is a group of Christians from various churches that provides a bag lunch DAILY to the people staying in tents behind Walmart as well as to about 60 community people. Check it out on www.facebook.com/NOW-Neighbours-Outreach-Wetaskiwin. See Bulletin Announcement for Current Need!

NEXT WEEK 2nd Offering — LEDUC HUB—The **Leduc HUB** is intended to be a connector between the community and available services. Volunteers provide referral information to persons seeking community, social, health and government services. Clients are supported while accessing local services and helped to identify what is available in our area. The HUB works together with non-profit organizations, religious organizations, government agencies and social businesses in greater Leduc.



THE BRIDGE APP - ADD A PHOTO It's been a month since we launched The Bridge app for our church. The online directory has been a very successful part of this app! With more options in the app it is now easy to list your email addresses and cell phone numbers for multiple family members and add a photo of yourself or your household. Current information and a household photo is a great way for our church family to stay connected! Please refer to the email sent last week from the church office with

more details of how to add a photo or call the office for assistance. If you are still new to the app, please use the following link for step-by-step directions on how to download The Bridge app, create an account and select Ebenezer CRC as your home church: [The Bridge App Guide](#)

LET'S LEARN TOGETHER—Our denomination is currently looking at a synodical report on human sexuality. We as congregations are urged to go through the report together. One of the committee members who authored the document Pastor Mary-Lee Bouma presented a summary of the HSR (Human Sexuality Report) in West End CRC on Nov. 2/21. This is available to view on YouTube. We are willing to invite members of our church to view this summary at our home, each Wednesday Nov. 17/21 through Dec. 15/21 from 1pm to 3pm or 7pm -9pm. Contact Abe or Tena. Small groups of 8 or less, hope to see you as we strive to learn together.

Denominational News & Resources

GIVE HOPE THIS ADVENT WITH WORLD RENEW - World Renew's 2021-2022 Gift Catalogue helps people, families, and communities experience more of the hope that God intends for them. Find a special gift that helps a family in need during the world's continued trials. Give at worldrenew.ca/gifts or call 1-888-WRLD-RNW.

WEST COAST FLOODS - Flooding from extreme rain events in British Columbia and Washington State in November have already destroyed homes, businesses, crops, and livestock. As the rains continue, World Renew Disaster Response Services is in conversation with area CRCs, Diaconal Ministries Canada, and other responders to supplement their efforts once the flood water recedes. Please pray for those who have been evacuated, lost homes and farms, or are stranded without power. Pray for World Renew DRS as we make plans with local churches and families. For updates, see our social media pages on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

EMMANUEL HOME - ONLINE SILENT AUCTION. Our annual silent Auction to support residents of Emmanuel Home will be held online this year from December 13 – 17 at www.32auctions.com/EmmanuelHome2021. Check out our great selection of items and create an account so that you are ready to start bidding on December 13! All proceeds will be used for the care and support of our residents. Donations of new items are accepted until the Auction begins. For more information contact Fred at 780-442-3122 or fwoudstra@emmanuelhome.ca.

Thank You To Our Volunteers



WORSHIP TEAM: KerryAnne/Sam

PROJECTION & AUDIO: Matt/Jamie

SERVING ELDER: Quentin A

GREETERS: Dennis & Ineke V

USHERS: Luke K, Alice V

WELCOME CENTER: Alyse K

NURSERY: Matt B, Quentin A

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Age 3/4— Kara B, Sylvia, Pippa

K/Gr1— Seth & Shane, Ryman

Gr2/3— Karen G, Amy

NEXT WEEK: Susan (Marilyn)

NEXT WEEK: Pete/Wes

NEXT WEEK: Graeme B

NEXT WEEK: Roy & Teena V

NEXT WEEK: Mitchell M, Diana M

NEXT WEEK: Bea V

NEXT WEEK: Mariska Z, Kara B

NEXT WEEK:

Age 3/4— Francine K, Lily, Rory

K/Gr1— Maricha K, Levi

GR 2/3— Joanne K, Ethan