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Dan V
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Quentin A (Church Life)

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(Administration)

Harold H
(Deacons)

Wilbur H
(Worship)

Scott K
(Worship)

John W
(Discipleship)

Deacons

Fred K
(Chair)

Alyse K
(Secretary)

Dale H

Brett L

Warren T

Ed V



**BE GLAD AND
REJOICE**
the book of Philippians



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 & CALL TO WORSHIP

SONGS — *10,000 Reasons*
(Birthday Selection for Evelyn T)

GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET EACH OTHER

SONG — *How Great is Our God*

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG — *Crown Him with Many Crowns*
(Birthday Selection for Per & Bernice S)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THANK OFFERING 1 - Ebenezer Ministries 2 - World Renew

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(ages 3 to Grade 3 are released for Sunday School)

SCRIPTURE — **Philippians 1: 9-11**

SERMON — **A Prayer for Spiritual Growth**

SONG — *Yet Not I*

PARTING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG — *The Benediction*

E-TRANSFER: to send an e-transfer donation use finance@ebenezercrc.com. Thank you!

Church Family

Lord willing, we will **CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER** next Sunday. As we prepare this week, let us spend time in self-reflection, prayer & gratitude for the precious faith that is ours in Christ Jesus.

A Note from **John & Carol W:** Thank you for your prayers with the loss of John's brother-in-law, who died suddenly on the Easter weekend.

A note from **Matt & Jamie B:** We are so very grateful to God for keeping our family safe when we lost our shop in the fire. Thank you to all our neighbors and friends who supported us this past week.

We continue to pray for **Bev C, Gary F, Jacob H, Kerry Anne H, Per & Bernice S, Bram V,** and **Colleen V.**

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

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

feel free to contact him directly by phone or email (pastorjason@ebenezercrc.com) and set up a time for him to come and visit.

PRAYER CALENDAR: The Discipleship ministry invites you to join with our new prayer calendar. Over the next week, the following families are invited to pray for the specific requests.

- May 8: Those with Physical Health Concerns
- May 9: Spring Farming Work
- May 10: Refugee Committee
- May 11: Missionaries: Strydhorsts
- May 12: Resonate Global Missions
- May 13: Leduc Food Bank
- May 14: Ebenezer's Worship Ministry
- May 15: Those Who Don't Know Christ

COLLEGE AND CAREERS KICK OFF!! Calling all young adults for a college and careers group every Tuesday at 7:00-9:00pm. The first meeting will be at Andrea Klooster's house to hangout around a fire, have snacks, and to decide on what to study! Please text Andrea K or Esther H if you have any questions! Bring friends and we hope to see you there!

Council Highlights—May 3

Roy V opened by reading Jeremiah 20, which describes Jeremiah being beaten for prophesying and complaining about the treatment he receives for speaking God's word. In the same passage, however, he describes God's message as a fire burning him unless he speaks and highlights God's protection for him. Council members may also feel the burden of leadership but must still follow God's calling and rely on God. Council then prayed for members of the congregation in our prayer bowl time.

Council reviewed the tasks to be completed by Council and Admin when members are added to or withdraw from our congregation. Following this process, Council accepted the request of Kennedie H to transfer to another church. Council also reviewed the resignation letter from Marco D and appreciates the work she did for Council and the congregation.

In response to a request from the deacons, Council has decided to return to the process of passing the offering bags. Giving is part of our worship to God, so it is fitting to include that activity during our worship service together.

In preparation for considering nominations for elders and deacons, Council reviewed background information on both offices, including biblical qualifications and typical duties. Council thanks the congregation for the nomination suggestions. The nominees approved by Council will be invited to an information evening in May, and names will be presented to the congregation in early June.

Our next congregational meeting will be in mid June. The agenda will include a financial update. In addition, Council formed a sub-committee to look at the pros and cons of hiring a second ministry staff person or pastor. This committee will also present initial information at the meeting.

In the next steps of interacting with the Human Sexuality Report and related issues, Council is considering a video/discussion series on sexuality prepared by Classis.


Finally, Council would like to thank both Brendan B and Birgit M for their faithful service as deacons. Brendan extended his term by almost a year to ensure continuity within the diaconate, and the transition is now complete. Birgit recently stepped down from her position as deacon, where she graciously enfolded those in need with compassion and understanding. Thank you both for your time and commitment to our church council.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION Our church is looking for an Administrative Assistant to work 2 days a week, 12 hours/week to fill a job-shared position in our church office. This position provides a consistent, but flexible, work schedule and shared office duties. If you have a passion for computer and office management skills, and demonstrate a positive attitude, kind demeanor and empathetic spirit, we encourage you to apply! Application deadline is Monday, May 9th with a start date in mid May. For more information and to apply, please contact the church office.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, May 8	@	10:00 am	Worship Service
	@	7:00 pm	Reformed Study Session #2
Friday, May 13	@	5:30 pm	Ukrainian Refugee Fundraiser
Sunday, May 15	@	10:00 am	Worship Service
	@	2-8 pm	Inspire: Compassion Youth Event

REFORMED: WHAT IT MEANS & WHY IT MATTERS You are invited to join us tonight @ 7pm here at church for a study exploring how our Reformed identity guides our understanding of the Bible and is a framework for building a life that is Christ-centred. Contact: Charlene for more information or questions.



UKRAINIAN REFUGEE FUNDRAISER DINNER AND AUCTION - The Refugee Support Committee is hosting a chilli dinner on Friday, May 13th, beginning at 5:30pm. After the dinner we will be having a live auction of services. Watch your email for a list of services being auctioned off and make a plan on which one you will be bidding on! If you are unable to attend in person we will be accepting proxy bids, just submit your maximum bid, and we'll have someone bid for you! We are excited to gather together, enjoy food and fellowship and to raise money for the Ukrainian people. If you have any questions please call Grace D (dinner) or Leanne K (auction).

HUGE GARAGE, BAKE AND PLANT SALE AND SILENT AUCTION @ EBENEZER CRC
Thurs May 19, 2pm - 6pm, Fri May 20, 10 am -7pm, Sat May 21, 9 am - 12 noon
See the sign-up sheet at the Welcome desk to Volunteer. Talk to Bea M or Evelyn V if you have questions. **BRING DONATIONS** Tuesday morning, May 17th. Please invite people to attend!

You will find invitations in your mailbox to hand out to friends and neighbors.

YEAR END YOUTH EVENT— Inspire: Compassion Classis Alberta North churches are hosting a youth event for grades 7-12. Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 15th from 2-8pm. Youth from across Northern Alberta are invited to Ebenezer CRC to play games, have dinner, and end with a Worship Service. **Special Speaker:** Jeremiah Basuric from the Mustard Seed.

Are you a Youth interested in helping with Worship at this event?
Contact Marco or Lois to get involved.

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 — WORLD RENEW World Renew envisions a world where people experience and extend Christ's compassion and live together in hope as God's community. World Renew's mission is to engage God's people in redeeming resources and developing gifts in collaborative activities of love, mercy, justice, and compassion. Serving worldwide as the development, disaster response, and justice arm of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, the aspects of World Renew's work are three-fold: Community development, Disaster response and rehabilitation, and advocacy. For more info see worldrenew.net

NEXT WEEK 2nd Offering — LEDUC FOOD BANK The Leduc food bank was created for this region/community so folks in need have access to food support. The mission statement is "we empower our community to aid those in need of food support through strategic redistribution of food and goods." The organization depends on donations and volunteer support in order to provide short term assistance to approximately 85,000 plus people. For more information please visit <http://www.ldfb.ca>.



LADIES, ARE YOU READY TO CELEBRATE? We are excited to be able to finally plan our church bridal shower! Unfortunately, we have lost count of the brides from the last couple of years. If you know of a pandemic bride or future bride-to-be that would like to be one of our guests of honour please contact the church office. The bride does not need to be a present member of our church community at this time

but either has grown up at Ebenezer or her hubby was a past member. Please give your names to the office by this Friday, May 13 so we can start planning this event to bless these women. Be sure to mark your calendar with these tentative dates for the shower, June 8 or 9, for an evening of fellowship, much needed laughter, blessings and fun!

PUZZLE EXCHANGE: Do you like to puzzle? Assorted puzzles available in the Church Library. Leave one, Take One!

Council News

SMALL GROUP VIDEOS ON HUMAN SEXUALITY These videos are an invitation to a discussion. In the background is the Human Sexuality report of the CRCNA. This series of 10 minute videos put together by Classis Alberta North focuses on facilitating conversations regarding prejudice, shame, loneliness, desire, idolatry and hospitality.

The Ebenezer church council would like to present these short videos over the course of 6 weeks. These videos are an invitation to discussion and engagement. We journey together. We don't think the same or even agree on the best practices for ministry. But we can hold onto each other in the hope that together we can do better, lift burdens, open doors to each other's flourishing as a pilgrim people learning and growing in the grace of our Lord. Central to all good conversation is listening. We would be blessed to travel that journey together. If interested please talk to Harold H or Roy V.

Thank You To Our Volunteer

WORSHIP TEAM: Marilyn/Michelle

PROJECTION & AUDIO: Wes/Pete

SERVING ELDER: Emily M

GREETERS: Luke & Alyse K

USHERS: Mitchell M, Diana M

WELCOME CENTER: Bea V

COFFEE DUTIES: David & Nicole P
Gerard & Wendy B

NURSERY: Tamara P, Leanne K

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

AGE 3/4: Kelly L, Pippa, Lily

K/Grade 1: Seth, Shane, Klaret

Grade 2/3: Joanne K, Amy

NEXT WEEK: Josiah

NEXT WEEK: Nicole/Matt

NEXT WEEK: Dan V

NEXT WEEK: Fred & Linda K

NEXT WEEK: Dennis V, Ineke V

NEXT WEEK: Marco D

NEXT WEEK: Glen & Christine H
Tony & Monique T

NEXT WEEK: Alex A, Candice P

NEXT WEEK:

AGE 3/4: Laura A, Sylvia & Lily

K/Grade 1: Lindsay H, Ryman

Grade 2/3: Karen G, Amy