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Harry D
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Scott K
(Education)

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(Finance)

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(Vice-Chair)

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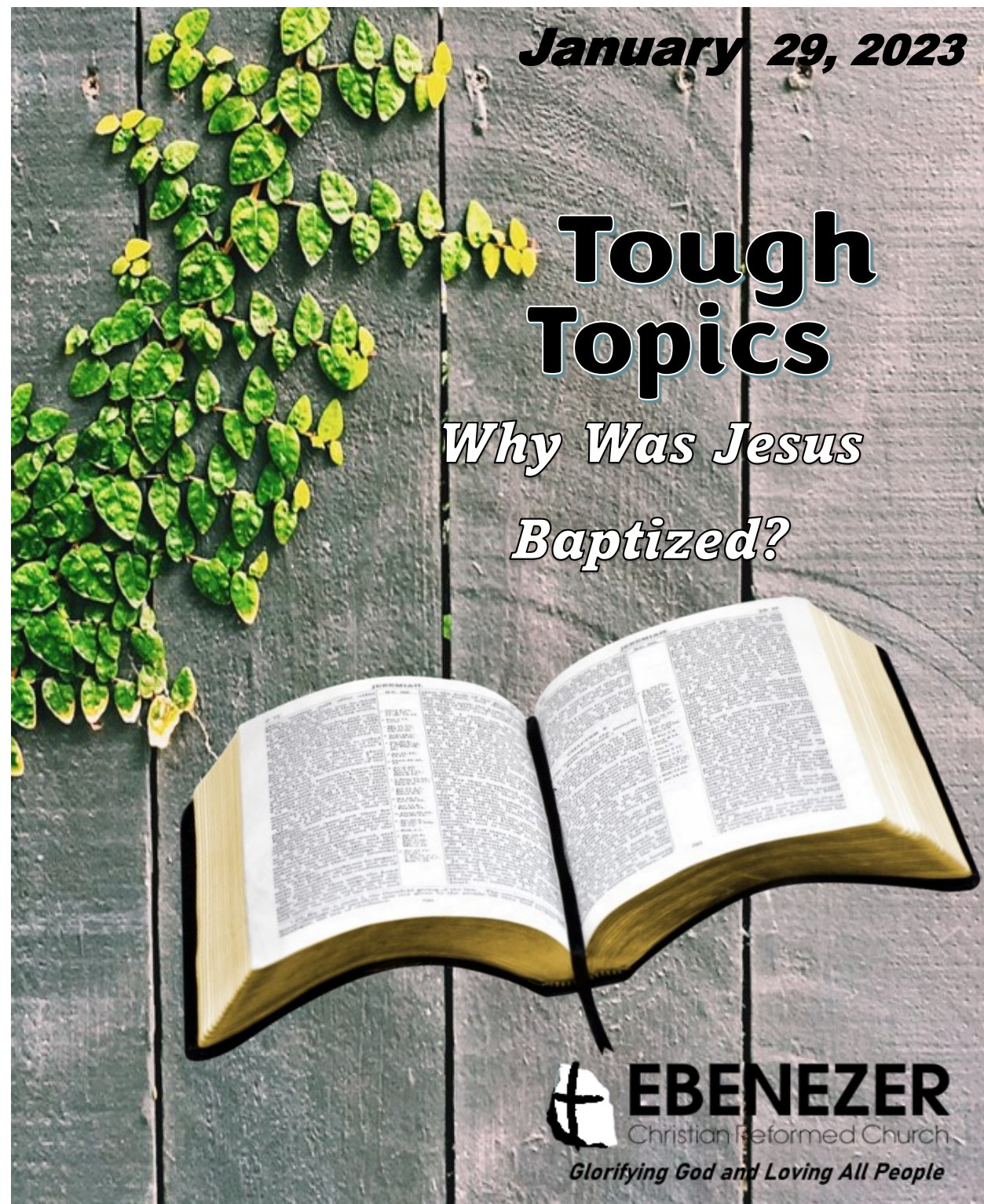
Jamie B

Roy V

January 29, 2023

Tough Topics

*Why Was Jesus
Baptized?*



EBENEZER
Christian Reformed Church
Glorifying God and Loving All People

Welcome to our Service

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

If you are new or visiting and would like to talk to someone or would like more information about our church, come visit the Welcome Centre or fill out one of the envelopes found in the back of the chairs and place it in the offering bag.

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG — *Come Thou Fount*

GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET EACH OTHER

SONG — *Rejoice*

BAPTISM OF Ezra Dirk H

Luke Kenton V

SONGS — *Build My Life*

What Love My God

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THANK OFFERING 1 - Ebenezer Ministries

2 - Calvinist Cadet Corp

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Ages 3—Grade 3 are dismissed for Sunday School)

SCRIPTURE — **Matthew 3 : 13—17**

SERMON — *Why Was Jesus Baptized?*

SONG — *Revelation Song*

PARTING BLESSING &

CLOSING SONG — *How Great Is Our God*

Church Family

This morning we will celebrate the **Sacrament of Baptism** as James & Cindy H will present their son **Ezra Dirk** and Brett & Melissa V will present their son **Luke Kenton**. It is a day of rejoicing as we welcome these children into our Church Family.

Tom T is recovering and will be transferred to the Glenrose for rehab. Please continue to pray for his ongoing recovery.

The Doctors have been able to get **Erin V** pain under control and she will not be needing surgery. Please pray for continued healing, patience and strength.

Gea T was in a car accident this past week. Her injuries include a crack in her neck and her pelvis and a partially collapsed lung. They did surgery on her spleen and it looks like they got the bleeding stopped. Things are slowly improving. They appreciate all the calls and text messages. Please pray for quick and complete healing.

Arlene L was admitted into the Leduc Hospital this past week and has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure. Please pray that she will be able to return home soon.

We continue to pray for **Gary F, Henny G, Jacob H, Shirley L, Per & Bernice S, Jerry V, Jenny V, Ed V, Erin V, and Colleen V**. We pray that God will provide you all with peace, comfort and healing.

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.

2023 CADET CALENDARS ARE IN! Ebenezer Congregation, we are so thankful for your many, many years of support of this fundraiser for the Cadets!

This summer, our Cadets will be flying to Hamilton, Ontario, to spend a week in God's Creation, enjoying the camaraderie of their fellow Cadets, and digging deep into the Scriptures; and, it's all happening near the wondrous Niagara Falls!

Your support of \$20 for a congregational birthday calendar helps offset the expenses of sending our Cadets to the International Camporee every three years.

Many of our Cadets, over decades of support, have been able to attend this momentous event; in part, with thanks to you all, for your financial assistance!

If you are unable to pick up a copy of the calendar in person, please let the office know, and we will have a Cadet bring one to your door! Again, our deepest thanks!

The Ebenezer Cadets!

Ebenezer News



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

USED POSTAGE STAMPS FUNDRAISER Please save your used postage stamps and bring them to the church. They can be put into the jar at the Welcome Centre.



DAYS FOR GIRLS There will be a work bee for days for girls on **Saturday, February 4.** Lunch will be provided. There is a sign up sheet at the Welcome Centre.

PRAYER MEETING Did you know...There is a prayer meeting in the Library each Sunday morning at 9:30. Everyone one is welcome and encouraged to attend.



SAFE CHURCH FACT: Did you know...Every effort is made to make the Church environment safe and secure for everyone.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY The Admin Team is looking for more people to volunteer as Greeters on Sunday mornings. Are you looking for a way to get involved in the church? Do you like to meet new people? This is a great way to do both. For more information contact the church office or stop by the Welcome Centre.

Denominational News

EMMANUEL HOME 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Join us as we celebrate 50 years of God's faithfulness to Emmanuel Home on Friday, February 10 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Emmanuel Home, 13429 57 street in Edmonton. Enjoy coffee, cake and fellowship and a celebration of our Lord's goodness to our seniors over the years.

CRC YOUTH SKI TRIP for grades 7-12 hosted by West End CRC, Edmonton. When? March 4/5 How? Magic bus to Marmot, and one night in the HI Hostel Jasper Cost? \$200 per person (with church subsidy of \$50). Register no later than January 31 @ <https://westendcrc.tpsdb.com/OnlineReg/1130>. For more information, talk to your youth leader, or email lvanderleek@westendcrc.ca.

The **January / February Today Devotionals** are available at the Welcome Centre. If you normally receive the large print Devotionals, you will find them in your mailbox.

The **January Banner** is available at the Welcome Centre.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, Jan 29	@ 9:30 am	Prayer Meeting
	@ 10:00 am	Worship Service
Monday, Jan 30	@ 7:00 pm	Friendship
Tuesday, Jan 31	@ 7:00 pm	Council Executive Meeting
Wednesday, Feb 1	@ 9:30 am	Coffee Break
	@ 2:30 pm	MEWS Bible Study
Thursday, Feb 2	@ 7:00 pm	Youth
Saturday, Feb 4	@ 7:30 am	Men's Meeting
	@ 9:00 am	Days For Girls Sewing Bee
	@ 9:30 am	Cadets
Sunday, Feb 5	@ 9:30 am	Prayer Meeting
	@ 10:00 am	Worship Service
	@ 11:45 am	Catechism

Prayer Calendar

The February Prayer Calendar is available in your mailboxes. Join us each day in praying for the matters raised by denominational agencies and for two households from our Ebenezer congregation.

Sunday January 29: Calvinist Cadet Corps: Cadet Sunday

Church Families:

Monday January 30: Resonate: Japan

Church Families:

Tuesday January 31: ReFrame: Prayer ministry

Church Families:

Wednesday February 1: Race Relations: Black History Month

Church Families:

Thursday February 2: Resonate Global Mission: Ontario

Church Families:

Friday February 3: World Renew: Disaster Response Services (DRS)

Church Families:

Saturday February 4: ReFrame Ministries: Japan

Church Families:

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 — CALVINIST CADET CORP 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

NEXT WEEK — OPEN DOORS

Collections for December 2022	Amount
Ebenezer Ministries	\$44,670.90
Ebenezer Deacons	\$1,020.00
Coupons	\$3,200.00
Debt Reduction	\$430.00
Ebenezer Cadets	\$25.00
Ebenezer Friendship	\$4,000.00
Leduc/Millet/Wetaskiwin FoodBank	\$3,872.40
Leduc Hub	\$1,444.40
Missionaries	\$542.55
World Renew: General	\$760.15
Total Collected for December	\$59,965.40
Actual Income for 2022	\$386,318.13
Actual Expenses for 2022	\$421,289.93
Shortfall	\$34,971.80

E-TRANSFER: To send an e-transfer donation use finance@ebenezercrc.com.



REFUGEE SUPPORT COMMITTEE UPDATE - We have been in contact with The Mennonite Central Committee, they are the organization that submitted the refugee application on behalf of the Syrian family that we raised money for in 2021. Although it feels like things are moving very slowly, they assured us that this is completely normal and is not a reason for concern or alarm. At this point we have to continue to wait and trust in God's timing. Please continue to pray for the family as they wait for their application to be processed. We will keep you updated once we receive more information. In the coming weeks we are planning to organize a **furniture drive** for Ukrainian refugees who are arriving in Edmonton, stay tuned for more information!

Thank You To Our Volunteers

WORSHIP TEAM: Wilbur

PROJECTION & AUDIO: Christina/Dan

SERVING ELDER: Quentin A

GREETERS: James & Cindy H

USHERS: Dennis P, Ruby P

WELCOME CENTER: Marco D

COFFEE DUTIES: Brett & Kelly L, Gezinus & Bea M

NEXT WEEK: Bryan & Emily M, Elly M

NURSERY

Infants: Alesha S, Ava Marie L

Toddlers: Matthew B, Seth A

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Age 3: : Kara B, Hadassah S, Elliot D

Age 4: : Elly M, Jackson H

Kinder: Lauren T, Ethan H

Grade 1: Jenna D, Rory L

Grade 2: Jason U, Levi H

Grade 3: Karen G, Sylvia D

NEXT WEEK: Josiah / Lois

NEXT WEEK: Seth or Luke / Mike

NEXT WEEK: Graeme B

NEXT WEEK: Brent & Lisa

NEXT WEEK: Norm H, Eric H

NEXT WEEK: Charlene V



NEXT WEEK:

Infants: Carrie B, Ethan V

Toddlers: Justin Z, Tavia T

NEXT WEEK:

Age 3: Francine K, Rachel K, Chaim H

Age 4: Elly M, Tayler T

Kinder: Clara D, Rory L

Grade 1: Maricha K, Conner H

Grade 2: Niki U, Pippa A

Grade 3: Karen G, Georgia D

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS: The sign in clipboards will continue to be at the Welcome Desk every Sunday morning if you could please sign all children in once you arrive and then ages 3 & 4 out again once church is over. The clipboards will be moved down to the classrooms once church has started. **Just a reminder to also please fill in a child registration form for each child attending Sunday school, these play a crucial role for Safe Church and are needed as soon as possible.** These can be found by the sign in and once completed put in my church mailbox or leave at the Welcome Desk. Thank You.

NURSERY is requesting parents to complete the **NURSERY REGISTRATION AND CONSENT FORMS** for each child attending the nursery. Please place the completed form in Mariska Z's mailbox. This form can be found by the Nursery.

CLASSROOMS If you use the classrooms during the week for meetings, please make sure to leave the room the way you found it so that the rooms are ready for Sunday School on Sunday mornings.