

December 29, 2019

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Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer on this final Sunday of 2019. Today we resume our study of the gospel of John and we hear some of the most famous words that Jesus ever spoke. What does it mean that He is the light of the world and what will it look like for us a church to walk in the light? We'll try to answer those questions this morning. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service this morning. - Pastor Jason

WELCOME & PRAYER

SONG — *What Can I Do (Christmas Version)*

GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

SONG — *Here I Am to Worship*

PROFESSION OF FAITH — NICK P

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

NICK P

AVERY GRACE, *child of* NICK & TAMARA P

VERSE OF DEDICATION — *Isaiah 41:10*

SONG OF RESPONSE — *Ten Thousand Reasons*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THANK OFFERING

1 - Ebenezer Ministries 2 - World Renew / CRWRC

CHILDREN'S SONG — *Go Tell it on the Mountain*

SCRIPTURE — John 8: 12-20

SERMON — **The Light of the World**

SONG — *Arise, Shine for Your Light Has Come*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

PARTING BLESSING & CLOSING SONG — *Joy to the World*

Church Family

Please continue to be in prayer for **Gary A, KerryAnne H** and **Beth N.**

UPDATE FROM ALBERT & CAROLYN S: Please see the Deacon's Corner Bulletin Board for the latest update from our missionaries.

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.

NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE: Please join us on New Year's Day at 11 am. Pastor Jason will tell the story of "Andrew and the Firedrake" to begin the new year (Please Note: no childcare provided).

DUTCH OLIEBOLLEN - A NEW YEAR'S TRADITION Planning on baking Oliebollen to celebrate the New Year? If you'd like, bring a plate to share to the New Year's Day Service.

Delight In Creation

ATTENTION PARENTS:

Delight Sunday School classes will resume next Sunday, January 5th.

OFFICE HOURS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON The Church Office will be closed December 24th - January 3rd. We will re-open for regular Office Hours (Tuesday - Friday, 9-3pm) on January 7th. We hope you all enjoy the Christmas season with your family and friends! If pastoral concerns arise, please contact Pastor Jason or your District Elder. *Please note: Bulletins will be still be printed for December 29th and January 5th. If you have an announcement, please email the office at office@ebenezercrc.com or leave a message on the Office phone, 780-986-4119. Thank you!*
- your Office Staff, Wendy & Marco

CELEBRATE WITH RIMBEY CRC: Rimbey CRC has a new Pastor! You are welcome to join us for the installation service of Pastor Ken Vanderploeg on Sunday, January 5, 2020, at Rimbey CRC Church at 10:00am. Hope to see you there.

FAITH IN ACTION - On January 11th from 10 am-3:30 pm The River Community Church will be hosting a Faith In Action workshop from the CRC Center for Public Dialogue. Learn how to advocate for systemic policy changes in Canada. Read more here: <http://bit.ly/FIAEdmonton>

FAITH FORMATION: "According to psychologist Erik Erikson, identity is formed when an individual negotiates a role in a community. Emerging adulthood often finds young adults living away from family, their home church and other Christian communities at the point in life where they are negotiating these roles." Please join us as we welcome Rick Hiemstra, co-author of the Renegotiating Faith report who will be at Kings University on January 15th from 7-9pm to share about this very important research. A panel will then discuss the implications for the local church. Who is this for? Church leadership teams, Councils, Youth leaders/pastors/directors, Young adults Parents/Grandparents. There is no cost and is hosted by, Kings University, Classis Alberta North Youth Ministry, Edmonton Central Baptist Church and Faith Formation Ministries (CRCNA). For more information, contact Ron DeVries at 780-619-6566 or rondevries@crcna.org.

NEWS FROM EMMANUEL HOME: Emmanuel Home has an agreement in place to purchase a 3.7 acre property in the Inglewood neighborhood. While the project is still in the early stages of planning, there will be opportunities for you to be involved in the planning and feasibility portions of this exciting new development. Stay tuned for information on a community engagement meeting in early February, and check out our website for more information about the site itself. www.emmanuelhome.ca

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, December 29	@	9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	@	10:00 am	Worship Service NO CATECHISM
Wednesday, January 1	@	11:00 am	New Year's Day Service
Sunday, January 5	@	9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	@	10:00 am	Worship Service
Monday, January 6	@	7:00 pm	Friendship resumes
Saturday, January 11			Days for Girls Work Bee
Wednesday, January 15	@	9:30 am	Coffee Break resumes

DAYS FOR GIRLS - Our next Days for Girls Work Bee will be on January 11th. If you are interested in helping with advance prep for the Work Bee contact Linda H. *Administrative help* is also needed for this growing ministry. Do you have computer skills and a heart for ministry to girls and women? Contact Linda H for more information.



COFFEE BREAK RESUMES on Wednesday, January 15th. Please join us as we start the New Year together! Our new Bible Study will take us through the book of Hebrews. We will explore what it looks like to have our hearts and minds fixed on Jesus! Also, to kick off the New Year, we will welcome a guest speaker. Amy W, a sister-in-Christ, and a registered Psychologist in Leduc, will encourage us in the New Year to orient our lives around loving others. Her talk will focus on Reaching Out to Women. Invite your friends. Anyone is welcome to join us for this special event!

Deacon's Corner

1st Offering: EBENEZER MINISTRIES - This offering is used to cover the 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 Classis Alberta North and the CRC Denomination.

2nd Offering - WORLD RENEW/CRWRC - 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

FROM WORLD RENEW: Thank you for sharing God's Love with Others this Advent - We give gifts to each other, remembering Jesus Christ, who brings us salvation and tells us to share His gifts with others, especially those in need. If you would like to know more about the life-changing difference your gift from the World Renew's 2019-2020 Gift Catalogue can make in ending poverty, please visit worldrenew.net. Thank you!

JANUARY 1 - Leduc and District Food Bank

JANUARY 5 - Our Missionary Families

LET'S TALK MENTAL HEALTH SEMINAR Steele Heights Baptist Church is hosting "Let's Talk Mental Health" a workshop taking place on Saturday January 25, 2020 from 9am-3pm at the church (5812 149th Ave NW). The cost for this event is \$35 and includes materials and refreshments. Join keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Capt. Gordon Poley as we discuss how to properly minister to family members, friends, co-workers and neighbors who may be experiencing mental health issues. This workshop is an initial conversation about mental health, and how the church can respond effectively. Lunch is not provided, so please bring a bag lunch, or prepare to make other arrangements, however beverages will be provided. **If you are interested in this event, please register at shbc.ca before January 18, 2020.**

Thank You To Our Volunteers!

Ushers: Mike D, Dennis V
January 5: Howard O, Ted K

Greeters: Gary & Jen F
January 5: Gerard & Wendy B

Welcome Centre: Wendy T
January 5: Charlene V

New Year's Day: Dennis & Ruby P

New Year's Day: Luke & Alyse K

New Year's Day: Marco D

Coffee Duty: Graeme & Susan B, Jon & Janna P, Tina R

New Year's Day: George & Donna D, Barry & Kelly H, Andy & Arja T
January 5: Matt & Leanne K, Ben & Sandy M, Chelsea D

Serving Elder: Roy V
January 5: Gord W

New Year's Day: Terry V

Worship Team: Alice V
January 5: Sandy V

New Year's Day: KerryAnne H

Projection & Audio: Pete V/Wes V
January 5: Mike R/ TBA

New Year's Day: Dan V/ Ted K

Nursery Supervisor - Nursery Supervisor - Janette G

Inf: Janette G, Brett L, Mennie S, Daniel Ba

Tod: David P, Kaija M, Wikus K

New Year's Day: NO NURSERY

January 5: Nursery Supervisor - Glen H

Inf: Glen H, Lauren T, Jason T, Grace C

Tod: Michelle (Brent) T, Evelien T, Damien B



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.