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# Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer. Thank you for joining us to worship God together. This morning we resume our journey through the gospel of John. We'll be thinking about the relationship between "signs" and faith as we celebrate the Lord's Supper, sing, pray and listen to God's Word. Please join us for fellowship and coffee after the service. - Pastor Jason

## WELCOME & PRAYER

SONG — *Praise is Rising*

## GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

SONG — *Build My Life*

## CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

SONG — *Lord I Need You*

## PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG — *I Believe in Jesus*

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SONG — *I Love to Tell the Story*

## THANK OFFERING

1 - Ebenezer Ministries      2 - Diaconate

*(No Sunday School - resumes September 22nd)*

SCRIPTURE READING — **John 4: 43 - 54**

SERMON — **A Word of Life from the Living Word**

SONG — *Trust and Obey*

PARTING BLESSING & CLOSING SONG — *Everlasting God*

## Church Family

Congratulations to **Matt and Leanne K** who celebrate 20 years of marriage on September 11th. We rejoice with you as you celebrate God's faithfulness through the years!

Note from **Joyce H**: A sincere **THANK YOU** to everyone for your love, prayers and cards received during Cor's illness and passing. We are greatly blessed that we experience the love of Christ shown through everyone who stood by us in faith and prayer from week to week. "Taste and see that the Lord is good". Thank you!

Note from the **H family**: We have been overwhelmed by love, prayer, support and meals from our Church community. Thank you so much to everyone who has reached out with the recent birth of our son Arie H and supporting Cindy in her difficult recovery.

*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.*

**COMMUNAL GATHERING:** On Sept 22, at 7 p.m. (after 'coffee' at 6:45), West End CRC together with the Classis Alberta North sub-committee formed to look at matters of sexuality, is hosting an evening of information and discussion with Dr. Jeffrey Weima. The evening will include a brief overview of the sub-committees work and goals along with an introduction to the context in which these discussions come; an address by Dr. Weima on "Same-Sex Sex: What Does the New Testament Say?" and round table discussion asking what we are hearing and understanding, and what do we need in looking ahead. Dr. Weima is Professor of New Testament at Calvin Theological Seminary and Co-chair of the synodical committee on "A Biblical Theology of Human Sexuality". The committees interim report is available on line at [https://www.crcna.org/sites/default/files/human\\_sexuality\\_interim\\_report\\_2019.pdf](https://www.crcna.org/sites/default/files/human_sexuality_interim_report_2019.pdf)

# Delight In Creation

## Our DELIGHT program begins in 2 weeks!

Each regular Sunday includes:

~30 minutes with our small age-level group + mentor + runner:

- a) introductions around a particular theme and a story by the special guest,
- b) class response, which may include creating a card or picture to be given to the special guest following the service.

~15 minutes of gathering time. This includes singing, memory verse recitation, reflections on individual class experiences, and ongoing lessons surrounding creation.

Special CREATE classes, approximately every 4<sup>th</sup> week, will involve children in creating a responsive act of gratitude in the form of song, drama, or art. These activities will include K-3 and be cross-age groupings (the two youngest classes will continue their regular routine). We will need a **teacher/guide** for each of these three CREATE activities, approximately once every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

MEMORY CLUB provides the opportunity for children and **everyone else** in our church family to memorize and recite specific scripture verses and/or passages. These verses and passages will be provided at the beginning of each Creation theme. We are seeking **two volunteers** to hear and log successful recitations of these memorized passages, informally before or after the worship services. These volunteers can be any diligent and organized person age 10-90.

We need a few more **mentors**, and many **special guests** throughout the year for storytelling!

### MORE OPPORTUNITIES:

We are also looking for a volunteer for each of the following:

1. **supplies coordinator**
2. **PR coordinator** for posters, announcements, etc.
3. **registration and attendance coordinator**

We covet your prayers and your extra effort in getting to know these children by name and perhaps by interest. Connecting warmly with a child can have a profound and long-lasting effect for both adult and child.

## Coming Up @ Ebenezer

<b>Sunday, September 8</b>	<b>@ 9:15 am</b>	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	<b>@ 10:00 am</b>	Worship Service
<b>Sunday, September 15</b>	<b>@ 9:15 am</b>	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	<b>@ 10:00 am</b>	Worship Service
	<b>@ 12:00 pm</b>	Fall Family Potluck
	<b>@ 6:00 pm</b>	All Worship Gathering
	<b>@ 7:30 pm</b>	<b>Sunday School Workshop (Mentoring)</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 17</b>		Monthly Council Meeting
<b>Sunday, September 22</b>	<b>@ 7:30 pm</b>	<b>Sunday School Workshop (Storytelling)</b>

**FALL FAMILY POTLUCK.** According to the calendar, fall marks the beginning of the end of the year. But for many of us who have children in school or who participate in ministries at Ebenezer, fall is the start of a new season. In order to celebrate the start of the new ministry year, we will be having a church-wide potluck lunch immediately after our church service on **Sunday September 15**. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend for a time of fellowship, encouragement, laughter and good food. **Food assignments: If you plan on attending and your last name begins with the letter A-F please bring a side dish to share. If your name begins with G-S please bring a main dish to share. If your name begins with T-Z please bring a dessert to share.**

**ALL WORSHIP GATHERING:** WORSHIP LEADERS AND ALL INTERESTED PERSONS, please plan to gather on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. here at the church, as we unite together in a time of praise and worship. The format will be somewhat different than in the past, in that we will join together as one mass team, singing old favorites, and working through new material together. If you have a favorite song selection (old or new), please let Grace D. or Jason D. know. We hope to have a list of the songs and key signatures for you well in advance. Bring your instrument or voice so that we can make a joyful noise together!

## Deacon's Corner

**1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offering: DIACONATE** - Deacons are church officers whose main job description is to administer the mercy of Christ to all people. The deacons are also called upon to motivate the members of Christ's church to faithful, obedient stewardship of their resources on behalf of the needy. Along with loving deeds and with gifts of money and assistance, the deacons serve the needy with counsel, leading people to see the grace of our loving Savior and recognizing the Lord through whom all blessings flow.

**Next Week: DAYS FOR GIRLS**

**STAMPS, STAMPS, STAMPS:** Do you love stamps? Do you receive international mail? Bea Martens is collecting used postal stamps from around the world. They will be used to raise funds for the church. **There is a jar at the Welcome Centre for anyone who wants to drop stamps off at the church.** For more information, please contact Bea M.

**PROJECTION TECHNICIAN WANTED!** We're looking to train another projection technician! If you're interested in the technical side of worship at Ebenezer, contact Nicole V or talk to her after church. We require technicians to be of high school age and the commitment involves being available every 5-6 weeks, worship practices (typically Thursday evenings) as well as projection on Sunday morning.

**FRIENDSHIP MINISTRIES:** It is that time of year again when organizing begins for a new year. October is a busy month with Friendship beginning on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Heather DeBoer, from Friendship Canada, will host an evening on October 23<sup>rd</sup> here at Ebenezer, including groups from the surrounding area (more information to follow). October 25-26 is The Umbrella Conference in Calgary. Choose Joy! Umbrella Conference brings together ministry leaders, families and individuals impacted by disability, professionals, community agencies and support workers under one umbrella for the purposes of learning, sharing and championing the cause to include people with disabilities in our faith communities. Join us and experience the JOY of inclusive community! If you are interested please check out the website at [www.umbrellaconference.com](http://www.umbrellaconference.com). Contact Wendy B. with any questions and to register.

**MEN'S COMMUNITY CHOIR OPEN HOUSE** – Edmonton Christian Male Choir proclaims the gospel in song to seniors and nursing homes, worship services and in concert. Men interested in singing in our Christian community choir are invited to try us out. Come to our open house on Monday, September 9 and 16 at 7:25 p.m. in the chapel at the Cornerstone United Reformed Church of Edmonton, 11610 - 95A St NW. Find out more about ECMC at [www.facebook.com/ECMChoir](http://www.facebook.com/ECMChoir) or email [ecmchoir@gmail.com](mailto:ecmchoir@gmail.com)

## Thank You To Our Volunteers!

**Ushers:** Tim C, Bev C

**Next Week:** Luke K, Andrew V

**Greeters:** John & Wendy T

**Next Week:** Dennis & Ineke V

**Welcome Centre:** Jen F

**Next Week:** Wendy T

**Coffee Duty:** Alex & Alinda B, Sam & Bethany G, Elly M

**Next Week:** Gord & Jan W, Tony & Monique T, Mike & Jenna D

**Serving Elder:** Wilbur H

**Next Week:** Gord W

**Worship Team:** KerryAnne H

**Next Week:** Alice V

**Projection & Audio:** Dan V/Ted K

**Next Week:** Pete V/Wes V

**Nursery Supervisor** - Christine H

Inf: Christine H, Michelle (Brent) T, Leanne K, Grace C

Tod: Brad T, Linda H, Daniel Ba

**Next Week:** Nursery Supervisor - Glen H

Inf: Glen H, Susan B, Emily M, Clara D

Tod: Alinda B, Petro K, Kevin 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. You can find the volunteer schedules online at [ebenezercrc.com](http://ebenezercrc.com).*

## Denominational News

**CITIZENS FOR PUBLIC JUSTICE FALL PRE-ELECTION TOUR** Wednesday, September 11, 2019  
7:00pm - 9:30pm at The King's University 9125-50 St NW, Edmonton, AB. See poster on Bulletin Board or details.

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**<http://www.ebenezercrc.com/news>.**

**A paper copy is posted on the Bulletin Board**