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**EBENEZER**

Christian Reformed Church  
*Glorifying God & Loving All People*

# Welcome

Ebenezer is now livestreaming our church services. To access the Livestream, visit our website: <https://www.ebenezercrc.com> and click on the Livestream button that appears at the top of the page.

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## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG — *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

## GOD'S GREETING

SONG — *Hosanna (King of Glory)*  
*Good, Good Father*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Carly Joe (Daughter of Johan & Tammy M)  
Lennon Jane (Daughter of Quentin & Alex A)

SONG — *The Blessing*  
*Lord, I Need You*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

## THANK OFFERING

1 - Ebenezer Ministries 2 - The Mission To Seafarers

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE — Matthew 1: 1-17

SERMON — A Christmas Gift from a Dysfunctional Family

SONG — *O Come Emmanuel*

PARTING BLESSING & CLOSING SONG — *King of Kings*

# Church Family

Today we rejoice with **Johan & Tammy M** and their family as they present **Carly Joe** and with **Quentin & Alex A** and their family as they present **Lennon Jane** for the Sacrament of Baptism. As a church family we celebrate this special day and officially welcome them to our fellowship!

There is now one confirmed case of COVID at Emmanuel Home and six at Salem Manor. Please pray for all the seniors there as well as the staff.

Please also continue to pray for the health concerns of **Arlene L's** daughter Debbie.

*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.*



**THANK YOU** Thank you to all who participated in the Livestream Congregational Meeting last week. Also, thank you to those of you who have voted for the Proposed 2021 Budget. If you have not yet voted, please follow this link to vote: <https://forms.gle/xMCXTKqE79fAQCMV8>.

**VOTING WILL CLOSE ON DECEMBER 3, 2020.**

**POINSETTIA/GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER** - Thank you to all who ordered Poinsettias and gift cards this year. We reached our goal and we are truly grateful! If you haven't picked up your order, please do so **after church today** (Delivery can be arranged for our seniors!)



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** Thank you Ebenezer for your generous giving! With your help, the GEMS ministry was able to donate 41 shoeboxes this year. Praise God! Each donation that you shared was appreciated, including the \$300 you donated to help purchase shoebox items. Join us in prayer for this ministry. We pray that the children chosen this year would be abundantly blessed by this gift. Ultimately, we pray that they would see the love of Christ in this act.



**TODAY DEVOTIONALS** - The **November/December Today Devotional Books** are available to be picked up at the welcome desk.

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE** ([ebenezercrc.com](http://ebenezercrc.com)) for a **LINKS** page where you can find links to News, Resources and Announcements for our Classis (AB North), CRCNA, CRC Network, World Renew, the Today Devotional, The Banner and many other resources.

## Our Volunteers

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Youth

**NEXT WEEK:** Jordan/Jason

**PROJECTION & AUDIO:** Mike/Nicole

**NEXT WEEK:** Dan/Ted

## Coming Up @ Ebenezer

<b>Sunday, Nov 29</b>	@	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> <b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> In-person or Livestream
<b>Wednesday, Dec 2</b>	@	<b>7:30 pm</b>	NO Coffee Break
<b>Thursday, Dec 3</b>	@	<b>7:00 pm</b>	EHD Zoom meeting
<b>Sunday, Dec 6</b>	@	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> In-person or Livestream



**OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE:** We are still planning on having our traditional candlelight service (Dec 20) and Christmas Day service this year. Whether or not these events will be in-person or online will depend on the COVID situation. If you would like to serve on the Christmas Day worship team please contact Freda and if you would like to participate in the candlelight service contact Pastor Jason.

**COFFEE BREAK UPDATE** In light of the change in guidelines, we feel it would be best to take a break from Coffee Break for the next three weeks to help limit the number of contacts we all have. It has been truly wonderful and refreshing to meet with everyone and we pray that everyone will understand our decision. Thank you from Cindy & Alicia.



## Deacon's Corner

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offering - THE MISSION TO SEAFARERS** - This ministry exists to be a seafarer's advocate and first line of support, to lend a sympathetic ear and a helping hand when those serving on ships reach the ports in Delta and Vancouver. This ministry can assist in providing a safe and relaxing place that all seafarers can call their home-away from-home. Rev. Gary Roosma is serving as the Chaplain in the Port of Vancouver.

**NEXT WEEK - CALVIN UNIVERSITY** - Calvin university offers a comprehensive liberal arts education in the Reformed tradition of historic Christianity. Through our learning we seek to be agents of renewal in academics, church and society. We pledge fidelity to Jesus Christ, offering our hearts, lives and skills, to do God's work in His world. For more information see [calvin.edu](http://calvin.edu).

## Denominational News & Resources

**16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM** - A group of CRCNA agencies is collaborating to expose the Hidden Crisis of gender-based violence (GBV), this horror and pain inflicted on women and girls around the world for the "crime" of being female. Together, we have joined in the UN Women's initiative, 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM (November 25–December 10), to raise awareness of the causes and impacts of GBV and how Christians can make an impact on families' lives and bring hope for the future. Join us for a specialized podcast, webinars, advocacy opportunities, Bible study material, educational video, and more. Find out more details in this CRCNA Network article: <https://bit.ly/gbv2020>

**CLIMATE WITNESS PROJECT RESOURCE VIDEO** - There is a lot in the media lately about climate change. Want to learn more about the CRCNA's response to it? The Alberta regional coordinator for the Climate Witness Project has put together a video to promote actions that churches can take to promote creation care or be more informed on climate change issues. Find it at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=QBDp9NDRL-k&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QBDp9NDRL-k&feature=youtu.be)

**THE CROSS AND THE LYNCHING TREE: JUSTICE BOOK CLUB** - Join CRC campus ministers Rick Mast (University of Alberta) and Mike Wagenman (Western University) for a discussion of James Cone's masterpiece *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*. As one commentator says, these are the "two symbols that dominated not only the spiritual world but also the daily life of African Americans in the 20th century." We will meet over Zoom on Friday, December 11 at 4pm ET (1pm PT). Register at [www.WesternCampusMinistry.ca](http://www.WesternCampusMinistry.ca). Questions can be sent to Mike at [mwagenman@uwo.ca](mailto:mwagenman@uwo.ca) or Rick at [rmast@ualberta.ca](mailto:rmast@ualberta.ca).

**MONDAY NIGHT'S WITH THE KING'S UNIVERSITY VIA ZOOM:** Join us for online public lectures. For more info and to sign up: <https://www.kingsu.ca/research/public-lectures>

**Nov 30 A Canadian Culture Born on Foreign Shores** with Dr. Marco Katz.



## Christmas News & Resources



**HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL** - A new twist on a favorite Calvin University tradition! The Campus Choir, Women's Chorale, and Capella have professionally recorded five sessions, which will debut on the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship's YouTube channel at 7 p.m. EST each Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve. Each service is 30–40 minutes long and contains songs, Scripture, and prayer. [worship.calvin.edu/news-events/events/](http://worship.calvin.edu/news-events/events/)

**ANNUAL SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS** - Join us in Nicholas B. Knoppers Recital Hall (and online!) on December 11th from 12:05 p.m. – 12:50 p.m. to hear King's University music faculty perform. Noon Tunes is a free, weekly King's community event hosted by the Department of Music in Nicholas B. Knoppers Hall, (almost) every Friday during the academic year. Noon Tunes features performances by students, faculty and special guests. Doors open at 12:00. Concert Starts at 12:05. This event will be livestreamed on the King's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheKingsUC>

**WORLD RENEW GIFT CATALOGUE** - Follow Jesus into the lives of the poor during COVID-19 this Advent through the World Renew 2020-2021 Gift Catalogue. Choose a gift that helps people who live with scarcity to experience more of the fullness of life that God intends for them. Need a print catalogue? Order yours at [bit.ly/ordergc20](http://bit.ly/ordergc20) or view the online catalogue at [worldrenew.ca/gifts](http://worldrenew.ca/gifts). Call us at 1-888-WRLD-RNW to find out more and give today!

**PREPARE YOUR HEART** - He Will Be Our Peace is an email devotional series put together by World Renew, Resonate Global Mission, and the CRC Office of Social Justice that features reflections from CRC ministries around the world during Advent 2020. Each devotion will be delivered to your email inbox every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, starting December 2, 2020, through Christmas Day. Join us as we journey through lamenting injustice to looking forward to the coming of the Prince of Peace using the book of Micah. Go to [justice.crcna.org/advent](http://justice.crcna.org/advent) to sign up today!

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL SERIES FROM TODAY** - It's been a rough year. Let Advent help you see God's story in Christmas. This special devotional series takes you deeper into the true meaning of Christmas, the coming Savior. Subscribe at [todaydevotional.com/advent](http://todaydevotional.com/advent). It's free!

A reminder that we at the **Ministry to Seafarers** will be distributing Christmas gifts again this year for the annual **Christmas at Sea** gift giving campaign. If you would like to support this cause that brings joy to so many seafarers each year, please send your donations to: Ministry to Seafarers, 401 E Waterfront Rd, Vancouver, BC V6A 4G9. Cheques can now be made payable to "Ministry to Seafarers." Write "Christmas at Sea" on the memo line. Thank you,