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**LENT SERIES 2020:**  
SEEING CHRIST IN ISRAEL'S WORSHIP



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# Welcome

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer! Today is the first Sunday in Lent. Lent is the 40 day period of time (not including Sundays) leading up to Easter Sunday. Lent is not about what we do for God but what He has done for us. **This year our theme for Lent is "Seeing Christ in Israel's Worship."** This gives us a chance to look back at the way ancient Israel worshipped and to consider how those practices were pointing forward to the coming Saviour. This morning we're specifically focusing on one of the central aspects of Israel's worship: the altar. -Pastor Jason

## OPENING PRAYER

## CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG — *I Lift My Eyes Up*

## GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

SONG — *Here is Love*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG — *I Need You*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Richard Ian H, son of Dan & Emily H*

*Bennett Jon Z, son of Justin & Mariska Z*

SONG — *Ten Thousand Reasons*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

## THANK OFFERING

1 - Ebenezer Ministries      2 - Centre for Public Dialogue

## SCRIPTURE — Exodus 20:24-26

## SERMON — The Altar and the Saviour

SONG — *There is a Fountain Filled With Blood*

## PARTING BLESSING & CLOSING SONG — *O Praise the Name (Anastasis)*

# Church Family

A Memorial Service will be held in honour of **Gary A** on Tuesday, March 3 @ 1:30pm here at Ebenezer. The Committal will take place that morning at 11:30 am at First Baptist Cemetery. All are welcome. Let us pray for Jane and the extended family as they walk through this week.

Please continue to pray for others in our church and community, including **Colleen V, Beth N, Joyce H, Kerry Anne H, Clarence M,** and **Wyatt B.**

*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.*

# Delight In Creation

A special note to parents of our DELIGHT 3 and 4 year olds:

We request that you take your child **directly into the second classroom** each Sunday. The sign-in and out sheets will be placed on the counter there for your convenience.

Our DELIGHT classes are now being held in two different rooms for the main story-telling, and from there the children are going to individual age-level classes. After a one-month trial period, we find the youngest children, ages 3 & 4, are benefitting from the smaller group and a few moments of activity right at the beginning of the time, preparing in this way to sit for the story and further wondering and/or activities. As before, the older children, K-4, hear a story immediately after some singing in the first classroom, and from there disperse to their age-level classes.

We continue to DELIGHT in your children, the stories of our elders, and in God's amazing creation.

**We have room for your stories!** Currently the theme is animals. Who doesn't have an animal story?! Please contact Joanne K if you would like to share yours with these wonderful kids.

**"...Ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you, or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of our God has done this? In God's hand is the life of every creature and the breath of every person."** Job 12: 7-10



**NEW CRC CHURCHES OF GREATER EDMONTON**  
2020-2021 Directories are in your mailboxes.  
Please note one correction: Tim & Bev C should be ...  
Thank you.

## Denominational Announcements

**FRIENDS OF THE HONDURAS WATER PROJECT** and the Micah Centre, we would like to extend a warm invitation to our Honduras Water Project 25th Anniversary Celebration! It will take place on March 7th, 2020, at The King's University. Please join us at 10:00 am for a light brunch and program. To RSVP, please email [madison.holzmann@kingsu.ca](mailto:madison.holzmann@kingsu.ca).

**EMMANUEL HOME SOCIETY EXPANSION:** You are invited to an Information Meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at West End CRC (10015 149 St) at 7:00 p.m. to learn more about the Society's exciting developments in bringing a new Christian seniors home to the Inglewood neighborhood in Edmonton's west end. The meeting will begin with an informative presentation and opportunities for discussion, questions, feedback and suggestions. Meet Society Board members, Executive Director Darren Sinke and other building experts. Building layouts, renderings and suite concepts will also be available for viewing. For more information, please email [dsinke@emmanuelhome.ca](mailto:dsinke@emmanuelhome.ca) or call 780-478-2051 (Website: [emmanuelhome.ca](http://emmanuelhome.ca)).

**EDMONTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS now accepting new family applications for 2020-21:** Application packages for Preschool and Kindergarten – Grade 12 are available at our three schools (Northeast, West and High) and the Society office. You can also print the forms and get information from our website: [www.edmchristian.org](http://www.edmchristian.org). Plan to attend an **Open House event** on Wednesday, March 4 (West and High Schools) or Thursday, March 5 (Northeast School), from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call us at [780-476-6281](tel:780-476-6281).

**BREAK FORTH ALIVE** - Join fellow believers at Break Forth Alive Edmonton, **Sunday, April 5, 2020**. Take an afternoon workshop with best-selling author, renowned speaker and Swedish pastor, Rev. Hans Weichbrodt. Lift your voices in worship on Palm Sunday for the Night of Worship & Word featuring Hans Weichbrodt and a line-up of nationally and internationally awarded and nominated artist! The evening is free and the workshop just \$10. For more information and to sign up, go to [www.BreakForthMinistries.com](http://www.BreakForthMinistries.com)

**SAVE THE DATE – June 6th –** to participate in the **30TH ANNUAL REHOBOTH GOLF CLASSIC** at The Ranch Golf and Country Club.

## Coming Up @ Ebenezer

<b>Sunday, March 1</b>	@	<b>9:15 am</b>	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	@	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service with Baptisms</b>
	@	<b>11:45 am</b>	Catechism
<b>Monday, March 2</b>	@	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Friendship
<b>Tuesday, March 3</b>	@	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>NO Family Prayer Time this week</b>
	@	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Committal Service for Gary A</b> (First Baptist Cemetery)
	@	<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Memorial Service for Gary A</b> (Ebenezer CRC)
<b>Wednesday, March 4</b>	@	<b>9:30 am</b>	Coffee Break
	@	<b>6:30 pm</b>	GEMS
<b>Saturday, March 7</b>	@	<b>10:00 am</b>	Kub Kar Races
<b>Sunday, March 8</b>	@	<b>9:15 am</b>	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	@	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>

**SAFE CHURCH TRAINING:** If you have received a notice in your mailbox about attending Safe Church training there will be two Safe Church training sessions offered after church. The first one on March 15 and the second one on April 5. These sessions will start immediately after church in Classroom 2. Just grab a cup of coffee and come on down.



**KUB KAR RACES** - Saturday, March 7th, come out and race your car or join us for lunch and cheer for your favourite! Registration opens at 10:00am and races begin at 10:30! A concession with lunch and snacks will be provided by the GEMS Counsellors. Concession profits will go towards fundraising efforts for GEMS Leadership Conference this summer.

## 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 - CENTRE FOR PUBLIC DIALOGUE - Seeking Justice, Speaking Hope** - We believe that every person is created in the image of Creator God. From this foundation, we work to promote the flourishing of all people through constructive dialogue and advocacy in Canada. As Christian citizens we stand with vulnerable and marginalized people in our communities as allies and work toward a just world in which structures and institutions give every person the opportunity to thrive. They work with issues such as Refugee Justice, Indigenous Justice, Human Trafficking and Climate Change.

**NEXT WEEK - CANADIAN FOODGRAINS BANK** - March 8 is Canadian Foodgrains Bank Sunday. All gifts to bring food to refugees globally will be matched 4X through Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB). This year, World Renew will tell the story of two Syrian mothers who lost almost everything - but they are safe in Lebanon now and receiving food and a witness of Christ's love through the ministry of our church partners. To learn more about World Renew's partnership with CFGB, or to donate before March 8, go to [www.worldrenew.ca/cfg](http://www.worldrenew.ca/cfg)

Please see the Deacon's Corner bulletin board for the latest update from our missionaries, Albert & Carolyn S. If you'd like a printed copy, stop by the Welcome Booth.

**THANK YOU FROM THE SEAFARERS!!** A hearty thank you to the congregation there at Ebenezer CRC for your recent contribution of \$777.70 to the Ministry to Seafarers! We have come through the busy Christmas and New Year season, and are now handing out small red packets to many sailors for whom the Lunar New Year is also an important celebration. And of course this strategic ministry continues all through the year.

Thanks for your part in making this all possible, through your prayers and gifts. Do pray that the Lord will continue to guide and bless us as chaplains here in the Port of Vancouver. And may He bless you all in all the Kingdom work you are part of - there in Leduc and as your ministry reaches to other parts of the world.

## Thank You To Our Volunteers!

**Ushers:** Tim C, Bev C

**Greeters:** Dick & Judy O

**Welcome Centre:** Linda K

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

**Next Week:** Dennis & Ineke V

**Next Week:** Marco D

**Coffee Duty:** Gerard & Wendy B, Terry & Alice V, Elly M

**Next Week:** Gary & Jen F, Warren & Carrie T, Wim & Jenny R

**Serving Elder:** Terry V

**Next Week:** Gord W

**Worship Team:** Jordan/Jason

**Next Week:** Grace D

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

**Next Week:** Matt K/Jamie B

**Nursery Supervisor** - Christine H

Inf: Christine H, Heather L, Angelica G, Anke K

Tod: David P, Sam G, Ryan Kl

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

Inf: Candice P, Linda H, Klaret K

Tod: Brianne R, Leanne K, Shane K



*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](http://ebenezercrc.com).*



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.** A World Day of Prayer Service is being held at Peace Lutheran Church in Leduc on Friday, March 6 at 7:00 pm. This year the focus is on Zimbabwe and the theme is "Rise! Take up your mat and walk" - John 5:2-9a