

January 31, 2021

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# 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.

## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

SONGS — *Holy, Holy, Holy*  
*Come People of the Risen King*

## GOD'S GREETING

SONG — *What a Savior*

## CONFESSION OF SINS & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG — *Here Is Love*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

### THANK OFFERING

1 - Ebenezer Ministries 2 - Diaconate

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE — JOHN 11: 45—57

SERMON — *The Art of Stirring Up Trouble*

SONG — *Jesus Shall Reign*

## PARTING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG — *Oh How Good It Is*

# Church Family

Three babies in 4 days! Praise God from whom all blessings flow! We pray for peace and joy and strength for you all.

Congratulations to **Brad and Lauren T** on the arrival of their daughter, **Scarlett Claire**. Scarlett was born on. Mom and baby are home and doing really well.

Congratulations to **Joel & Candice P**! Their daughter **Remi Nicole** was born on. She is a happy and healthy baby.

Congratulations to **Wes & Candice V** on the arrival of **Aurora Libertine**. She was born on. The family is delighted with their new addition.

Please continue to pray for the health concerns of **Per S** and the health and recovery of **Ineke V**.

**A Note of Thanks from John & Wendy T:** We would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, phone calls and support after the passing of Wendy's brother-in-law. We are so thankful and blessed to be part of such a caring and loving church family.

**2021 BABIES!** Our congregation continues to grow! Since we are in a season when we don't always see our beloved church family, we wanted to share with you our happy news! We're having a baby! Please pray for us and our little ones over the coming months. Thank you!

Christina (& Dan) V	- due mid February
Tamara (& Nick) P	- due end of February
Heather (& Aaron) L	- due end of March
Jamie (& Matt) B	- due mid May
Kara (& Colin) B	- due early June



(If you are expecting and would like to share the news, please contact the church office.)

## 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 - DIACONATE** Deacons are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus, administering the mercy of Christ to all people. The deacons are also to motivate the members of the church to be faithful with their resources on behalf of the needy with gifts of money, assistance and counsel. Deacons also serve by leading people to see the grace of our loving Saviour and recognizing the Lord through whom all blessings flow.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offering NEXT WEEK - RACE RELATIONS** The Ministry of Race Relations is mandated by synod "to design, organize, and implement programs that will assist the denomination, churches and members in eliminating the causes and effects of racism within the body of believers and throughout the world. The office of Race Relations offers resources and tools to grow in understanding in how to be of service to diverse communities.

## Opportunities to Serve

**HOPE MISSION** has requested help in collecting items of warm clothing for their outreach during these cold months. Birgit M will collect the items from church and deliver these to the Hope Mission centre. Please use this opportunity to donate warm, durable and good condition clothing as soon as possible so the Mission can distribute them to those in need. *Please place your donations in the "donation suitcase" located in church foyer across from the Welcome Desk.* Thank you!

**NEW—REFUGEE SUPPORT TEAM AT EBENEZER** The need for placement for refugee families is great. An opportunity to help in resettling a family would require dedicated volunteers. We are considering how Ebenezer CRC may work towards setting up a refugee support team to give refuge and help. If you are interested in being a member of such a team contact Joanne K or one of the deacons.

## Coming Up @ Ebenezer

<b>Sunday, Jan 31</b>	@	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> In-person or Livestream
<b>Wednesday, Feb 3</b>	@	<b>7:00 pm</b>	GEMS Online Meeting
	@	<b>7:30 pm</b>	Coffee Break gathering
<b>Sunday, Feb 7</b>	@	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> In-person or Livestream



### Coffee Break

**COFFEE BREAK 2021** - Attention Ladies! Join us Wednesday evenings, from 7:30-9pm. We will meet weekly for fellowship and great conversation. We ask that you come prepared to observe AHS guidelines - we will wear masks and observe social distancing. If you have any questions please contact Alicia B or Alex A. Thank you!

**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.

**The January/February Today Devotionals are available and can be picked up at the registration table. LARGE PRINT also available.**

**The January Banner is available and can be picked up at the registration table.**

Please contact the church office if you would like a copy of either of these publications put into your church mailbox.

## Denominational News & Resources

**WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD** This January and February join World Renew for a series of discussions led by leaders and churches using asset based community development. Together we will explore ways churches can be better neighbo(u)rs and move from doing things for community to working with community. The [Webinar series](#) runs Thursdays at 7:30 pm Eastern. Visit World Renew's website to register.



February 4: Seeing our Neighbourhood Rather than experts of our community, what if we committed to being students of our community? Looking for strengths, resources, possibilities, and partnerships is key to being good neighbours. In this interactive webinar, Jodi Koeman and Ron Vanden Brink will lead you through exercises and activities to help you discover the Strengths of your church property, people, and resources, as well as the neighbourhood it is located in.

February 11: Connecting to our Neighborhood Sometimes we need to let things go in order to bring something to life. Mike Mather, faculty of ABCD Institute, Author, Having Nothing, Possessing Everything: Finding Abundant Communities in Unexpected Places has pastored churches in Indianapolis and now in Boulder, CO. He has noticed that while his church was serving people, they weren't really making a lasting impact in those people's lives or the neighborhood. Working through the efforts of neighborhood member, De'Amon Harges, they decided to "put to death" the programs and bring to life relationships and social capital. This small but significant shift changed their way of being church.

**DISABILITY CONCERNS WINTER BOOK CLUB IS STARTING SOON!** - Join us VIA Zoom on Tuesday evenings from February 2 through March 9 at 7pm EST for the Disability Concerns winter book club, where we'll explore John Swinton's new book: Finding Jesus in the Storm. Finding Jesus in the Storm is a call for the church to be an epicenter of compassion for those experiencing depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and related difficulties. To find out more information on the club and to sign up, check out the network article: Disability Concerns Winter 2021 Book Club (<https://network.crcna.org/disability-concerns/disability-concerns-winter-2021-book-club>)

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**KING'S VIEW FRIDAY — January 29, 2021 All Day** The King's University King's View Friday (KVF) is a great way for prospective student to learn about King's. Join us and learn more about the King's experience!

**KING'S ENCOUNTER WEEK — March 11-13, 2021** Join us on-campus for a full weekend to experience what being a King's student is really like. Talk to professors, sit in on classes, and more!

**CAMPUS VISITS AT REDEEMER** Take that first step and experience Redeemer's one-of-a-kind community like never before. Visiting campus is the best way to figure out if Redeemer is the right fit for you. Please note that due to COVID -19 restrictions, only virtual visits are available at this time: [redeemer.ca/visit](http://redeemer.ca/visit)

**CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP SERVICES** - Join us on [February 2nd at 7:00pm EST](#) to learn about opportunities to maximize your charitable giving! Discover unique ways to bless for favorite charities! Did you know that you could give with a pension plan or an RRSP?

Due to the popularity of our "Fireside Chat" we will be hosting another one on [February 17th at 7:00 PM PST](#). Join us with your questions about gifting, Wills, Estate planning and we will answer them - or you can just listen in!

Register on our Events page: <http://www.csservices.ca/events.php>

**CHURCH NOW CONVERSATION:** Congregational leaders are welcome to join a special conversation between RCA general secretary Eddy Aleman, and CRCNA executive director Colin Watson. This conversation will focus on the challenges, work, and ministry of the two denominations as we head into a very interesting summer. Come join this conversation! The online conversation will take place Tuesday, February 2, 3:30-4:30 pm (EST). Learn more and register at [www.vibrantcongregations.org/church-now](http://www.vibrantcongregations.org/church-now)

## Our Volunteers

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Jason/Jordan  
**PROJECTION & AUDIO:** Dan/Ted

**NEXT WEEK:** Grace  
**NEXT WEEK:** Matt/Jamie