October 3, 2021

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Glorifying God and Loving All People

Welcome to our Service

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer, both in person and Livestream To access the Livestream, visit our website: www.ebenezercrc.com and click on the Livestream button that appears at the top of the page.

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG - Lord I Lift Your Name on High

GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET EACH OTHER

SONGS — Hymn of the Holy Spirit

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

SONG — Jesus Paid it All

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THANK OFFERING 1 - Ebenezer Ministries

2 - Mustard Seed

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Children aged 3-5 leave for Sunday School)

SONG – Show Us Christ

SCRIPTURE – JOHN 12: 20-36

SERMON — Sir, We Want to See Jesus

SONG — Be Lifted Up

PARTING BLESSING & CLOSING SONG — Holy, Holy, Holy

E-transfer Information: to send a donation via e-transfer, please use **finance@ebenezercrc.com.** Thank you!

Church Family

Next Sunday, Lord willing, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism during our Thanksgiving service. **Cole and Becky V** will present their daughter **Paisley** for baptism. We look forward to sharing this day with you and giving thanks to the Lord for the gift of children!

This week we said goodbye to the **B family**. **Alex and Alinda**—we were blessed by your presence in our community! We pray for you and the kids—**Daniel**, **Kevin**, **Anthony**, **Eva**, **Samuel and Matthew**—as you transition to your new life in Manitoba.

Emily M's sister Heidi had surgery this week to remove the tumor in her bowel, and it went really well. Both the surgery and all the other tests they have run have not indicated any other cancer, which is also wonderful. The news was shocking for the whole family at first but we have adjusted, and her husband is reaching out to the family to keep us updated, which is also a positive sign.

Please continue to pray for **Gary F**. His white blood cells have dropped again and he is following up with the doctors.

Mary S has finished chemotherapy and is scheduled for surgery on October 6th. Please pray for continued strength and courage and that the surgery will go ahead as planned.

Angela B (**Bev C**'s Sister) has started chemo treatments this past week. We ask for the Lord's healing hand on Angela and we pray for comfort and strength for the family.

Please continue to pray for:

Margaret T, Per S, Abigail C, Arlene L's daughter, Konrad B, Bruce B's mom Shiela, Adaline H, and Kerry Anne H.

NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS It is time to begin the process of installing new elders and deacons. There are <u>3 elder and 3 deacon</u> positions that need to be filled. We would like to invite the congregation to prayerfully consider if you would like to suggest someone in our congregation who is qualified and called to serve in one of those positions. Suggestions for nominations to these offices will be considered by council at our council meeting on October 5. Thank you.



THE BRIDGE APP Ebenezer now has an app! We welcome you to join The Bridge app and select Ebenezer as your "Home Church". Other local CRC churches are currently using The Bridge app and testify it has become a great tool for their congregation (Classis Alberta North is financially supporting the app admin fees). Our office staff have done some preliminary work to prepare the app and we are now excited to share that it is ready for use at Ebenezer! The Bridge app is also a great digital resource to keep us connected! It contains an online church directory, upcoming birthdays, current prayer requests and access to the Today devotional booklet, The Banner magazine and more. Please look for the brochure in your mailbox or at the Welcome Desk for more information and instructions on how to find/download The Bridge app, create an account and access Ebenezer CRC as your home church. For detailed step by step instructions, refer to this guide: The Bridge App Guide.

Please note, if your email address is listed in the 2020/21 Christian Reformed Churches of Greater Edmonton Directory, our church office staff have entered your email in the app database. When you create an account, you should be automatically connected (paragraph #2 on the brochure). All other email addresses not listed in the directory that are used to create an account will require the extra step of their account being ap proved by our office staff before you will have access (paragraph #3 of the bro chure). This extra step provides a level of security to the app.

Remember: The Bridge App Guide is a simple explanation of how to use this App, but you can also call the office for help! We are here to serve you!



Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, Oct 3	@	10:00 am	Worship Service In-person & Livestream
Sunday, Oct 10	@	10:00 am	Worship Service Thanksgiving Service Sacrament of Baptism In-person & Livestream

NEXT YOUTH EVENT— Come out to our next Youth event on <u>October 17th from 7-9pm</u>. Worship, talks from Pastor J, discussion and fun activities every meeting! *Interested in helping with YOUTH Worship?* Contact: Jay & Laura A.

CADETS— GOD'S IN CONTROL—This year's Cadet theme is based on Joshua 1:9 "Be strong and courageous...for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." For all boys Grades 2-9. We will be meeting every other Saturday morning, starting October 23rd from 9:30 – 11:30 am. Contact Head Counsellor Scott K. at leduccadets@gmail.com for more information.

FRIENDSHIP- After much prayer and discussion we have decided to postpone Friendship until <u>November 22, 2021</u>. Given the Covid situation, busing concerns and well being of all involved, we feel it is the right and responsible decision. We continue to pray that things will improve allowing us to meet with our Friends in the near future. Stay tuned and thank you for being flexible!

GEMS—Due to the high number of COVID cases in our school communities we've decided to postpone the start of GEMS for at least 2 weeks. If you plan to register for GEMS, please email ebenezergems374@gmail.com to join our email list and receive future updates.

COFFEE BREAK MINISTRY— The Coffee Break season will be postponed until <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>November 3rd</u>. While disappointing, we are seeking to make the best decision for everyone, including our children and volunteers. We encourage you to reach out to at least one other lady this month and get together for a coffee or walk!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AGES 3 TO GRADE 3—We will continue to run the Parent-led 3-5 year old classes for the month of October. It is our hope to launch the traditional program for ages 3 to Grade 3 beginning <u>November 7th</u>. This will be dependent on the COVID situation and the number of volunteers available. Thank you!

Deacon's Corner

1st 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.

2nd Offering — THE MUSTARD SEED is a faith-based organization whose mission is to eliminate homelessness and poverty where we serve. Operating in Alberta (Calgary, Edmonton, and Red Deer), British Columbia (Kamloops), we are a fast-growing organization which is expanding to meet the growing needs of the homeless community in our area. We seek to practice transparent accountability, open communication, and holistic innovation, while treating everyone with respect, and keeping Christ as the reason for everything we do. We seek to do this by building hope and well-being for our most vulnerable citizens through Jesus' love.

NEXT WEEK 2nd Offering — Thanksgiving—Cause of Choice



REHOBOTH October is Rehoboth Membership Month! We invite you to become a Rehoboth member and partner with our ministry of supporting persons with developmental disabilities. Mem-

bership fees are \$10 each and additional donations of any amount are greatly appreciated. Look for the October is Membership Month envelope in your mail slot or from your canvasser (Alicia Bulten). Alternatively, a digital online submission is available through https://www.rcmflourish.ca/donate/donation-form/ Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

PHOTO DIRECTORY NOTE: Alex & Alinda B and family have moved to Manitoba.

Their new residence address is: Mailing address:

La Broquerie, Manitoba La Broquerie, Manitoba

Denominational News & Resources

JOIN A GO LOCAL COHORT! - Resonate Global Mission ministry leaders are starting new Go Local: Essentials cohorts at the end of September and beginning of October. Go Local cohorts equip believers with postures and practices for joining God at work outside of the four walls of a church building. Go Local cohorts are available for individuals, churches, and pastors and church staff. Learn more and find a cohort that works with your schedule at www.resonateglobalmission.org/essentials

ed with Jesus' life and the early church: Bethlehem, Nazareth, Caesarea, Capernaum, Bethsaida, Sea of Galilee, Caesarea Philippi, the major biblical places in Jerusalem, Masada and much more. This tour also uniquely involves key biblical sites in Jordan, including the amazing city of Petra. Contact Dr. Jeff Weima, Professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, at wemje@calvinseminary.edu or 616-328-3110.

Thank You To Our Volunteers

WORSHIP TEAM: Wilbur H

PROJECTION & AUDIO: Dan / Ted

SERVING ELDER: Roy V

GREETERS: Wim & Jenny R

USHERS: Dennis P, Ruby P

WELCOME CENTER: Bea V

NURSERY: Christina V, Tammy M

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Colin & Kara B

NEXT WEEK: Grace / Freda NEXT WEEK: Matt / Jamie

NEXT WEEK: Terry VDK

NEXT WEEK: Dennis & Ineke V

NEXT WEEK: Alice V, Jan T

NEXT WEEK: Charlene V

NEXT WEEK: James H, Quentin A

NEXT WEEK: Linda K