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(Finance)

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Scott K

Harold H

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(Secretary)

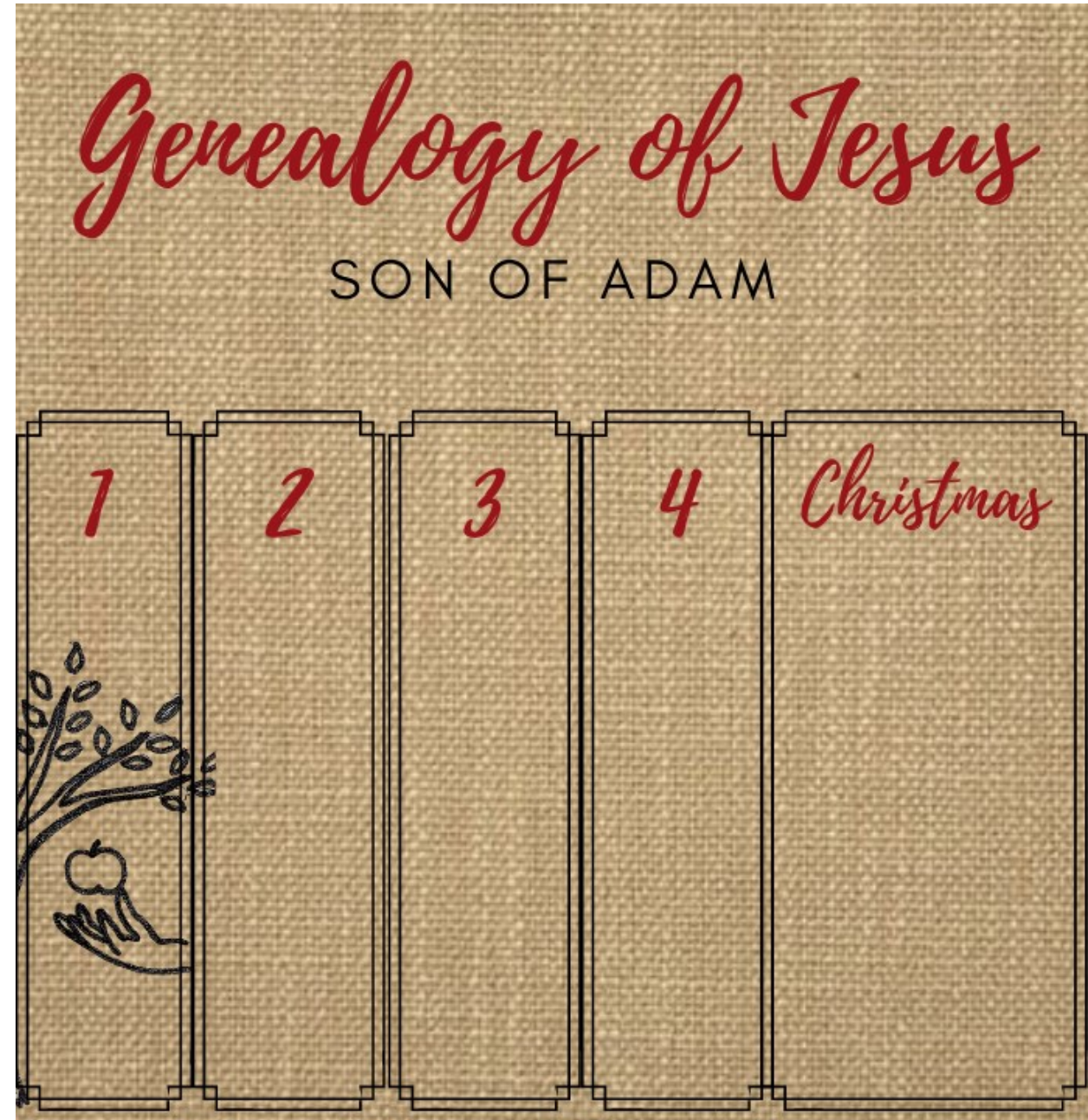
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Advent 2021

# Welcome to our Service

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer, both in person and Livestream. To access the Livestream, visit our website: [www.ebenzercrc.com](http://www.ebenzercrc.com) and click on the Livestream button that appears at the top of the page.

## WELCOME

SONGS — *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*  
*My Soul Cries Out With a Joyful Shout*

## GOD'S GREETING & ADVENT READING

SONG — *Advent Hymn*

## TIME OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

SONG — *Show Us Christ*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

## THANK OFFERING

- 1 — Ebenezer Ministries
- 2 — Seafarers Ministry

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*(Children ages 3—Grade 3 are dismissed for Sunday school)*

SCRIPTURE — **Luke 3: 23-38; Genesis 3: 1-15; Romans 5: 12-21**

SERMON — *Son of Adam*

SONG — *He Shall Reign Forevermore*

BENEDICTION & CLOSING SONG — *All Glory Be To Christ*

**E-TRANSFER:** to send an e-transfer donation use [finance@ebenzercrc.com](mailto:finance@ebenzercrc.com). Thank you!

# Church Family

Please keep **Konrad and Edith B** in your prayers. Konrad has been in the Wetaskiwin Hospital with complications due to Covid and Pneumonia. He has now being transferred to the Red Deer Hospital.

*If you are experiencing physical or emotional difficulties,  
please speak to your district Elder, a Deacon or contact the church office.  
We want to support you on your journey.*

**SENIOR'S CHRISTMAS DINNER EVENT.** Calling all seniors, an event for you has been long overdue. We are excited to host our Annual Christmas Dinner for our seniors on December 16th at 11:30am. We will be extra careful in following current guidelines and are eager to have a safe time of fellowship, food and music! Are you interested in attending or volunteering? Please let Jen F. or Alex A. know. Thank you! Please pray for us as we plan this event.



**GEMS POINSETTIA/GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER** - The GEMS Girls Club is selling poinsettias and \$25 gift cards for Arber Greenhouse and Salisbury Greenhouse. Check your email to access the Order Form or click here. You may also contact Leanne K. **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER.** Pick up will be on December 2nd from 3-4pm or on December 3rd. All funds raised will go directly to supporting our GEMS club. We thank you for your support!



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** - Thank you to all those who packed shoeboxes this year! With your help and with the help of our GEMS club we were able to drop off 69 shoeboxes that will be sent to children in need by Samaritan's Purse! We pray that each child who receives a box will feel loved and will come to know the love of Jesus also!

**CHURCH LIFE STROOPWAFEL EVENT.** Hello members of Ebenezer. On December 5th we are going to be offering Stroopwafel ice-cream sandwiches and coffee for you as you leave church. Looking forward to serving you!



**THE BRIDGE APP - ADD A PHOTO** It's been a month since we launched The Bridge app for our church. The online directory has been a very successful part of this app! With more options in the app it is now easy to list your email addresses and cell phone numbers for multiple family members and add a photo of yourself or your household. Current information and a household photo is a great way for our church family to stay connected! Please refer to the email sent last week from the church office with more details of how to add a photo or call the office for assistance. If you are still

new to the app, please use the following link for step-by-step directions on how to download The Bridge app, create an account and select Ebenezer CRC as your home church:

[The Bridge App Guide](#)

**SAFE CHURCH — Important** If you are volunteering this fall, please complete the online course found here: [Safe Church Refresher Course](#). If you have questions, call the Office. Thank you!



**SAFE CHURCH FACT:** Did you know...

There is an usher each week that monitors the halls, doors and parking lot?

**WORSHIP AND CHURCH LIFE MINISTRIES** have joined up to put together an Advent devotional calendar. This resource is designed to not only prepare our hearts for the coming of the King, but also to encourage creative ways to reach out to one another and build community! These Advent readings are meant for all ages! For those families who already own a copy of *The Jesus Storybook Bible*, you can follow along with the stories as listed on the calendar. (If you don't already own it, it's wonderful! And you can get it through most book retailers, including Faith Alive Christian Resources). Teens and adults, you can follow along using the Scripture passages listed. The readings have been arranged to coincide with Pastor Jason's sermon series for Advent! **BONUS!** We were granted permission to revise the *Jesus Storybook Bible* Advent 2021 resource to coincide with our Advent Calendar, so those who wish to mark their journey through Advent with the corresponding ornaments can do so! We'd love to see pictures of your ornaments and/or you or your family doing some of the community building activities! Send them to [worship@ebenezercrc.com](mailto:worship@ebenezercrc.com)!

## Coming Up @ Ebenezer

<b>Sunday, Nov 28</b>	@	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> <b>Advent begins</b> In-person & Livestream
	@	5:00 pm	Youth Outing
Monday, Nov 29	@	7:00 pm	Friendship Ministry
Wed, Dec 1	@	9:30 am	Coffee Break
Saturday, Dec 4	@	9:30 am	Cadets
<b>Sunday, Dec 5</b>	@	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> In-person & Livestream <b>STROOPWAFEL EVENT</b>

**HEALTHY KIDS:** We welcome your healthy children to Nursery and Sunday School! If they are sick, please do not bring them to the Nursery or Classrooms. If your children appear to be unwell at some point during the service, teachers or Nursery staff will bring them back to you. This policy benefits your child and protects the safe environment for other children. Thank you!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE** When possible, please sign your child in at the Welcome Center upon arrival at church. However, we ask that you still escort your child to their class to help with our Safe Church goals here at Ebenezer. After church, please pick up your child at their classroom and sign them out on the Attendance chart. **Grade 2-3 kids do NOT need a signature** to be signed out, just a visual cue to the teacher - a wave, for example.

**YAC—YOUTH OUTING** Come out tonight to Jay & Laura Amba's for an evening of outdoor fun! 5pm for hotdogs and games. Contact Jay & Laura A, or Jamie B, with any questions.  
**Next YAC Event:** Sunday, Dec 12th—Youth Christmas Party!



## 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 — CRC MINISTRY 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. Also In 2020 over 1300 gifts were distributed to 68 ships over a period of about 1 month and gifts were delivered on Christmas Eve to ships anchored in the Vancouver harbours.

**NEXT WEEK 2<sup>nd</sup> Offering — NOW, NEIGHBOURS OUTREACH WETASKIWIN** is a group of Christians from various churches that provides a bag lunch DAILY to the people staying in tents behind Walmart as well as to about 60 community people. Mustard seed is going to take over the care of tent city, but they are not providing food.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR EBENEZER**—We have to opportunities to help in a variety of ways.

1. We can provide lunch and soup supplies
  2. Participate in the filling of backpacks with supplies off their list, these are to be distributed on Christmas Day
  3. Go and participate in preparing, distributing and cleaning up after the lunch program (9:30-1:30)
  4. Supply gloves (knitted dollar store are best) toques, scarves, socks, blankets
- Check it out on [www.facebook.com/NOW-Neighbours-Outreach-Wetaskiwin](http://www.facebook.com/NOW-Neighbours-Outreach-Wetaskiwin).

**Contact Birgit or any of the deacons if you are interested.**

**LET'S LEARN TOGETHER**—Our denomination is currently looking at a synodical report on human sexuality. We as congregations are urged to go through the report together. One of the committee members who authored the document Pastor Mary-Lee Bouma presented a summary of the HSR (Human Sexuality Report) in West End CRC on Nov. 2/21. This is available to view on YouTube. We are willing to invite members of our church to view this summary at our home, each Wednesday Nov. 17/21 through Dec. 15/21 from 1pm to 3pm or 7pm -9pm. Contact Abe or Tena H.

Small groups of 8 or less, hope to see you as we strive to learn together.

## Denominational News & Resources

Tonight, November 28, 2021 at 7:00 pm you are invited by the Millet Ministerial to an **INTERDENOMINATIONAL COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE** at the One Accord Centre, 5128 50th Avenue, Millet. The focus of the evening will be to proclaim Christ as King and pray for Millet.

**ADVENT BEGINS TODAY** - Live as Jesus did in caring fellowship with the world's impoverished communities this Advent season through the World Renew 2021-2022 Gift Catalogue. Choose a gift that helps people who live with scarcity to experience hope through Christ this holiday season. Give online at [worldrenew.ca/gifts](http://worldrenew.ca/gifts) or call 1-888-WRLD-RNW.

**JOIN US AT INSPIRE 2022!** - You're invited to be part of a denomination-wide gathering in Chicago next summer. We'll engage in worship, fellowship, and learning as we come together on the theme, Inspired to Be One! Plan to join us August 4-6 at the Tinley Park Convention Center. Registration opens in January. Learn more and sign up for email updates at [www.crcna.org/inspire](http://www.crcna.org/inspire)

## Thank You To Our Volunteers

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Wilbur

**PROJECTION & AUDIO:** Dan / Ted

**SERVING ELDER:** John W

**GREETERS:** Wim & Jenny R

**USHERS:** Mike D, Kerry Anne H

**WELCOME CENTER:** Marco D

**NURSERY:** Michelle T(B), Tammy M

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

Age 3/4— Kelly L, Elliott, Jackson

K/Gr1— Lois D, Klaret

Gr2/3— Joanne K, Clara

**NEXT WEEK:** KerryAnne/Sam

**NEXT WEEK:** Matt/Jamie

**NEXT WEEK:** Quentin A

**NEXT WEEK:** Dennis & Ineke V

**NEXT WEEK:** Luke K, TBD

**NEXT WEEK:** Alyse K

**NEXT WEEK:** Matt B Quentin A

**NEXT WEEK:**

Age 3/4— Kara B, Sylvia, Pippa

K/Gr1— Seth & Shane, Ryman

GR 2/3— Karen G, Amy

