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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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG — *All Hail The Power*

GOD'S GREETING

SONG — *Cornerstone*

CALL TO CONFESSION

READINGS & SONG — *Softly And Tenderly*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG — *In Christ Alone*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THANK OFFERING

1 — Ebenezer Ministries 2 — Therefore Go Ministries

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Ages 3—Grade 3 are dismissed for Sunday School)

SCRIPTURE — **John 16 : 16—23**

SERMON — *Your Sorrow Will Turn Into Joy*

SONG — *I Want To Know You*

BLESSING & CLOSING SONG — *Living Hope*

E-TRANSFER: to send an e-transfer donation use finance@ebenezercrc.com. Thank you!

Church Family

Please continue to remember in prayer those in our community needing special care: those struggling with sickness, our seniors, our widows and those who struggle with mental and emotional challenges.

*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.*

*If you would like a visit with Pastor Jason ...
feel free to contact him directly by phone (780-964-9844) or email
(pastorjason@ebenezercrc.com) and set up a time for him to come and visit. Pastor
Jason also has drop-in hours at the church office from 10AM -2PM on Wednesdays
and all are invited to stop by for a visit.*

THE GIVING TREE was a huge success, especially for those who struggle with cold and shelter issues! A big thank you to all who participated in selecting tree decorations and bringing the warm clothing and messages of hope by donating backpacks and hygiene items. The volunteers at NOW are so encouraged by the generosity shown by the Ebenezer congregation.

REQUEST FROM ADMIN COMMITTEE: We are looking for volunteers to help out with snow removal on the sidewalks and emergency exits. If you can help out with this, please contact Roy V. Thank you.

A NOTE ABOUT USING YOUR CHURCH KEY IN THE MAIN DOOR: Over time our front doors at the church have warped due to settling and propping them open. If you have difficulty opening the door with your key, the locksmith advises using your foot to press the lower right corner of the door back into the frame before turning your key. Also, if you need to prop the door, please do not prop the Handicap door as this will cause further warping. Thank you!

Council Highlights for January 4, 2022

Alyse K opened our council meeting with devotions based on Hosea 14:9 and how we need to ask for God's discernment to help us determine what is wise. There are times when something might be technically right, but this is not always the wise decision. We then drew names from the prayer bowl and spent some time praying over members of our congregation.

We reviewed the requirements for voting at the congregational meeting. Our bylaws require 20% attendance at a congregational meeting to meet quorum and require a 2/3 majority vote to pass for any financial matters. With a congregation of 220 members we needed 44 in attendance; we had 35 in person and 33 online for a total of 68. The vote on the budget was approved by 89.8% of those who voted.

The purpose of our Sunday morning livestream was reviewed. Council would like to thank all of those who have made the livestream what it is today, and those who keep it going every week: it has been a blessing for those in our congregation who are unable to attend in person.

We discussed the next steps to follow with respect to the Human Sexuality Report that is going before Synod, and we are prayerfully reflecting on the best way to work through this with the congregation. We encourage our members to read the report, and we will have *paper copies of both the summary and the complete report available at the Welcome Center.*

We wrapped up and summarized the work that came out of our strategic planning session in December, and we are excited to share with you our plans for this new year, so look forward to a letter/announcement with more details sometime this month.

We received and processed the transfer in of **Christopher and Lindsay H**, along with their three boys **Ethan, Liam, and Kade** from Nobleford CRC and we welcome them to our church family! We also received and processed the withdrawal of Dan and Natasha D from our congregation and we wish them blessing in their future church home.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, January 9	@	10:00 am	Worship Service In-person & Livestream <i>Sunday School resumes</i>
Wednesday, Jan 12	@	9:30 am	Coffee Break Resumes
Saturday, Jan 15	@	9:30 am	Cadets
Sunday, January 16	@	10:00 am	Worship Service In-person & Livestream
	@	7:00 pm	Youth—YAC

FRIENDSHIP UPDATE: Due to the rising COVID numbers and the vulnerability of our Friends and their medical conditions, we have decided to pause our Friendship program for the immediate future. We will keep you updated. Thank you Wendy and Carolyn.

COFFEE BREAK UPDATE: Ladies, are you looking for a winter outing? Interested in spending time with others who are eager for friendship and faith? Come out to Coffee Break in 2022! Our first meeting of 2022 is this Wednesday, January 12th. We will study the topic of Prayer for 4 weeks and then dive into a new book together. If you have any questions, speak to Alex A, Alicia B, or Cindy H.

YOUTH — YAC RESUMES JANUARY 16TH Plan to join us in 2022 for new teaching, discussion, games and snacks! Parents—we have a small group designed just for you! Come out for a time of encouragement while your kids are at YAC. Youth Outing planned for Sunday January 23rd. Contact Jay & Laura A, Jamie B, or Marco & Jason D with any questions.

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 — THEREFORE GO MINISTRIES (formerly Youth Unlimited International) Therefore Go is a non-denominational, non-profit ministry with the focus to assisting the church and many local congregations in their outreach to youth. Therefore Go is part of the Dynamic Youth Ministries that is a Co-ed outreach focusing on high school youth. For information about this work see www.youthunlimited.org

NEXT WEEK 2nd Offering — EDMONTON PRO-LIFE The Edmonton Pro Life Society aims to promote respect for all human life from conception to natural death. This will include educating and developing understanding how our citizens can uphold and defend the right to life, a basic right on which all other rights depend.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022, all coupons purchased by members will be laminated for sanitary reasons. The colour will be the same for all dollar amounts.

Of course, coupons currently in circulation will continue to be usable and the 'old' style will be phased out as they are redeemed. For more information, please contact a member of the Ebenezer Finance Team.

DISASTER RESPONSE FOR BC FLOODING - On Nov. 14-15, vast areas of the lower Fraser River flooded; the rebuild will likely be measured in years. The Gateway CRC sprang into action right away to support flood victims, and also helped to form the Abbotsford Disaster Response Coalition. This group is partnering with World Renew's Disaster Response Services to make a long-term impact on flood-ravaged lives. Donations can be made to the work of this coalition through World Renew (send a cheque with Abbotsford Disaster Response Coalition in the memo line).

Denominational News & Resources

JANUARY SERIES 2022 - COMING THIS JANUARY FOR THE 35TH YEAR, CALVIN UNIVERSITY PRESENTS THE JANUARY SERIES 2022 – the award winning free liberal arts education delivered in 15 weekly, lunchtime lectures. This year the series begins on January 10 and continues weekdays through January 28 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Viewing options include attending the live presentations on Calvin's campus, attending simulcast presentations at over 50 remote sites across the continent, or watching digitally on demand each day until midnight on your own device. For all the details visit www.calvin.edu/january

CALVIN SYMPOSIUM ON WORSHIP - (JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 4, 2022) Join this livestream conference, with several in-person sessions, sponsored by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and the Center for Excellence in Preaching, located at Calvin University and Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Learn more at worship.calvin.edu/symposium/

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM CRC OF ST. ALBERT: Lady with Down syndrome is looking for a PDD funded room mate in St. Albert, well established community supported living program, low staff turn over. For more information please contact Tara; 780 896 3975.

Thank You To Our Volunteers

WORSHIP TEAM: Wilbur

PROJECTION & AUDIO: Dan/Ted

SERVING ELDER: Quentin A

GREETERS: Dennis & Ineke V

USHERS: Mitchell & Diana M

WELCOME CENTER: Marco D

NEXT WEEK: KerryAnne/Sam

NEXT WEEK: Matt/Jamie

NEXT WEEK: Roy V

NEXT WEEK: Roy & Teena V

NEXT WEEK: Dennis & Ineke V

NEXT WEEK: Tammy H

NURSERY: Michelle T (Brent)/ Lauren T

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

AGE 3/4: Kara B, Jachin, Jackson

K/Grade 1: Caylie, Ryman

Grade 2/3: Joanne K, Ethan

NEXT WEEK: Christina V/Mariska Z

NEXT WEEK:

Age 3/4: Karen H, Sylvia, Lily

K/Grade 1: Maricha, Levi

Grade 2/3: Karen G, Amy