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EBENEZER

Christian Reformed Church

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG — *He is Exalted*

GOD'S GREETING

SONG — *Be Unto Your Name*

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

U, Jason & Niki

Children: Wesley, Brody

H, Chris & Lindsay

Children: Ethan, Liam, Kade

SONG — *I Speak Jesus*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THANK OFFERING

1 — Ebenezer Ministries 2 — Race Relations

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

SCRIPTURE — **JOHN 17:20-26**

SERMON — The High Priestly Prayer, Part 3: Unity

SONG — *Lord I Need You*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG — *Build Your Kingdom Here*

BENEDICTION & CLOSING SONG — *Jesus, All for Jesus*

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

Church Family

Today we celebrate the **Lord's Supper** together. Praise God for this tangible expression of our unity in Christ!

Former member **Carrie V** has recently been diagnosed with transverse myelitis, and it is currently impacting her mobility. She is waiting to meet with a specialist to determine the best treatment. Please uphold Carrie, Trevor, and their two children in prayer.

One week ago **Jenny V** had a stint put in her leg. She is patiently recovering at home. We pray for continued healing and grace for each day.

Please continue to pray for **Konrad & Edith B** and **Margaret & Jim T**.

*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.*

Church Life Events



FAMILY SKATING! We invite everyone to join us **TODAY** from 2-4pm for skating, milk jug curling, tobogganing and a fire at Dale and Karen Hofstra's farm, 48168 Range Road 231 (2 miles East of Cloverlawn Hall). We will provide hot chocolate and donuts. Any questions please talk to Cindy H or Alex A.

GYM NIGHTS Church Life has booked a court at the LRC on Wednesday Feb 16th from 7:30-9 pm. Come out and join us for a friendly volleyball match! If you have a volleyball at home, please bring it! Contact Alex A or James H with questions. Future date: March 23rd.

COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE The Millet Ministerial cordially invites you to an interdenominational community worship service at 7 pm, February 13th at the One Accord Centre, 5128 50th Ave., Millet, AB.

Council Highlights – February

Brett L led devotions from the New City Catechism on the Lord's Prayer as a model to address our Father as King of the universe, corporate protector and guide. Following devotions we passed the prayer bowl and prayed for our church family.

We processed the membership transfer of Jason and Niki U and their boys Brody and Wesley. We also discussed the importance of welcoming newcomers to our services and considered strategies to improve in this area.

We were blessed to meet with the Healthy Church Task Force on January 20th, spending time reviewing the roles and responsibilities of Council, elders, deacons, Council Executive, and pastor. We plan to continue this training in late March, reviewing the governance processes, interactions between roles, and hospitality.

We gave guidance to our Classis delegates concerning how to represent our council regarding the Human Sexuality Report. Classis has a special meeting to discuss the report on February 5. Council reiterated its support of the report but recognizes that aspects of the report have the potential to bring division to the denomination and our church family. We pray for wisdom for all the Classis representatives and the denomination. We would like to continue exploring some of the issues raised in the report with the congregation. Our first step will be a meeting to provide information and perspective related to issues surrounding homosexuality. We created a subcommittee to determine an effective approach. We also discussed the need to engage and listen to families in our church for whom this issue is deeply personal.

This month begins a new meeting schedule for our council. In two weeks (Feb 15), the elders and deacons will have separate meetings. The consistory meeting (elders) will include time for pastoral care, prayer, and ministry reports. The deacons will continue with their monthly meeting to discuss the diaconate ministry and those people in need of support. The next full Council meeting will be March 1.



SAFE CHURCH FACT: Did you know...there is an Usher available to help you during the service and can also help with Sunday School, Nursery and other needs.

WHAT IS NADC, who is it for and what do you talk about? February 10 at 7pm will answer some of those questions and more. Join us by zoom to explore the topic of financial coaching, benevolence and other deacon related topics. Use this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86804324166> or email yournadc@gmail.com for more info.

Are you passionate about social justice issues in your communities or around the world? Are you from a small town or rural community and wondering about your connection to Indigenous Peoples? Do your farming practices involve a connection to a wider collective beyond the typical commodity economy? If you answered yes to any of these, I would love to hear from you! New opportunities are available and with the gift of zoom, we can connect from the comfort of our own homes. Email me at yournadc@gmail.com to start the conversation.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, February 6	@	10:00 am	Worship Service
			Lord's Supper
			In-person & Livestream
	@	2:00	<u>Church Life Event</u> —
			Family Skating at Dale & Karen's
	@	7:00 pm	Youth—YAC
Wednesday, February 9	@	9:30 am	Coffee Break
Sunday, February 13	@	10:00 am	Worship Service
			In-person & Livestream
	@	6:45 pm	Drop in Hockey

DROP IN HOCKEY! Due to the fantastic turnout the New Sarepta hockey arena has been rented again on Feb 13 from 6:45-8:15 pm for a relaxed game of shinny. It is a great time for the church and community to come together so please invite a friend or neighbour to come! \$10 per player. Significant others/families are more than welcome to come visit in the stands. Contact Colin or Graeme B with questions and to RSVP.

UPDATE FROM THE REFUGEE SUPPORT COMMITTEE We eagerly await the arrival of the A family, for whose sponsorship Ebenezer has raised funds last spring. As far as we know their screening and visas are still being processed in Lebanon. We hope and pray together with their sponsoring group and MCC that this will happen soon, and that they will arrive in Edmonton shortly! We will keep you updated with information as we receive it.

As evidenced by Ebenezer's passionate financial support for the A family, the Refugee Support Committee is convinced Ebenezer has a heart for this ministry. Indeed, the need is great! We are currently exploring what our next steps should be. Our first course of action is to secure a few more committee members to replace retirees. If you feel convicted to serve in this way, or if you have some questions, please contact either Grace D or Ruby P. May we be blessed and be a blessing as we serve together.

FRIENDSHIP MINISTRIES: After considerable discussion it has been decided to postpone the restart of Friendship until March 7th. We are hoping by this time we will be able finish the year without disruption. Please continue to pray for this ministry, especially for our Friends.

*****CLARIFICATION:** The Cadet Calendar is valued at \$20. Any donation given over \$20 will be added to your church giving if your check is made out to Ebenezer CRC. Please designate "Cadet Calendar" in the memo. 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 — 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 how to be of service to diverse communities.

NEXT WEEK 2nd Offering — GEMS

CHURCHES! DON'T MISS THIS 5-PART SERIES ON FOOD INSECURITY, ACCESS, AND DISPARITY

Many congregations are involved in some type of food insecurity program, whether that's a food pantry, community meal, or community garden. It's one tangible way of showing God's love and mercy to others. But how are these efforts impacting our community and solving the problem?

Join us for a 5-part series exploring Food Access, Insecurity, and Disparity. Guest speakers will share the way their church or organization is working to end hunger. We'll learn about innovative and dignified approaches and tackle hard questions to understand the role congregations play and how we can move from charity to dignity and justice.

Dates: Thursdays (February 10, February 24, March 3, March 10) **Time:** 7:30 PM Eastern. [Register here](#) for any or all of these sessions (or visit <http://worldrenew.net/events> to learn more)

Topics:

February 10 - From Food Bank to Community Driven Response. Guest: John Klein-Geltink, Board Member, Operation Sharing, Oxford County, Ontario, Canada

February 24 - Non-profit Coop/Grocery Store Model: Providing Access and Choice. Guest: Scott Rumpsa, Executive Director, Community Action House, Holland MI

March 3 - Farming: Cultivating Connection through Farming to People, Place and God. Guest: Rev. Nruya Love Parish, Co-founder and Executive Director, Plainsong Farm - Rockford, MI

March 10 - Anti-racism and Food Disparity: Racial Wealth Gap Simulation. Guest: Minerva Delgado, Director Advocacy, Alliance to End Hunger

Questions? Contact jkoeman@worldrenew.net



BRIDGE APP INFO: Have you checked out Ebenezer's new app yet? We welcome you to join The Bridge app and select Ebenezer as your "Home Church". [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](#)

ADULT EDUCATION - HUMAN DEVELOPMENT IN SPACE. Dr. Brian Martin, Professor emeritus at The King's University writes: "An early spring morning and I am ending a satisfying observing session under the stars when I notice a bright satellite in the western sky, and then another, and another, and within a span of 30 seconds a string of 60 - a satellite train making up part of Elon Musk's grand plan for the 42,000 satellite Starlink Network". Cause for elation or dismay? Astronomers are worried about the proliferation of "space junk". Dr. Martin will share some concerns about our use and misuse of the orbital region. At stake is not just the beauty of a star filled sky, but also the safety and sustainability of vital global satellite networks. [February 8, 2022, 7:00 p.m. West End Christian Reformed Church 10015 - 149 Street](#) This is an in-person event compliant with AHS mandates, but you can also catch it live on livestream or view it later on YouTube by clicking the link on the homepages of the sponsoring churches: Covenant Christian Reformed Church: www.covenantcommunity.ca Inglewood Christian Reformed Church: www.inglewoodcrc.org West End Christian Reformed Church: www.westendcrc.ca

Thank You To Our Volunteers

WORSHIP TEAM: Wilbur

PROJECTION & AUDIO: Dan/Ted

SERVING ELDER: Graeme B

GREETERS: Luke & Alyse K

USHERS: Mike D, KerryAnne H

WELCOME CENTER: Tammy H

NURSERY: Candice P, Christine H, Stella M

NEXT WEEK: KerryAnne/Sam

NEXT WEEK: Matt/Jamie

NEXT WEEK: Harold H

NEXT WEEK: James & Cindy H

NEXT WEEK: Luke & Alyse K

NEXT WEEK: Marco D

NEXT WEEK: Glen H, Leanne K, Anke K

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

AGE 3/4: Jamie B, Jachin

K/Grade 1: Maricha K, Elliott

Grade 2/3: Joanne K, Ethan

NEXT WEEK:

Age 3/4: Kelly L, Sylvia, D, Pippa A

K/Grade 1: Seth/Shane, Klaret

Grade 2/3: Karen G, Amy