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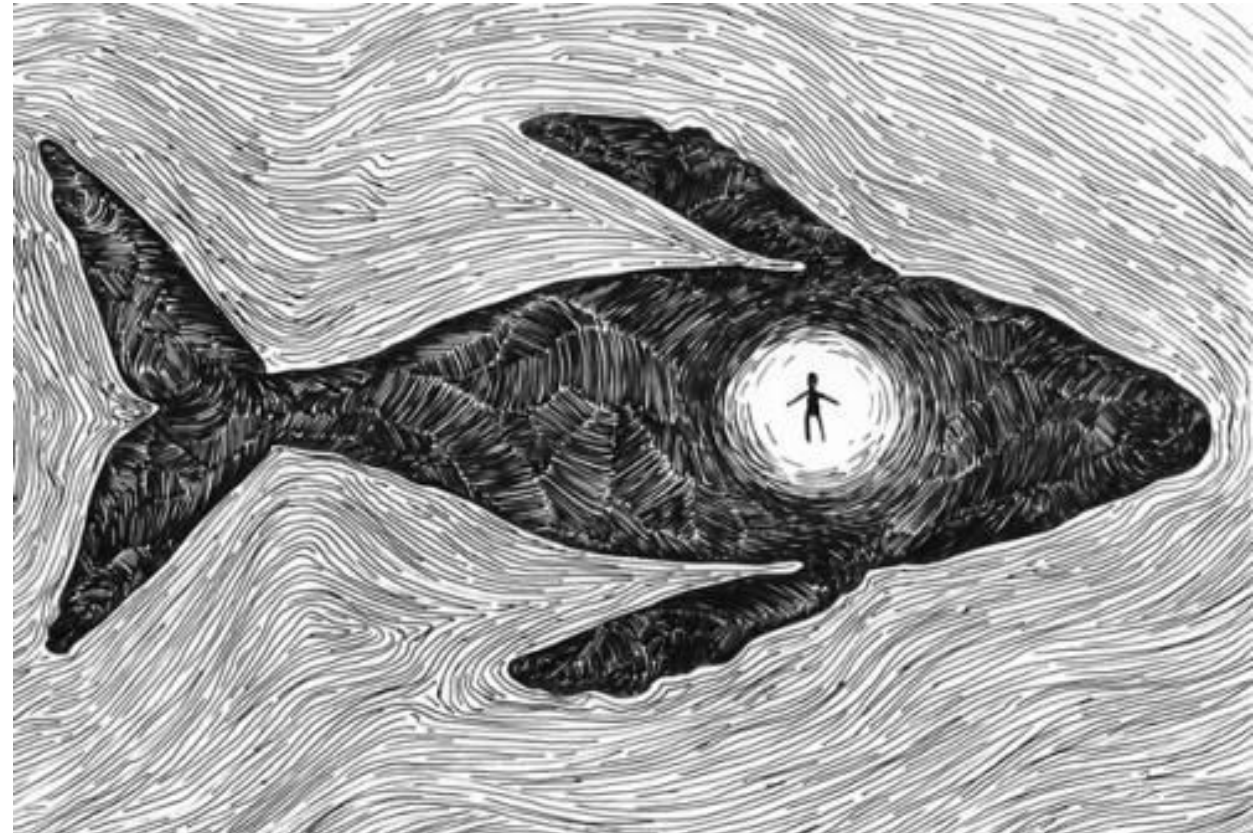
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The Broadness of God's Grace

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

SONGS — *Lead Us Up The Mountain*

GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET EACH OTHER

SONG — *Never Once*

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

SONG — *Come To The Table*

LORD'S SUPPER

SONG — *Jesus Thank You*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THANK OFFERING 1 - Ebenezer Ministries

2 - Canadian Foodgrains Bank

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(ages 3 to Grade 3 are released for Sunday School)

SCRIPTURE — **Jonah 3 : 1—10**

SERMON — **A Second Time**

SONG — *Lord I Need You*

PARTING BLESSING & CLOSING SONG — *I Stand Amazed*

The **October Banner** and the **November/December Today Devotionals** are available at the Welcome Centre. If you normally receive the large print Devotionals, you will find them in your mailbox.

World Renew Gift Catalogues are available at the Welcome Centre.

November Prayer Calendars can be found in your mailboxes.

Church Family

We will **CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER** together this morning. Praise God for this tangible expression of our unity in Christ.

This week **Morris & Tina V** will celebrate their **55th anniversary** and **Evan & Susan S** will celebrate their **40th anniversary**. We pray you would feel God's blessing and continued hand upon your lives. Praise God for this gift of covenant faithfulness.

CONGRATULATIONS to Alex & Quentin A with the birth of their daughter, **Johanna Sandra** on October 27 and **CONGRATULATIONS** to Cindy & James H on the birth of their son **Ezra Dirk** on Oct 31. We praise God for these precious gifts of life and health and we pray God's blessing on your families.

Shirley L has been re-admitted into the Grey Nuns Hospital. Please continue to pray for peace, comfort and healing.

Mike K is home. He and his family would like to thank the Ebenezer community for your prayers and support. Please pray for patience and healing as he will have a lengthy recovery.

We continue to pray for **Gary F, Jacob H Shirley L, Per & Bernice S, Albert & Evelyn T, Jerry V, Jenny V, Bram V, Ed V and Colleen V**. We pray that God will provide you all with peace, comfort and healing.

Council Highlights

Our meeting began with devotions from Pastor Jason who spoke on Isaiah 50:4. We were reminded that when we spend time each morning in God's Word, He equips us to be a blessing on others. Following devotions we prayed for the members of our church family. Council received reports of various visits that have taken place during the past month. With heavy hearts we received a request from Ted and Joanne K to withdraw their membership from Ebenezer. We thank God for their faithful decades of service to Ebenezer and we pray that the Lord will bless and guide them as they seek a new church home.

We received the result of the congregational vote regarding a second pastor and began to consider next steps. As a next step, a calling committee consisting of council members and other congregational members shall be assembled. We also received reports from various ministries taking place at Ebenezer and we created an agenda for the congregational meeting coming up on November 22. The elders have taken time to update all the district lists and you can look for these updated lists to be posted soon. Thanks to each one of you for your support and prayers. Our council members consider it an honor and a joy to serve the church in this capacity.

CLASSIS UPDATE: Our delegates to classis in October were: Elder: Emily M; Deacon: Brett L; Pastor: Jason D. If you have any questions about classis, please feel free to contact one of our delegates. You can also find the minutes from classis at the following website: classisalbertanorth.ca

Ebenezer News

LISTENING CIRCLES AT EBENEZER: The last scheduled Listening Circles are set for this upcoming Tuesday, November 8 (start times **6:30** [not 6] and 8:00). Participants must sign up in advance at the Welcome Center or by calling the office. If you want to participate in a Listening Circle but are not able to attend this last date, please let the office know. These groups are led by the Healthy Church Task Force in an effort to promote health and unity in our church. More information is available by the sign up sheet at the Welcome Center.



LADIES, you are invited to welcome one of our newest members at our **annual church baby shower**. Our guest of honour is, **Isla Rae**, daughter of Steven and Stella T. Come for an evening to celebrate and bless Isla on **Tuesday, November 22 @ 7:00** in the Fellowship Hall. If you wish to participate in our group gift place your donation in the envelope provided in your church mailbox in the marked box at the Welcome Desk or in the Drop Box by the administration office. Suggested donation is \$5.

FROM WORSHIP MINISTRY: Ebenezer is blessed to be able to livestream our worship services and, thereby, including members of our church family who cannot attend physically. It is important to know that if you are on stage or in the first few rows, you are consenting to be on camera and live streamed.



VOLUNTEERS - AND SOUP! - NEEDED: Next week Sunday is the Central Alberta Cadet Sunday worship service here at Ebenezer! We are looking forward to hosting a good number of Cadets to join our service and then stay for a little while and do some fun activities.

Would you be willing to make a big pot of soup and bring it to the church on Saturday morning (before 11:30 am), or to Sunday service?
or, make a few dozen buns (ham, cheese, etc.), and/or supply some baking and/or snacks?
Please email leduccadets@gmail.com, or contact Scott K. if you can help, and we will coordinate from there. We are excited for this big, 'AMAZING' Cadet year, and cannot do it without your continued support - thank you Ebenezer Family

GREETINGS FROM TEGUCIGALPA. It is my hope that this letter finds you all well, with anticipation for the fall season, and the approaching celebrations remembering the birth of Jesus Christ. I will be resigning my position (also known as retirement) with Resonate Global Mission next year. Leanne and I will leave Honduras in mid January, after which I will fulfill final assignments with Resonate Global Mission. A big part of this will be my final visit with all of you who make up my ministry partners. Please expect to schedule with myself sometime between January and April. I look forward to a brief time of celebrating 40 years of ministry, and years of ministry partnership.

Many of you will be curious about next steps for Leanne and myself. Leanne and I have bought a home in Fennville, MI. Thus, we will be close to Leanne's family, being able to spend some quality time with her mother and siblings. Afterall, we have lived overseas for 40 years, and our families are anxious to see more of us. Second, we will be nearer to our son and his family. Finally, God has always surprised with responding to this question of, What next? This can be a bit unnerving, but this is how life is lived. Looking forward to our upcoming visit. Caspar Geisterfer, Resonate Global Mission - USA

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, Nov 6

Monday, Nov 7
Tuesday, Nov 8

@ 10:00 am

@ 7:00 pm
@ 6:30 & 8:00 pm
@ 7:00 pm

Worship Service (Lord's Supper)

Friendship
Listening Circles
Admin Meeting

Wednesday, Nov 9

NO COFFEEBREAK

@ 7:30 pm

Ladies Bible Study

Friday, Nov 11

@ 7:00 pm

Youth

Saturday, Nov 12

@ 9 am
@ 9:30 am

Titus 2 Bible Study
Cadets

Sunday, Nov 13

@ 10:00 am
@ 12:00—4:00

Worship Service

Central Alberta Cadet Event

There is **NO COFFEE BREAK** next week November 9. We will resume November 16 and start our advent book.

YOUTH—BATTERIES & BOTTLES: Our youth are CHARGED UP for their first fundraiser of the year! With plans to pursue a service project in the spring, we're looking to raise some funds by collecting your used batteries and bottles. Please let us know if you have any old batteries or bottles and cans you'd like to donate and we'll come around for pick up on Saturday, November 19! Give Jay or Josh a call. Pick up can also be arranged for Friday, November 18.

NURSERY is requesting parents to complete the **NURSERY REGISTRATION AND CONSENT FORMS** for each child attending the nursery. Please place the completed form in Mariska Zimmer's mailbox. This form can be found at the information desk. We are also seeking additional crib sheets if anyone has one they are willing to donate.



GEMS POINSETTIA/GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER - The GEMS Girls Club is selling poinsettias and gift cards for Salisbury Greenhouse in Sherwood Park. Orders can be submitted by filling out this [Poinsettia Order Form](#) or by calling Leanne K. The deadline for orders is November 20th. Order pick up will be on Friday, November 25th from 3-4pm or on Sunday, November 27th. All funds raised will go directly to supporting our GEMS club. We thank you for your support!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - If you would like to pack a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child the boxes are available in the foyer. They will need to be returned to the church by next Sunday or dropped off before Wednesday, November 16th. The GEMS club is also collecting items to pack in boxes for girls ages 10-14 and money to help with shipping costs. If you would like to help or have any questions please contact Leanne K.

CLASSROOMS If you use the classrooms during the week for meetings, please make sure to leave the room the way you found it so that the rooms are ready for Sunday School on Sunday mornings. **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 — CANADIAN FOODGRAINS BANK The mission of Canadian Foodgrains Bank is to end global hunger. We do this by collecting grain and cash donations projects submitted by our 15 member agencies and their partners. We also provide expert advice to you members and partners; manage the procurement and supply of food commodities; and engage in public policy and education activities related to hunger and food security. For more info see www.foodgrainsbank.ca

NEXT WEEK — REFRAME MINISTRIES: (formerly The Back to God Hour Ministries) exists to share the Gospel worldwide using radio, the Internet and other technology. Reframe envisions a world where media is being used effectively to proclaim the good news that brings spiritual support, grows discipleship and transforms communities.

E-TRANSFER: To send an e-transfer donation use finance@ebenezercrc.com.

YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE! On behalf of the ministries of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, thank you for your gifts to ministry shares. Your support enables congregations to do so much more to further God's Kingdom than any one church could do alone. Our denomination could not impact the world through missions, media, and church development without your incredible and faithful support. Thank you! To discover more visit crcna.org/ministryshares.

PRAYER CALENDAR

The November Prayer Calendar is available in your mailboxes. Join us each day in praying for the matters raised by denominational agencies and for two households from our Ebenezer congregation.

Sunday November 6: World Renew: World Hunger Sunday

Church Families:

Monday November 7: Kuyper College: New year

Church Families:

Tuesday November 8: ReFrame: India

Church Families:

Wednesday November 9: Resonate: Campus ministry

Church Families:

Thursday November 10: World Renew: Disaster Response Services (DRS)

Church Families:

Friday November 11: Communications: Remembrance Day

Church Families:

Saturday November 12: Justice ministry: Day of Prayer

Church Families:

Thank You To Our Volunteers

WORSHIP TEAM: Wilbur

PROJECTION & AUDIO: Christina/Dan

SERVING ELDER: Pete M

GREETERS: Brent & Lisa K

USHERS: Dennis P, Ruby P

WELCOME CENTER: Alyse K

COFFEE DUTIES: Jay & Laura A, Harry & Karen D

NEXT WEEK: Ed & Grace B, Lieuwe & Fia B

NURSERY

Infants: Alicia B, Glen H

Toddlers: Justin Z, Wesley U

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Age 3: Susan/Graeme B, Wesley U, Stella M

Age 4: Elly M, Rebecca K

Kinder: Lauren T, Teddy D

Grade 1: Christine/Glen H, Lily H

Grade 2: Petro K, Jachin H

Grade 3: Karen G, Elliot D

NEXT WEEK: Cadets

NEXT WEEK: Seth or Luke/Mike

NEXT WEEK: Dan V

NEXT WEEK: Wim & Jenny R

NEXT WEEK: Alice V, Terry V

NEXT WEEK: Bea V



NEXT WEEK:

Infants: Alesha S, Gea T

Toddlers: Nick P, Shane K

NEXT WEEK:

Age 3: Francine K, Rory L, Sophia M

Age 4: Elly M, Rachel K

Kinder: Clara D, Jackson H

Grade 1: Christine/Glen H, Ethan H

Grade 2: Petro K, Rebecca K

Grade 3: Lieuwe B, Georgia D

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS: The sign in clipboards will continue to be at the Welcome Desk every Sunday morning if you could please sign all children in once you arrive and then ages 3 & 4 out again once church is over. The clipboards will be moved down to the classrooms once church has started. **Just a reminder to also please fill in a child registration form for each child attending Sunday school, these play a crucial role for Safe Church and are needed as soon as possible.** These can be found by the sign in and once completed put in my church mailbox or leave at the Welcome Desk. Thank You

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED: I am currently looking to make my substitute teacher list a little longer. I would use this list if a teacher becomes sick or cannot switch with another teacher. If you would like to be added to this list please let me know. The lessons are all prepped, all you would need to do is show up and teach. Any and all help in this area is very appreciated! Please call me or contact me at sscoordinator@ebenezercrc.com. Thank you!

ANNUAL SAFE CHURCH TRAINING & REFRESHER is required for all volunteers. This video has been recorded and is available to be viewed at www.ebenezercrc.com. Under Ministries you will find Safe Church Ministry and you can follow the link provided there. Once you have viewed the video, please fill in and sign the Safe Church Completion Form which can be found on the website or print one [HERE](#). There will also be copies available at the Welcome Centre. These can be dropped off at the office.