

**February 12, 2023**

GEMS Girls' Club seeks to equip women and girls to live faithful lives, doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God. We welcome all girls in grades 4-8 every other Wednesday from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

**GEMS 2022-2023 Theme - Act. Love. Walk.**

*What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. - Micah 6:8*

When our girls walk humbly with God, their megaphone will be the Gospel and the platform on which they stand will be His grace and truth. Compelled by His love, they'll make a difference in the world. As they act, love and walk, it'll change our girls, and they will change the world.

As a ministry we hope to:

- Help girls learn to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God alongside them
- Teach girls five of God's unbreakable promises—they are loved, they are not alone, they are forgiven, they have a purpose, and they are world changers
- Provide opportunities for girls to grow in their relationship with God

Act.  
Love.  
Walk.  
Micah 6:8

GEMS  
Girls' Club



 **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](http://www.ebenezercrc.com) and click on the Livestream button that appears at the top of the page.

If you are new or visiting and would like to talk to someone or would like more information about our church, come visit the Welcome Centre or fill out one of the envelopes found in the back of the chairs and place it in the offering bag.

### WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG — *Waymaker*

### GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET EACH OTHER

SONG — *Good Good Father*

### CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

SONG — *Build My Life*

### GEMS LITANY

*GEMS Aim & Song*

### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THANK OFFERING 1 - Ebenezer Ministries

2 - GEMS

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

SCRIPTURE — **Micah 6 : 8**

SERMON — **Act, Love, Walk**

SONG — *Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly*

### PARTING BLESSING &

CLOSING SONG — *We Receive Your Blessing*

## Church Family

**Jerry V** is at home and things are going quite well. He is down from 7 visits to the hospital to 2 visits per week. Doctors are pleased with his progress and he is starting to feel better, but it will take time for him to get his energy back.

**Thank you** for all the well wishes, prayers, cards, texts and meals and for all who reached out to help. It is really appreciated! Thanks to God for He protected me. **Gea T**

**Jason H** fell and broke his wrist last week. This past Thursday they performed surgery on it again to hopefully set it properly. Please pray for a quick and complete recovery.

*If you are experiencing physical or emotional difficulties, please talk to your district Elder, a Deacon or call 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.*

We continue to pray for **Gary F, Henny G, Jacob H, Arlene L, Per & Bernice S, Tom T, Jerry V, Jenny V, Ed V, Erin V, and Colleen V**. We pray that God will provide you all with peace, comfort and healing.

**2023 CADET CALENDARS ARE IN!** Ebenezer Congregation, we are so thankful for your many, many years of support of this fundraiser for the Cadets!

This summer, our Cadets will be flying to Hamilton, Ontario, to spend a week in God's Creation, enjoying the camaraderie of their fellow Cadets, and digging deep into the Scriptures; and, it's all happening near the wondrous Niagara Falls!

**Your support of \$20 for a congregational birthday calendar** helps offset the expenses of sending our Cadets to the International Camporee every three years.

Many of our Cadets, over decades of support, have been able to attend this momentous event; in part, with thanks to you all, for your financial assistance!

If you are unable to pick up a copy of the calendar in person, please let the office know, and we will have a Cadet bring one to your door! Again, our deepest thanks!


The Ebenezer Cadets!

## Council Highlights

Harold opened our time together with devotions based on 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7: Praise to the God of all Comfort. We have comfort knowing that God is walking along with us. This passage also reminds us that we need to surround those going through tough times with our comfort, which comes from the Lord. We then spent time in prayer for members of our congregation. Final preparations were made for a council retreat, which is planned for February 17-18. To maintain the flow and reverence of our worship services, the elders have reviewed our protocol for announcements. Anyone wishing to make an announcement about an upcoming event should contact the clerk the week before (as before, updates on health concerns are welcome at anytime). Council also accepted the withdrawal of Derek and Jackie D's membership, and it is our prayer that they would continue to seek the Lord's direction in their lives. After talking with Ed, Council relieved him of his duties as deacon so that he could focus on his ongoing cancer treatments. Council appreciates all the work that Ed has done, and we continue to pray that God would grant him strength and healing. As council we then reflected on some of the questions that were raised as part of the listening circles, and we will focus some of our future discussion on those topics. We recognize that we have fallen short in the area of pastoral care, and we will be making plans to improve that in the future. If you are in need of pastoral care, please reach out to your district elder for support. Council has set the date for the spring Congregational Meeting to be April 18<sup>th</sup>, so mark your calendars and keep an eye out for more information. After we reviewed a few items of correspondence, Scott closed our time in prayer.

## Ebenezer News

**FAMILY SKATING PARTY** There is a family skating party planned for Sunday February 19 at 2:00 pm at Dale & Karen H's. There will be skating as well as hot chocolate and hotdogs.

 **PUZZLE EXCHANGE:** Do you like to puzzle? Assorted puzzles are available in the Church Library. Leave one, Take One!

**USED POSTAGE STAMPS FUNDRAISER** Please save your used postage stamps and bring them to the church. They can be put into the jar at the Welcome Centre.

**SAFE CHURCH FACT:** Did you know...there is an usher each week that monitors the halls, doors and parking lot?

## Coming Up @ Ebenezer

<b>Sunday, Feb 12</b>	@ 9:30 am	Prayer Meeting
	<b>@ 10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> (GEMS Sunday)
Monday, Feb 13	@ 7:00 pm	Friendship
Tuesday, Feb 14	@ 7:00 pm	Admin Meeting
Wednesday, Feb 15	@ 9:30 am	Coffee Break
	@ 2:30 pm	MEWS Bible Study
	@ 6:30 pm	GEMS
Thursday, Feb 16	@ 7:00 pm	Youth
Saturday, Feb 18	@ 7:45 am - 1:30pm	Council Retreat
<b>Sunday, Feb 19</b>	@ 9:30 am	Prayer Meeting
	<b>@ 10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	@ 2:00 pm	Skating Party @ Dale & Karen's

## Prayer Calendar

The February 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 February 12:** Disability Concerns: Belonging

*Church Families:*

**Monday February 13:** Indigenous Family Centre: Strength and safety

*Church Families:*

**Tuesday February 14:** Resonate: Central Asia

*Church Families:*

**Wednesday February 15:** ReFrame: North America

*Church Families:*

**Thursday February 16:** Safe Church: Positive change

*Church Families:*

**Friday February 17:** World Renew: Volunteer leaders

*Church Families:*

**Saturday February 18:** Resonate: Mexico

*Church Families:*

## 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 — GEMS** The mission of GEMS Girls' Clubs is to help bring girls into a living, dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ. Our vision is to see girls around the world actively and enthusiastically expressing love for God and others—girls equipped, motivated, and passionately engaged in living out their faith. Together, our goal for every club meeting is to grow bigger hearts. Together, we will learn how to love and care for one another, other people, ourselves, and our relationship with God. And we'll do this by learning about Jesus Christ, what He has done for us, and His plans for each of our lives. For more info see [gemsgc.org](http://gemsgc.org)

**NEXT WEEK — PASTOR CHURCH RESOURCES** Pastor-Church Relations provides programs of "healing and prevention" for ministers, staff, councils, and congregations. This includes advocacy, consultation, education as well as giving support, encouragement, and counsel to congregations and staff during times of crisis and transition.

**E-TRANSFER:** To send an e-transfer donation use [finance@ebenezercrc.com](mailto:finance@ebenezercrc.com).

**COUPONS** can be ordered and picked up through the church office during the week or from one of the deacons on Sunday morning. They come in \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20 and \$50 amounts. You can pre-purchase coupons and use them in the offerings of your choice.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** The Admin Team is looking for more people to volunteer as Greeters on Sunday mornings. Are you looking for a way to get involved in the church? Do you like to meet new people? This is a great way to do both. For more information contact the church office or stop by the Welcome Centre.



**REFUGEE SUPPORT COMMITTEE UPDATE - Furniture Drive** - The Refugee Support Committee is organizing a furniture drive on behalf of the Ukrainian Newcomer Furniture Warehouse in Edmonton. There are many refugee families arriving in Edmonton and the furniture warehouse is currently helping about 75 families a week. If you have any items of furniture that you are able to pass on to a family in need please bring them to the church on Saturday, March 18th, 11:00 - 2:00pm. The most needed items are beds, tables, chairs, couches and dressers. (China cabinets are not accepted and no small household items at this time) If you have any questions please contact any of the RSC members, Ruby P, Penny R, Leanne K or Karen G.

## Thank You To Our Volunteers

**WORSHIP TEAM: GEMS** (Marilyn / Michelle)

**PROJECTION & AUDIO:** Wes / Matt

**SERVING ELDER:** Harry D

**GREETERS:** GEMS

**USHERS:** GEMS / Alice V, Terry V

**WELCOME CENTER:** Wendy T

**COFFEE DUTIES:** Dave & Heather T, Alex P

**NEXT WEEK:** Gord & Jan W, David & Nicole P

### NURSERY

Infants: Emily M, Linda K

Toddlers: Quentin A, Lily H

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Age 3: Susan / Graeme B, Rebecca K, Amy A

Age 4: Elly M, Brody U

Kinder: Lois D, Hadassah S

Grade 1: Christine / Glen H, Lily H

Grade 2: Becky V, Wesley U

Grade 3: Chris / Lindsay H, Arabella R

**NEXT WEEK:** Reuben

**NEXT WEEK:** Jamie / Pete

**NEXT WEEK:** Harold H

**NEXT WEEK:** Roy & Teena V

**NEXT WEEK:** Mike D, KerryAnne H

**NEXT WEEK:** Alyse K

### NEXT WEEK:

Infants: Lauren T, Jackson H

Toddlers: Steve T, Pippa A

### NEXT WEEK:

Age 3: Francine K, Brooke T, Sophia M

Age 4: Elly M, Stella M

Kinder: Clara D, Katie D

Grade 1: Jenna D, Teddy D

Grade 2: Jason U, Ryman H

Grade 3: Chris / Lindsay H, Klaret K



**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.

**NURSERY** is requesting parents to complete the **NURSERY REGISTRATION AND CONSENT FORM** for each child attending the nursery. Please place the completed form in Mariska Z's mailbox. This form can be found by the Nursery.

**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.