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March 12, 2023

Lent

Welcome to our Service

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer, both in person and Livestream. We are glad you are here today and invite you to stay after the service for coffee and fellowship.

TODAY we will welcome **Pastor Harold Roscher** to our pulpit. He is the Chaplain and Director at the Edmonton Native Healing Centre. Pastor Jason will be in Barrhead fulfilling a pulpit exchange.

To access the Livestream, visit our website: 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 in the sanctuary and place it in the offering bag.

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG — *Today*

GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET EACH OTHER

SONG — *I Believe In Jesus*

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

SONG — *Just As I Am*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THANK OFFERING 1 - Ebenezer Ministries
2 - Native Healing Centre

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

SCRIPTURE — **Isaiah 61 : 1—6**

SERMON — **Tawaw**

SONG — *What The Lord Has Done In Me*

PARTING BLESSING & CLOSING SONG — *Agnus Dei*

Church Family

Arlene L has been readmitted to the Leduc Hospital. Please pray for peace, comfort and healing for Arlene.

Our condolences go out to **Wim & Jenny R** and their family with the passing of Wim's father this past week. We pray that God will surround you with his strength, comfort and peace

Tim and I would like to thank everyone at church here for the prayers, thoughts, cards, and meals that were sent our way upon the passing of our daughter, T'Erin. The support of a faith community is precious as we navigate through the grief of having to bury a child of ours. T'Erin loved the people here, the worship music, helping out with Little Lambs, and she held a special place in her heart for the GEMS program where she grew to understand what it meant to be loved by her Creator and Saviour. --**KerryAnne H**

We continue to pray for **Ed B, Gary F, Jacob H, Rene 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 & healing.

Council Highlights

Scott opened with devotions on Psalm 62, on worship of God that begins with adoration. Recognizing God's divine power and majesty is the starting point of our relationship with him. Then Council members took turns praying for members of the congregation.

In mid-February, we had a Council retreat where we spent time discussing the roles of elders and deacons and collaboration between them. We will continue these discussions in the upcoming consistory and deaconate meetings. A significant aspect in these discussions will include pastoral care, as at our last Council meeting we identified pastoral care as our first focus arising from the Listening Circle reports.

We received an update from the Search Team. We approved their work to date: creating a specific process and defining the associate pastor's role based on the broad concept presented to the congregation last fall. We also look forward to their next steps, which include seeking congregational input. We commend them for the fine work they have been doing.

We also discussed the process for selecting office bearers. It is the time of year when we ask the congregation to prayerfully consider nominees who meet the Biblical qualifications for bearing office. If you have questions about what these qualifications are, please talk to a Council member.

Our last item of business was preliminary discussion regarding the congregational meeting planned for April 18. The agenda for that meeting will be available by April 8.

We closed our meeting in prayer.

Ebenezer News



CADETS/GEMS KUB KAR RACES! Start your engines!! The Annual Cadet/GEMS Kub Kar Races will be held on **Saturday, March 25th!** **Registration starts at 9 am, and the races start at 10 am.**

Come on out and cheer for your favourite Kub Kar! If you'd like to join in, Kub Kar Kits are available for \$5 - chat with Scott to purchase.

This year, we would like to recommend that every Kub Kar that races is a new build for the Cadets/GEMS, and the Open Class. The GEMS Leaders will be running a concession with a lunch menu. All proceeds will be going to Safe Refuge, an organization that is looking to open a youth emergency home in Leduc County. saferefugeyouthhomes.com

WE HAVE ENTERED INTO THE LITURGICAL SEASON OF LENT. Lent is a season that invites us to prepare our hearts in anticipation of Christ's all-sufficient and utterly undeserved death and resurrection. Like **ADVENT**, the liturgical colour of Lent is purple; however, rather than lighting candles in anticipation as we do in Advent, Lent is a reminder that the Light was extinguished on the cross. For those who wish to participate, you will find a bookmark with a lenten Scripture reading plan on the welcome desk. Scripture readings align with Kory Plockmeyer's *Forty: Devotions for Lent* (Faith Alive, 2012). This devotional is free for use via the CRCNA's The Network (network.crcna.org). You will have to set up a free account, but this gives you access to an impressive library of resources for all ages.

IS THIS YOUR CALLING? Are you someone who is interested in serving our church family? Do you have the gifts of compassion, organization and leadership? The Administration Committee is looking to hire a Funeral Coordinator, an individual to support and assist families in planning a funeral service for their loved one. Responsibilities would include recruiting and working with volunteers to make and serve a family lunch and the stand up reception following the service. Time commitment for this position would be up to 10 hours per funeral. If you feel you could care for our church community in this area please contact the church office for a full job description

NOMINATIONS FOR ELDERS AND DEACONS: Council invites the congregation to prayerfully consider members for the role elder and deacons. Please forward your suggested nominations to Council Clerk Dan Vaan Drager (clerk@ebenezercrc.com) by March 20.

LENT HYMN-SING Please join us next Sunday after our Lenten Soup Lunch for our Lent Hymn Sing. Everyone is welcome to stay for a time of praise and worship.

The **March Banner** is available at the Welcome Centre.

The **March / April Today Devotionals** are available at the Welcome Centre. If you normally receive the large print Devotionals, you will find them in your mailbox.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, Mar 12	@ 9:30 am	Prayer Meeting
	@ 10:00 am	Worship Service
	@ 11:45 am	Catechism
Monday, Mar 13	@ 7:00 pm	Friendship
Tuesday, Mar 14	@ 7:00 pm	Elder Meeting
	@ 7:30 pm	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday, Mar 15	@ 9:30 am	Coffee Break
	@ 2:00 pm	MEWS Bible Study (Lesson 4)
	@ 6:30 pm	GEMS
Thursday, March 16	@ 7:00 pm	Youth
Sunday, Mar 19	@ 9:30 am	Prayer Meeting
	@ 10:00 am	Worship Service
	@ 11:30 am	Lenten Soup Lunch
	@ 12:45pm	Lent Hymn Sing

Prayer Calendar

The March 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 March 12: Raise Up: Educational Care: Growth

Monday March 13: Calvin University: Future students

Tuesday March 14: ReFrame: Burkina Faso

Wednesday March 15: Resonate: Michigan

Thursday March 16: World Renew: Southern Africa

Friday March 17: Pastor Church Resources: Volunteers

Saturday March 18: Resonate: Worldwide

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 — NATIVE HEALING CENTRE The Edmonton Native Healing Centre empowers individuals to grow stronger and creates vibrant community relationships while honoring our culture through Spiritual development centered in the heart of the Creator.

Next Week — CALVIN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY exists to serve the Christian Reformed Church in North America and wider constituencies by preparing persons for biblically faithful and contextually effective ministry of the Word and by offering Reformed theological scholarship and counsel. For more info see calvinseminary.edu

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

DEAR FRIENDS AT EBENEZER CRC, On behalf of all of the staff of the ministries of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, I wanted to take a moment to thank Ebenezer CRC for your prayers, gifts, ministry shares, and support. Your participation is a vital component of everything that the CRCNA does. We are so grateful for your partnership. Whether it is missions in places that have been traditionally closed to the gospel, leading campus ministry across North America, developing resources to assist in the faith formation of children and young people, helping congregations prevent and respond to abuse, or any number of dozens of other activities, God is doing great things with and through the Christian Reformed Church. By joining with 1,000 other congregations across North America, you are a part of all of this ministry.



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, Karen G. See the flyer in your mailbox or at the Welcome Centre for more information.

CRC SURVEY: Have you been

heard? Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2023 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit crcna.org/survey/374 to answer the survey questions by March 31. Or fill out a paper copy (available at the Welcome Center).

Thank You To Our Volunteers

WORSHIP TEAM: Reuben

PROJECTION & AUDIO: Jamie / Pete

SERVING ELDER: Pete M

GREETERS: James & Cindy H

USHERS: Dennis V, Ineke V

WELCOME CENTER: Wendy T

COFFEE DUTIES: Matt & Jamie B, Bryan & Michelle T

NEXT WEEK: John & Carol W, Andrew V

NURSERY

Infants: Nicole P, Brooke T

Toddlers: Kelly L, Jillian C

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Age 3: Francine K, Rory L, Chaim H

Age 4: Elly M, Teddy D, Jackson H

Kinder: Lauren, Stella M

Grade 1: Jenna D, Ryman H

Grade 2: Jason U, Katie D

Grade 3: Chris / Lindsay H, Klaret K

NEXT WEEK: Marilyn / Michelle

NEXT WEEK: Wes / Matt

NEXT WEEK: Dan V

NEXT WEEK: Brent & Lisa K

NEXT WEEK: Dennis P, Ruby P

NEXT WEEK: Wendy T

NEXT WEEK:

Infants: Christina V, Lyon D

Toddlers: Stella T, Joel P

NEXT WEEK:

Age 3: Susan/Graeme B, Arabella R, Brody U

Age 4: Elly M, Amy A, Sophia M

Kinder: Clara D, Conner H

Grade 1: Maricha K, Jachin H

Grade 2: Becky V, Ethan V

Grade 3: Karen G, Sylvia D



LENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES Lent is long. We get it. Children's and Worship ministries have collaborated to provide kits for households who wish to mark the season of Lent through daily Scripture reading. Remember the Jesse Tree activity we did using the Jesus Storybook Bible in 2021? Similarly, this Lenten kit will invite households to journey to the cross together using The Jesus Storybook Bible. Today, after church, we invite households who wish to participate to stay after the service to create their paper chains together. Can't stay? **Kits are available in the foyer; however, they are also available via download.**

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.

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..