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Welcome to



December 28, 2025

*Glorifying God and Loving All People*

# Welcome to our Service

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

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

SONG — Come Now Is The Time To Worship

## GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET EACH OTHER

SONG — Behold Our God

## WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

WORDS OF CONFESSION Matthew 17 : 14—20

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 Timothy 1 : 12—17

SONG — *Yet Not I But Christ Through Me*

## GOD CALLS US INTO COMMUNITY

Children's Message: Linda K

*No Sunday School*

## Announcements & Congregational Prayer

THANK OFFERING 1 Ebenezer Ministries

2 Calvin Theological Seminary

SONG — Is He Worth

## GOD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD

Scripture — Luke 2 : 8—21

Sermon — The Peacemaker

## WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER AND THANKS

SONG — *Goodness Of God*

## GOD SENDS US WITH A BLESSING

CLOSING SONG — *He Shall Reign Forevermore*

**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 cards found in the back of the chairs in the sanctuary and place it in the offering bag.

# Church Family

This week and next week we welcome **Pastor Bill Nieuwenhuis** to our pulpit. On Sunday January 4 we will have communion with Pastor Bill leading our service. On January 11 our guest Pastor will be **Curtis Meliefste**, who joins us from Enderby, BC.

Lord willing we will **Celebrate the Lord's Supper** next week. As we prepare this week, let us spend time in self-reflection, prayer & gratitude for the precious faith that is ours in Christ Jesus.

**Mennie S** has completed her treatments and is doing well. Henk & Mennie would like to thank everyone for their prayers, calls and visits.

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

*We want to support you on your journey*

We continue to pray for **Joyce D, Jacob H, Kristy I, Tom T, Jenny V, and Colleen V.** We pray that God will provide you all with peace, comfort, & healing.

Please join us for our **NEW YEARS DAY SERVICE @ 11:00 AM** on January 1. If you made **oliebollen** this year, you are welcome to bring them to church to share with coffee following the service.

**KIDS CORNER DEVOTIONS: New Year. New You.** - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "New Year. New You." at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Start the new year with more than just fresh goals—let God's Spirit make you new from the inside out! His gifts of love, joy, peace, kindness, and more will help you shine like Jesus wherever you go. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

**GROUNDWORK: Reflecting the Light of the World** - On Epiphany, we recall the moment when the star appeared and guided the Magi to Jesus. This event signifies the extension of God's family to include Gentiles. Study Titus 2:11-15, Isaiah 60:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16, and 2 Corinthians 4:1-9 with Groundwork to discover what to expect when we encounter the transformational light of Christ and how that light affects our discipleship as members of his family. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP** - As one year ends and another begins, pause for a time of taking spiritual inventory with your family, friends, or on your own. Ask questions like these: Where did we see God this year? Where did we resist growth? Where do we feel God is calling us next? Consider writing a prayer of release and a prayer of commitment to guide your transition into the new year. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

## Ebenezer News



**WOMEN'S MINISTRY** If you are interested in joining the Women's ministry team in any capacity, there is a signup sheet at the Welcome Centre, or contact Alex A



**CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION EVENT** Please help decorate our tree in the foyer with Winter Items to be donated to local agencies after Christmas who help our homeless population. We hope to decorate the tree with Scarves, Gloves, Warm Socks, Toques, Hand/Foot warmers etc. Contact a Deacon if you have any questions.

**COMING SOON!! Adult Teaching Session On The Heidelberg Catechism. Starting in January,** Pastor Bill Nieuwenhuis and Seminarian Scott Klooster will lead a 7-part teaching session on the Heidelberg Catechism. This session is for all adults and young adults at Ebenezer. It has been said that if the Bible is the world, then the catechism, the creeds and confessions are the roadmaps by which we navigate the world. We ask that you will prayerfully consider attending these sessions and that your faith is strengthened through a deeper understanding of God's will for our lives and the blessings that come from the grace our Lord freely gives. More details to follow in the next couple of weeks as we work out some of the details.



**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.

**LOOKING FOR WORK** Daniel Lual, a Sudanese immigrant, is looking for employment. He was once a member of Talbot Street Christian Reformed Church (First Christian Reformed Church) in London, Ontario. He has been in Canada for 20+ years and has warehousing, logistics, and some equipment operating experience. His English is good and he currently lives in Leduc with his cousin but cannot afford a vehicle at the moment. Please speak to Dave Talen for more information. Thanks!



**SAVE THE DATE: Faith & Family Fun Night** Get ready for a can't-miss night of faith, family, and full-on FUN! Join our Youth for our annual Faith & Family Fun Night at Rogers Place on **February 6, 2026**, as the Edmonton Oil Kings take on the Moose Jaw Warriors in an action-packed evening you'll be talking about long after the final buzzer!

Cheer your heart out for your favorite team, then hit the ice yourself with the unforgettable chance to skate on the Rogers Place ice after the game! Not a skater? No problem! Head to the Coventry Homes Club Hall for exciting games, laughs, and connections with other faith-filled youth and their families. It's for just \$23 per ticket! Bring a friend, grab your siblings, invite the whole crew, everyone is welcome, and no one will want to miss this epic night!

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS** The church office will be closed from December 18 until January 5. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 6, 2026. If you have any Sunday Bulletin announcements for December 28 or January 4, please email the church office and I will do my best to include them.

## Coming Up @ Ebenezer

<b>Sunday, December 28</b>	@ 9:15 am	Prayer Meeting
	@ 10:00 am	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
Thursday, January 1	@ 11:00 am	<b>NEW YEARS DAY SERVICE</b>
Saturday, January 3	@ 9:30 am	Cadets
<b>Sunday, January 4</b>	@ 9:15 am	Prayer Meeting
	@ 10:00 am	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
	@ 6:00 pm	Youth

## Sunday School News and Updates



**All kids ages 3—grade 3 are welcome to join our Sunday School program. Once the Sunday School kids are dismissed we will meet in Classroom Two to sing some songs and talk about our Sunday School offering. Afterwards the kids will be dismissed to their classrooms. After the morning service grades 4-6 may join our after church Sunday School class located in Classroom 1 (this class will continue in the New Year).**

**Candlelight Service:** Practice is once again **TODAY** after the morning service. All parts are needed to be today's practice. Thank you parents for your patience while you wait for practice to finish.

**EMPTY WRAPPING PAPER ROLLS** are needed for next year's VBS. Please place any donations under the church mailboxes. Thank you in advance. *Question? Contact Lindsay H or Email: [sscoordinator@ebenezerchrc.com](mailto:sscoordinator@ebenezerchrc.com)*

## Community & Denominational News & Events

**SAVE THE DATE Valentine Volley-Palooza** at Covenant Christian School on Valentine's Day. Deadline to register is February 6, 2026 and you can Register and pay here: <https://tinyurl.com/volley-palooza>. For more information, see the poster on the Bulletin Board.

## Deacon's Corner

**1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offering: CALVIN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY** As a learning community in the Reformed Christian tradition that forms church leaders who cultivate communities of disciples of Jesus Christ, Calvin Theological Seminary serves the Christian Reformed Church in North America and wider constituencies by preparing individuals for biblically faithful and contextually effective ministry of the Word and by offering Reformed theological scholarship and counsel.

**Next Week: DIACONATE** Deacons are church officers whose main job description is to administer the mercy of Christ to all people. The deacons are also called upon to motivate the members of Christ's church to faithful, obedient stewardship of their resources on behalf of the needy. Along with loving deeds and with gifts of money and assistance, the deacons serve the needy with counsel, leading people to see the grace of our loving Savior and recognizing the Lord through whom all blessings flow.

Please have your donations in by December 31/25 to receive a tax receipt for 2025.

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



**SEAFARERS MINISTRY** Christmas at Sea is approaching, and once again your support would be greatly appreciated. Cheques should be made payable to "Ministry to Seafarers" and sent to 401 E. Waterfront Rd., Vancouver, BC V6A 4G9. You can also e-transfer funds to [finance@ministrytoseafarers.com](mailto:finance@ministrytoseafarers.com). Please clearly designate funds for "Christmas at Sea." Sunday School or regular school classes, small groups and individuals can also send Christmas cards for seafarers for inclusion in their gifts. See our [ministrytoseafarers.com](http://ministrytoseafarers.com) website ("Get Involved") for more information, or email [crcvanportchaplain@gmail.com](mailto:crcvanportchaplain@gmail.com).

**YOUNG ADULTS (18-30 SOMETHING) - YOU'RE INVITED!** Join The Vine Community for a 3-part "Love, Life & Faith" Series & Dinner on **Jan 11 & 25**. Come out for an evening of real talk, meaningful connection, and shared dinner as young adults from across the community explore life, love, and faith together. Hosted by Daryl & Sheri Van Driel (15426 59 St Edmonton). **5:30-7:30pm**. RSVP to 780-916-3364 (text/WhatsApp), or [trinityvinecommunity@gmail.com](mailto:trinityvinecommunity@gmail.com). For more upcoming young adults events check out [thelinkcommunity.ca](http://thelinkcommunity.ca) or follow @thelinkyeg on Instagram. The website may come up as "unsafe" for some unknown reason but do know it is trusted site!

## Thank You To Our Volunteers

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Susan

**PROJECTION & AUDIO:** Jamie / Mike

**NEW YEARS DAY:** Leona

**SERVING ELDER:** Henk S

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:** Linda K

**GREETERS:** James & Cindy H

**NEW YEARS DAY:** Quentin & Alex A

**USHERS:** Mike D / Brett V

**NEW YEARS DAY:** Dennis P / Ruby P

**WELCOME CENTRE:** Miriam P

**NEW YEARS DAY:** Alyse K

**COFFEE DUTIES:** Glen & Christine H, Matt & Leanne K

**NEXT WEEK:** Art & Linda T, Elly M

**NEW YEARS DAY:** Church Life

**NURSERY:** Nicole P, Justin Z, Rory L

**NEXT WEEK:**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Pre k 1:**

**Pre K 2:**

**Kinder:**

**Grade 1:**

**Grade 2:**

**Grade 3:**

**Grade 4—6:**

No  
Sunday  
School

**NEXT WEEK:** Wilbur

**NEXT WEEK:** Dan / Christina

**PROJECTION & AUDIO:** Matt / Wes

**NEXT WEEK:** Gord W

**NEXT WEEK:**

**NEXT WEEK:** Wim & Jenny R

**NEXT WEEK:** Tim C / Teresa C

**NEXT WEEK:** Wendy T



**NEXT WEEK**

**Pre K 1:** Lily H, Kayla T

**Pre K 2:** Isaiah K, Jackson H, Chanel D

**Kinder:** Linda K, Nella H, Natalie M

**Grade 1:** Graeme B, Sophia M, Brooke T

**Grade 2:** Mariska Z, Pippa A, Rory L

**Grade 3:** James H, Casen A

**Grade 4—6:** Alyse K

The **January / February Today** devotionals are available at the Welcome Centre. If you usually get a large print devotional, you will find one in your mailbox.

The **December Banners** are available at the Welcome Centre

The **January Prayer Calendar** has been posted to The Bridge App and is also available at the Welcome Centre.



**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.