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January 4, 2026

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 and click on the Livestream button that appears at the top of the page.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

SONG — All Creatures Of Our God And King

GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET EACH OTHER

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

DEDICATION TO MINISTRY—Scott K

SONG — The Church's One Foundation

LORD'S SUPPER

SONGS — *Come Unto Jesus*
Living Hope

GOD CALLS US INTO COMMUNITY

Children's Message: Teena V

Ages 3—Grade 3 leave for Sunday School

SONG — Take My Life

Announcements & Congregational Prayer

THANK OFFERING 1 Ebenezer Ministries
2 Diaconate

GOD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD

Scripture — *Philippians 3:1–4 & Acts 9:17–18*

Sermon — *Paul: The Reformed Junk Collector*

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER AND THANKS

SONG — *Step by Step*

GOD SENDS US WITH A BLESSING

CLOSING SONG — *All Glory Be To Christ*

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 we welcome **Pastor Bill Nieuwenhuis** to our pulpit. Next week, January 11 our guest Pastor will be **Curtis Meliefste**, who joins us from Enderby, BC .

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

Today we will have the dedication of **Scott K** to ministry at Ebenezer as a seminary student.

*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.

Here To Serve

New Years Message and Update on Potential Pastor Candidate Visit

The following New Year's reflection was shared at our New Years day service closing this past week:

Church Family, we have come the distance we have by the grace of God.
As communicated last Sunday, our Elder's team is reaching out to all that call Ebenezer home, with an intent to support them on their faith journey,
God is good, and led by the spirit we will Glorify God and Love All People,
Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. (Philippians 4)

We are pleased to share that potential pastor candidate Curtis Meliefste will be visiting our congregation next weekend and will lead next Sunday's service. The following plan is being developed for Curtis and his wife Nicole for their upcoming visit:

Friday - Dinner with Search Committee and spouses,
Saturday - Brunch and meetings with Council and spouses, followed by a tour and meeting at Covenant Christian School,
Sunday - Curtis will lead our service, and everyone is invited to stay for lunch after church with Curtis and Nicole, with lots of time for meet and greet with the congregation.

Ebenezer News



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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.



DEACON CHRISTMAS TREE: This will be the last Sunday to donate winter items for the Christmas Tree. The Deacons would like to thank all those who donated winter items to decorate the foyer Christmas Tree. The Tree looks great and many less fortunate people are going to be grateful for warm items they will be receiving.

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 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!

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, January 4

@ 9:15 am Prayer Meeting
@ 10:00 am **WORSHIP SERVICE**
@ 6:00 pm Youth

Monday, January 5

@ 7:00 pm Friendship

Tuesday, January 6

@ 7:00 pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 7

@ 9:00 am Coffee Break
@ 6:30 pm GEMS

Saturday, January 10

@ 7:30 am Men's Bible Study

Sunday, January 11

@ 9:15 am Prayer Meeting
@ 10:00 am **WORSHIP SERVICE**
@ 11:45 am Soup Lunch (Meet & Greet)

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.

PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN GREECE (April 3 - 13. 2026): Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110) or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

MISSION THRIFT STORE EDMONTON is looking for a Board Secretary (volunteer position). If you have the skills and like would more information, contact Pete Ages at 780-934-8332 or email at agespete6@gmail.com

THE DATENIGHT TOUR Clean Comedy for Couples. This tour will be held in Edmonton at Life Church on **Thursday, February 12th**. For more information, see the bulletin board.

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: 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.

Next Week: REFRAME MINISTRIES (Formerly Back To God Hour) Scripture tells us that Jesus invites us to rest in him (Matthew 11:28). With the Today daily devotional, hundreds of thousands of people are taking up that invitation and being renewed in their daily time of meditation with Christ. The devotional is a gift written by CRC pastors that reaches prisoners, hospitals, churches, and other community gathering spaces with the good news of the gospel.

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.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS (18-30 SOMETHING) - YOU'RE INVITED! Young Adults (18-30ish) — Love, Life & Faith Series + Dinner Saturday, January 11 from 5:30-7:30 PM. Join us for Part 2 of our three-part series - an evening of honest conversation about life, relationships, and faith in a welcoming space where stories, questions, and curiosity are valued. Dinner is included! Graciously Hosted by: Edward Namukoa (5404 – 164 Ave) RSVP: 825-439-4092 (text/WhatsApp) or trinityvinecommunity@gmail.com

Full details are available on The LINK website: www.thelinkcommunity.ca. We also encourage you to post your own young-adult events there so that we, and other young adults in our circle can support and participate together.

VINE WORSHIP 654 Saturday, January 25 | Worship begins at 6:54 PM Location: Trinity CRC Sanctuary. Everyone (all ages) is welcome! Join The Vine young adult community for an evening of contemporary worship, praise, and connection – Yes, it's open to all ages. our hearts together as one community celebrating our Lord.

Thank You To Our Volunteers

WORSHIP TEAM: Wilbur

NEXT WEEK: Susan

PROJECTION & AUDIO: Dan / Christina

NEXT WEEK: Jamie / Mike

SERVING ELDER: Gord W

NEXT WEEK: Jay A

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Teena V

NEXT WEEK: James H

GREETERS: Wim & Jenny R

NEXT WEEK: Brent & Michelle T

USHERS: Tim C / Teresa C

NEXT WEEK: Luke K / Alyse K

WELCOME CENTRE: Alyse K

NEXT WEEK: Wendy T

COFFEE DUTIES: Art & Linda T, Elly M

NEXT WEEK: Jeff & Diana D, Miriam P

NURSERY: Alicia B, Sharon K, Gea T, Tyler T

NEXT WEEK: Candice V, Quentin A, Carrie T, Chanel D

SUNDAY SCHOOL

NEXT WEEK

Pre K 1: Lily H, Kayla T

Pre K 1: Levi H, Brooklyn T

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

Pre K 2: Jachin H, Evelyn H, Johnny H

Kinder: Linda K, Nella H, Natalie M

Kinder: Alicia B, Benjamin F

Grade 1: Graeme B, Sophia M, Brooke T

Grade 1: Julie B, Chaim H, Ashton D

Grade 2: Mariska Z, Pippa A, Rory L

Grade 2: Elly M, Ethan H, Gabe O

Grade 3: James H, Casen A

Grade 3: James H, Teddy D

Grade 4—6: Alyse K

Grade 4—6: Lindsay H



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 start again this week).

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@ebenezercrc.com



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.