Community & Denominational News & Events

YOUNG ADULTS (18+): NACHO NIGHT! On **Sunday, November 15**, Sonrise CRC in Ponoka would like to invite you to a night of nachos and fellowship! We will be starting the night off with a potluck style nacho meal at 5:00 p.m. at the church. We will provide the chips, cheese, salsa, and sour cream. We would love for you to bring your favourite nacho topping to share! After our meal we will have a short service with a few songs and a message, and then have time for fellowship and games. We hope you can make it! If you have any questions contact: Sydnie de Gier: 403-704-3444; Dakota Anderson: 403-783-1156; or Jaelyn Lubach: 403-704-3264

You are invited to a **WALK THRU BETHLEHEM**! Come and experience the sights and sounds of Bethlehem at the Leduc Community Baptist Church. This interactive experience will take you back to the first century where you will take a census, wak though the local market, visit the manger and more. Guided tours begin every 10 minutes **on Saturday November 21 from 4:30 – 8 pm**. Admission is free. Please bring a donation for the food bank.

JNC CHORAL COFFEEHOUSE 2026 Choral Coffeehouse with the Joyful Noise Choir will take place on **Saturday, Nov. 21** at West End Christian Reformed Church. The evening program with the theme, Yesterday Once More, includes a variety of beverages, delicious desserts and music by the choir. Donations will be received in support of Rehoboth Camp at Gull Lake. Doors open at 6:00 pm with service beginning at 6:30 pm. Tickets are $15/adult and $12 for children 12 and under and can be purchased using the following link: https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/joyful-noise-coffeehouse or use the QR Code

EMMANUEL HOME'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKEt! Please come and join us for a festive favourite of Emmanuel Seniors Living Society on :***Saturday, November 28 from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*** in Emmanuel Home's North Wing. Come and visit with some old friends, find some Christmas gift ideas (or treats for yourself) from several vendors who will be in attendance selling their wares, and enjoy some enjoyable cuisine including croquettes, borenkool, soups! ** Please also join us for our **On-line Auction** from ***November 23-November 27*** at www.32auctions.com/ESLS2026.** Hope to see you there!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - Shoeboxes are available to be picked up in the foyer for anyone interested in filling a shoebox this year. These shoebox gifts bring hope, joy and the message of God's unconditional love! Please remember to include $12 for shipping if you are able and remember not to pack any soap, liquids or food. Shoeboxes are due back at the church by Sunday, November 15th. If you have any questions please talk to Leanne Klooster or text 587-989-2118.

GERRY SEGGER HERITAGE COLLECTION - The Gerry Segger Heritage Collection located in the library at The King's University is collecting records about the Dutch immigration to Canada experience. This includes letters, diaries, journals, government paperwork, scrapbooks, photos, family histories, etc. For more information, contact Bonita Schalk Bjornson, bonita.bjornson@kingsu.ca

City Life Church is hosting a **FREE GARAGE SALE** for single parents, families with low income, and newcomers to Canada on **Saturday November 14** from **12-3pm**.. We will have loads of clothes, toys, appliances, and so much more - all to give away free. *See poster on Bulletin Board for more information.*



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November 8, 2026

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.

PRE-SERVICE SONG — *Oceans*

Announcements – Serving Elder Norm H

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

SONG — *Heart Of Worship*

GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET EACH OTHER

SONGS — Goodness Of God

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Confession & Assurance

SONG— *Lord I Need You*

GOD CALLS US INTO COMMUNITY

Children's Message — Pippa A

Pre-K 1- Grade 3 children leave for Sunday School

SONG— Better Is One Day

Congregational Prayer

THANK OFFERING 1. Ebenezer Ministries
2. The Mustard Seed

SONG— *I Come To The Garden Alone*

GOD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD

Scripture — Philippians 2: 19 - 30

Sermon — Portraits Of The Christ-Empowered Life

RESPOND WITH PRAYER AND THANKS

SONG — *Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*

GOD SENDS US WITH A BLESSING

CLOSING SONG — *Amazing Grace / Living Hope*

Grades 4 - 6 Leave for Sunday School

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.

Thank You To Our Volunteers

WORSHIP TEAM: Susan / Christel
PROJECTION & AUDIO: Jamie / Mike
SERVING ELDER: Norm H
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Pippa A
GREETERS: Brent & Lisa K
USHERS: Eric H / Johnny H
WELCOME CENTRE: Wendy T
NEXT WEEK: Teena
NEXT WEEK: Justin / Levi
NEXT WEEK: James H
NEXT WEEK: Morgan L
NEXT WEEK: James & Cindy H
NEXT WEEK: Mike D / Brett V
NEXT WEEK: Miriam P

COFFEE DUTIES: Chad & Beth G, Barry & Kelly H
NEXT WEEK: John & Carol W, Brad & Lauren T

NURSERY: Stella T, Niki U, Quentin A, Lyon D
NEXT WEEK: Candice P, Nella H, Steve T, Pippa A



SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK:

PRE—K 1: Stella M / Brooke T, Case H — **NEXT WEEK**: Jachin H, Liam H
PRE-K 2: Lily H, Natalie M — **NEXT WEEK**: Rebecca K, Evelyn H
KINDER: Lindsay H, Chelsea M, Rachel K — **NEXT WEEK**: Niki U, Jackson H, Chaim H
GRADE 1: Linda K, Morgan L — **NEXT WEEK**: Alicia B, Sophia M
GRADE 2: Karen H, Casen A — **NEXT WEEK**: Graeme B, Brody U
GRADE 3: Karen G, Benji F — **NEXT WEEK**: Elly M, Amari O
GRADE 4-6: Lindsay H — **NEXT WEEK**: No Sunday School (Soup Lunch)

Sunday School News and Updates

ALL parents need to please fill in a new child registration form. One per child, helper and youth teacher. There is enough in your church mailboxes or extras at the welcome centre. *Please pay special attention to the photos section**

All Sunday School classes are in session and may be dismissed after the Children's Message. We will meet in classroom two for singing before the kids go to their separate classes.
Our Sunday School offering right now goes to the program "1000 Days," a program through World Renew that helps pregnant mom's and their children.
The new Sunday School newsletter is now in your mailboxes and at the Welcome Center.
Questions? - Contact Lindsay via phone, text or email. sscoordinator@ebenezercrc.com

Nursery News

The Committee 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.

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: THE MUSTARD SEED I assure you that if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Go from here to there,' and it will go. There will be nothing that you can't do. – Matthew 17:20 (CEB) The Mustard Seed is a Christian non-profit organization that has been caring for individuals experiencing homelessness and poverty since 1984. Operating in seven cities across Western Canada, The Mustard Seed is a supportive haven where people can have their physical, mental, and spiritual needs met and grow toward greater health and independence.

NEXT WEEK: THRIVE - Champlaincy Sunday Today we recognize the valuable gospel-spreading work of chaplains. The goal of a chaplain is to proclaim the love of God to people by being a good neighbor and demonstrating God's love to them in a tangible way. Chaplains of the CRC are exceptional, well-trained ministers of the Word or commissioned pastors who serve in specialized ministries beyond the walls of the church. Our church has the opportunity to donate to Thrive today and help them provide the necessary professional training and resources for chaplains.

If you are able, there are many options available for donating:

- Donation bags passed around during the service on Sunday
- Drop-off at the church office during the week or in the drop box
- Mail in a cheque
- Send an e-transfer to finance@ebenezercrc.com
- Set up automatic monthly withdrawals – talk to Carrie Boyd

Please have your Donations in by **December 31/26** to receive a tax receipt for 2026.

KIDS CORNER DEVOTIONS: When Things Go Wrong - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "When Things Go Wrong" at www.kidscorner.net. Have you ever made a big mistake? Have you ever said mean things to yourself? Sometimes we try our hardest, but things still don't turn out the way we want. Colossians 3:12 reminds us of how much God loves us. As his children, God calls us to be gentle, kind, humble, meek, and patient. And that's not just toward other people. It's also toward ourselves. Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at https://kidscorner.net/app

GROUNDWORK: Prayer and Repentance - Most of us feel uncomfortable admitting our shame and our guilt when we make mistakes, but for Christians, it's an important and valuable part of our faith life. Join our Groundwork conversation as we dig into Luke 11:4, John 1:8-10, Psalm 51, Mark 2:1-7, Daniel 9:4-19, and 1 John 5:13-15 to learn about prayers of repentance and why honest prayers of confession matter. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Church Family

We rejoice with **Art & Linda T** this week as they celebrate **50 years** of marriage! We are grateful for your enriching presence and thank God for His faithfulness to you and your family.

We praise God for the improvements that **Siebe H** has experienced and that he was able to be transferred to Zwolle, Holland this past week. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Please continue to pray continued strength, comfort and peace for **Morris & Tina V** as they continue on this difficult journey.

Our condolences go out to **Bea & Gezinus M** and and their family with the passing of Bea's dad in Holland this past week. As Bea & Gezinus travel to Holland pray that they will feel the loving arms of our Lord surround them and may they feel His strength, comfort and peace.

Our condolences go out to **Lida & Harold D** and and their family with the passing of Lida's brother John P in Ontario this past week. We pray that God will surround you with His strength, comfort and peace.

If you are experiencing physical or emotional difficulties, please talk to Pastor Ryan, your district Elder, or Deacon or call the church office. We want to support you on your journey

We continue to pray for **Jacob H, Siebe H, Sadie H, Ronny M, Jari R, Tom T, Morris & Tina V, Jenny V,** and **Colleen V.** We pray that God will provide you all with peace, comfort, and healing.

HERE TO SERVE

Two notes to be aware of. First, our **Congregational Meeting** will be **November 25, at 7:30 PM.** We will be going over the budget, and we look forward to seeing you there. Please check your mailbox formore information

Second, seminarian Scott K's contract came to a completion at the end of October. After much prayer and discussion, Scott has decided not to seek renewal of this contract. Scott would like to focus more on his studies, continue gaining experience in preaching throughout our Classis, and pursue his calling to serve the larger church in the opportunities the Lord continues provide for him. We are thankful for the ways he has served Ebenezer in this capacity and beyond, as he continues to serve Christ's church here as well as beyond. Scott has expressed tremendous gratitude for the various kinds of support he has received from his church family. As he continues his studies, If anyone in the congregation feels called to help with his tuition, please send support to the church office, and it will be forwarded to Calvin Seminary.

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ADULT CATECHISM CLASS: The next meeting of the adult Heidelberg Catechism class will be **tonight at 7:00 pm.**

SOUP SUNDAY Please join us for Soup next week Sunday after the service. Soup is provided and everyone is welcome to stay for soup and fellowship.

AFTER CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS Please join us for a brainstorming session on activities for our kids after church. We will be meeting in the sanctuary after church today. All ages and ideas are welcome. If you have any questions please talk to Cindy H or Alex A

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DAYS FOR GIRLS Come and join us at the next **Days For Girls Work Bee** on **Friday November 27th from 9-3** here in the fellowship hall. It is a chance to get together, enjoy some fellowship, and help prepare supplies and kits for the many women and girls that don't have access to feminine hygiene supplies. There will be jobs for everyone, sewers and non-sewers alike. A delicious lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by signing up at the welcome centre or by text by November 23rd so we can plan accordingly.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT MARKET Saturday November 21, 10 am - 3pm at Ebenezer C.R.C
All tables are rented out. We have also decided to have a sale table with new donated items. If you have items to donate, please bring it in the week of the event. There is a large box in the library for unwanted Christmas items and you can drop it off now. (Christmas garage sale) If you would like to donate extra baking, please bring it to the church on Friday when we are setting up **10 am - 2pm**. **Cookie box bakers, we would like to put the boxes together on Wednesday, so please drop them off before 1 pm. **We can use a few extra hands with setting up the tables on Friday @10 am and taking down on Saturday @ 3.30pm**. Thank you, the fundraise team.

GEMS POINTSETOA FUNDRAISER Looking for the perfect Christmas gift? Look no further than the GEMS poinsettia fundraiser! We're selling beautiful poinsettias for $15 each (6.5" pots) and $25 gift cards from your choice of Arber Greenhouse (near Millet) or Salisbury Greenhouse (Sherwood Park or St.Albert) Order forms are in your mailboxes. Please return completed forms to Kelly L or Christine H or find your favourite GEMS girl for more info! **Order deadline:** November 29 **Pick-up:** December 3, 3–4 p.m. Thank you for your continued support of the Ebenezer GEMS club!

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE Thank you to everyone who has stepped forward to help with the Candlelight Service! I have everyone I need! Scripts will be out soon. Please pay special attention to the schedule below for when I need you at practice. (This will also be emailed out this week).
November 15: Speaking parts IF you don't have Sunday School
November 22: Speaking parts IF you don't have Catechism
November 29: All Speaking Parts & Props People/Tech
December 6: All Speaking Parts & Props People/Tech
December 13: ALL Parts
December 20: ALL Parts
Length of practices will determine on how well they run
If you have questions please reach out to Lindsay.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, November 8	@	9:30	am	Prayer Meeting
	@	**10:00**	**am**	**WORSHIP SERVICE**
	@	7:00	am	Adult Catechism
Monday, November 9	@	7:00	pm	Friendship
Tuesday, November 10	@	7:00	pm	Admin Meeting
	@	7:00	pm	Finance Meeting
Wednesday,November 11	@	2:30	pm	MEWS Bible Study
	@	7:00	pm	Women's Bible Study
Saturday, November 14	@	9:30	am	Cadets
	@	1:00	pm	Women's Christmas Tea
Sunday, November 15	@	9:15	am	Prayer Meeting
	@	**10:00**	**am**	**WORSHIP SERVICE**
	@	11:46	am	Soup Lunch
	@	6:00	pm	Youth

The **November / December Today** devotionals are available at the Welcome Centre. If you typically get large print, you will find one in your mailbox.
The **September / October Banners** are available at the Welcome Centre
The **November Prayer Calendar** has been posted to The Bridge App and copies are available at the Welcome Centre

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ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS You are required to complete the Safe Church Vulnerable Records Check and Safe Church Training / Refresher Video. **This protects everyone** including you! 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. **The password can be found on The Bridge App.** Please fill in a completion form. Forms will be available at the Welcome Center. If you have not yet completed these requirements, **check your church mailbox for the form**s. Thank you!