Community & Denominational News & Events

AN EVENING IN BETHLEHEM Experience the Christmas story with live actors, live animals, and free hotdogs & refreshments. There will be an outdoor guided tour presented by Wetaskiwin & Area Chruches **November 27, 28 & 29 from 5:30 - 8:00 pm** at Calvary Bapttist Church, 4910 Northmount Drive, Wetaskiwin. Free admission. An item for the Food Bank or socks / mitts for Hope Mission would be appreciated. For more information email eveninginbethlehemWetaskiwin@gmail.com

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!

REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES invites you to join us for our "Little Town" Christmas Market on **November 28, 2026** at 3920 – 49 Ave. in Stony Plain from 9 am-3 pm. Breakfast from 9-11:30 a.m. and lunch from 12-1:30 p.m.; each offered at $6/adult and $4/child. We are still accepting vendors for the market. Please contact Kim at 780-965-7472 or kim.stefura@rcmflourish.ca We look forward to sharing the festive spirit with you.

PIATTA FORMA SINGERS PRESENT "*O Wonderful Mystery*" on Saturday, **December 5 @ 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm** at Peace Lutheran Chruch 4606 48 St, Leduc. Tickets are: Adults $20 and Children $10 and aew are available from Teena V or by calling 780-361-7456 .

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

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THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP - In Liturgy of the Ordinary (IVP 2016), Tish Harrison Warren writes, "In my daily life I've developed habits of impatience—of speeding ahead, of trying to squeeze more into my cluttered day. How can I live as one who watches and waits for the coming kingdom when I can barely wait for water to boil?" As the Advent season draws near, how might you more fully embrace the discipline of waiting in your everyday home life? Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive



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November 22, 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 — *Blessed Be Your Name*

Announcements – Serving Elder - James H

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

SONG — *Here I Am To Worship*

GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET EACH OTHER

SONG — *How Great Is Our God / How Great Thou Art*

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Confession & Assurance

SONG— *Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone*

GOD CALLS US INTO COMMUNITY

Children's Message — Pastor Ryan

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

SONG— *My Worth Is Not In What I Own*

Congregational Prayer

Speaker & Video - Selena Headley (Resonate Global)

THANK OFFERING 1. Ebenezer Ministries

2. Resonate Global Mission

GOD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD

Scripture — Philippians 3: 1 - 11

Sermon — The Math Of Righteousness

RESPOND WITH PRAYER AND THANKS

SONG — *In Christ Alone*

GOD SENDS US WITH A BLESSING

CLOSING SONG — *Benediction*

***No Sunday School** for Grades 4 - 6*

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: Leona
PROJECTION & AUDIO: Matt / Wes
SERVING ELDER: James H
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Pastor Ryan
GREETERS: Quentin & Alex A
USHERS: Dennis P / Ruby P
WELCOME CENTRE: Alyse K
COFFEE DUTIES: Justin & Mariska Z, Liz D
NEXT WEEK: Gord & Jan W, Andy & Marilyn Z
NURSERY: Sharley K, Lucas D, Joel P, Kayla T
NEXT WEEK: Alicia B, Case H, Christine H, Kendyl K

NEXT WEEK: Wilbur
NEXT WEEK: Dan / Christina
NEXT WEEK: Chris H
NEXT WEEK: Lindsay H
NEXT WEEK: Dennis & Ruby P
NEXT WEEK: Tim C / Teresa T
NEXT WEEK: Wendy T



SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK:

PRE—K 1: Rory L, Brooklyn T
PRE-K 2: Ryman H / Wes U, Hayden K
KINDER: Mariska Z, Taylor L, Chelsea M
GRADE 1: Michelle T, Tyler T
GRADE 2: Francine K, Pippa A
GRADE 3: Heather T, Ashton D
GRADE 4 - 6: No Sunday School (Sunday School *will start up again January 10*)

NEXT WEEK: Stella M, Brooke T, Lucas D
NEXT WEEK: Lily H, Johnny H
NEXT WEEK: Lauren T, Adeline L, Nella H
NEXT WEEK: Jenna D, Ethan H
NEXT WEEK: Karen H, Liam H
NEXT WEEK: Karen G, Rachel K

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: RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION When Jesus invited Peter and Andrew to walk beside him, he wasn't just inviting them to join him along the Sea of Galilee and his journey ahead—he was inviting them into something far bigger than they could've imagined. Jesus was leading them into God's story of redemption for the world! As your Christian Reformed mission agency, Resonate Global Mission is here to connect you and your church to the work of God's redemption story for the world.

NEXT WEEK: COMPASSION CANADA Releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name. Over the last 70 years, Compassion revolutionized the fight against global poverty by partnering with local churches to meet the unique and urgent needs of children living in poverty. Today, Compassion partners with over 8,000 local churches in 29 countries to deliver our proven holistic child development program to more than 2 million infants, children and youth. Around the world, children, families and entire communities are being empowered to overcome poverty and thrive both now and into the future.

Collections for October 2026	**Amount**
Ebenezer Ministries	$32,404.80
Coupons	$2,190.00
Debt Reduction	$330.00
Camrose Pregnancy Centre	$3,412.40
Leduc/Millet/Wetaskiwin Food Bank	$1,699.90
Youth Unlimited	$1,498.75
World Renew: General	$50.00
World Renew: Canadian Foodgrains	$1,643.80
Total Collected for October	**$43,229.65**
Actual Income for 2026	**$325,026.40**
Actual Expenses for 2026	**$363,418.01**
Shortfall	**$38,391.61**
Thank you for your giving so far this year	

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.

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 / Octobe**r **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

Church Family

This morning we welcome **Selena Headley** who is with Resonate Global Mission. She is currently in Canada raising support for her work with urban leaders in Cape Town, South Africa, and she will be giving us an update on her work.

We extend our condolences to **Tina V**, her family and extended family in the passing of **Morris** this past week. We pray the God will surround you all with His strength, comfort, and peace. There will be a Celebration of Life service for Morris on **Monday, November 23 at 2:00 PM.** here at Ebenezer All are welcome.

We wish a Happy **83rd** Birthday to **Lieuwe B** this week! We are so thankful for you and pray you would feel God's blessing & continued hand upon your life.

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

HOME VISITATION – Abiding in Christ, Bearing Fruit Together

As the elders begin another season of home visitation, we look forward to spending time together in fellowship, encouragement, and conversation about our walk with the Lord.

This year's theme is **"Abiding in Christ, Bearing Fruit Together,"** based on John 15:1–17, with particular focus on verse 5:

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

We encourage everyone to warmly receive the elders when they reach out to arrange a visit. These times together provide a valuable opportunity to share in fellowship, encourage one another in faith, and reflect on how we are growing in our relationship with Christ.

As preparation for our time together, we ask that you take some time to read John 15:1–17 before your visit and reflect on what it means to remain in Christ and bear fruit in our daily lives.

May these visits strengthen our bonds as a church family and encourage us all to remain rooted in Christ, growing in faith, and bearing fruit in our homes, our church, and our daily lives.

The Elders

The fall Congregational Meeting is scheduled to be held **Wednesday, November 25 at 7:30 p.m.** We encourage all members to attend. An information package has been placed in your church mailboxes for review. If you are unable to attend, absentee ballots for the budget are available at the Welcome Desk. Please ensure your name, signature, and date are clearly written on the envelope, and return it to the Council Mailbox before the November 25 meeting.

Ebenezer News

SANCTUARY CHAIRS - The admin committee has worked to restore the sanctuary seating back to the intended design. This meets all fire/building code limits and ensures that everybody can get out safely in the event of an emergency. Please do not add, remove, or re-locate any chairs. If you have any questions, please talk to Dan V. or Jay A.

CHURCH LIBRARY Check out what's new in the library! We have a variety of new books in the library this week. We have a series of kids books on missionaries and well-known people from church history. We also have a number of books for young people including graphic novels about Corrie Ten Boom and Eric Liddell. Theresa are also some great parenting books too!

GEMS POINSETTIA 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: TODAY, Sunday, November 22 Pick-up: December 3, 3–4 p.m.** Thank you for your continued support of the Ebenezer GEMS club!

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.

ADULT CATECHISM CLASS: The next meeting of the adult Heidelberg Catechism class will be **November 29, 2026 at 7:00 pm.**

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 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.

This year's **CHRISTMAS SERVE PROJECT** is going to the Camrose Women's Shelter. The Deacons, Sunday School and You (the congregation) will be working together to bring Christmas presents to two families currently residing there. There will be an opportunity to either buy a gift for one of the family members or donate money towards a gift. This will run from Nov 29 to Dec 13 as the items need to be delivered by Dec 18. Please contact a Deacon for more information.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, November 22	@	9:30	am	Prayer Meeting
	@	**10:00**	**am**	**WORSHIP SERVICE**
	@	11:45	am	Catechism
	@	11:45	am	Youth Parents Potluck
Monday, November 23	@	2:00	pm	Celebration Of Life Service
	@	7:00	pm	Friendship
Tuesday, November 24	@	2:30	pm	MEWS Bible Study
	@	7:00	pm	Council Executive Meeting
Wednesday,November 25	@	9:30	pm	Coffee Break
	@	7:30	pm	Congregational Meeting
Thursday, November 26	@	7:00	pm	Women's Bible Study
Friday, November 27	@	9:00	am	Days For Girls
Saturday, November 28	@	9:30	am	Cadets
Sunday, November 29	@	9:15	am	Prayer Meeting
	@	**10:00**	**am**	**WORSHIP SERVICE**
	@	6:00	pm	Youth
	@	7:00	pm	Adult Catechism



BRIDGE APP INFO: DID YOU KNOW? . . . .
There are 4 ways to create an account.
Create your own username and password or via Facebook, Google or your Apple account.
Also you will find great resources on the Bridge App like the Today Book and Kid's Corner Devotionals.
Looking for addresses? The Bridge App has all of our updated Church Member information! If you would like help setting up the App, call or stop by the church office during the week.



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! The 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!