Community & Denominational News & Events

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE: While there is good reason for the 'celebrative' atmosphere of Christmas, it can also be a challenging, even painful, time for those who live with the reality of brokenness or loss in their lives. A "Blue Christmas Service" is a service not about being 'blue' but allowing that reality to be acknowledged and brought before the Lord, while at the same time recognizing the one who is bigger than a season. You are invited to participate in such a service (with communion) held at ***West End CRC*** on Sunday, **December 13 at 7:00 p.m.** If you are unable to attend in-person but would like to participate, please join us via livestream using the link on the West End website. (www.westendcrc.ca)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - Thank you to everyone who packed a shoebox or donated items for shoeboxes. Together our church community and our GEMS Girls Club packed 84 boxes! These boxes are now on their way to children around the world, we pray they will make a lasting impact on those that receive them! If you would like to sponsor a box and cover the shipping costs ($12/box) please speak to Leanne K.

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 .

HELP PUT OUR CLASSIS STRATEGIC PLAN INTO ACTION! At our October meeting, Classis Alberta North approved its new Strategic Plan for 2027–2031. Now we're looking for people from across our churches who would like to help put that plan into action! **Do you have a heart for ministry and gifts that could contribute to this work?** We invite you to consider putting your name forward for one of the teams being formed. Simply complete a short form to indicate which team interests you. Expressing interest does not commit you to serving and positions could fill up quickly. The Classis Interim Committee (CIC) will follow up with you personally. The deadline to submit your name is December 7, 2026. **Interested? Complete the Form.** Let's work together to shape the future of Classis Alberta North!

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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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 **December Prayer Calendar** has been posted to The Bridge App and copies are available at the Welcome Centre



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November 29, 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 — *Hymn Of Joy*
Announcements – Serving Elder - Chris H
GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP
SONG — *Angels*
GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET EACH OTHER
SONG — Joy, Unspeakable Joy
WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD
Advent Candle Lighting
Confession & Assurance
SONG— *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*
GOD CALLS US INTO COMMUNITY
Children's Message — Lindsay H
Pre-K 1- Grade 3 children leave for Sunday School
SONG— Holy Forever
Congregational Prayer
THANK OFFERING 1. Ebenezer Ministries
2. Compassion Canada
GOD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD
Scripture — Haggai 1: 1 - 15
Sermon — Preparing For The Presence Of God
RESPOND WITH PRAYER AND THANKS
SONG — *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
(Lieuwe Bruinsma's birthday request)
GOD SENDS US WITH A BLESSING
CLOSING SONG — *He Shall Reign Forevermore*
***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: Susan / Christel
PROJECTION & AUDIO: Mike / Jamie
SERVING ELDER: Chris H
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Lindsay H
GREETERS: Dennis & Ruby P
USHERS: Tim C / Teresa C
WELCOME CENTRE: Wendy T
NEXT WEEK: Wilbur
NEXT WEEK: Dan / Christina
NEXT WEEK: Henry K
NEXT WEEK: Lindsay H
NEXT WEEK: Wim & Jenny R
NEXT WEEK: Luke K / Alyse K
NEXT WEEK: Miriam P
COFFEE DUTIES: Gord & Jan W, Andy & Marilyn Z
NEXT WEEK: Rudy & Karen G, Tina R
NURSERY: Alicia B, Case H, Christine H, Kendyl K
NEXT WEEK: Mariska Z, Ashton D, Brendan B, Chelsea M
SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK:
PRE—K 1: Stella M, Brooke T, Lucas D
PRE-K 2: Lily H, Johnny H
KINDER: Lauren T, Adeline L, Nella H
GRADE 1: Jenna D, Ethan H
GRADE 2: Karen H, Liam H
GRADE 3: Karen G, Rachel K
NEXT WEEK: Jachin H, Evelyn H
NEXT WEEK: Rebecca K, Case H
NEXT WEEK: Niki U, Morgan L, Casen A
NEXT WEEK: Alicia B, Jackson H
NEXT WEEK: Graeme B, Chaim H
NEXT WEEK: Elly M, Brody U
GRADE 4 - 6: No Sunday School (Sunday School *will start up again January 10*)



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 for Nov. & Dec. Is in collaboration with the deacons. Please see their announcement. This week I will be using the money we have collected so far to purchase a few things for the family we are supporting.
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: 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.

NEXT WEEK: MISSIONARIES JESSE AND JARI RIDRIGUEZ are located in Jinetoga, Nicaragua. Their ministry involves meeting and working with local farmers in their area delivering the message of "Satisfied Wages". They are also committed t teaching the Nicaraguan Church about the importance of business as a mission and encourage their business members to embrace being part of a marketplace ministry.

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.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER This Christmas we can show Christ's love by helping two families at the Camrose Women's Shelter, one mother with four children and one mother with a newborn baby. Both families have compiled a wishlist of Christmas Gifts and the deacons have put those gift ideas on ornaments on the tree outside the sanctuary. Please take an ornament and buy a gift to help these families, or, we are accepting cash donations. The Sunday School will be using their collection money to buy the gifts for the new mom with the baby and the congregation will be buying gifts for the mom with four kids. Items are due back at the church by Dec 13, so, pick your ornament Nov 29 or Dec 6 and bring the item back on Dec 13. Any questions, ask a Deacon.

Church Family

Lord willing, next week we will have the privilege of witnessing the **Profession Of Faith** of **Eric H** and **Aidan & Dayna Tr** as well as the **Sacrament of Baptism** of **Johnny H** and of **Charlotte & Elizabeth T**. It will be a day of rejoicing as we welcome them into our church family and we praise God for His faithfulness and blessing on these families.

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, 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 PROMISES OF GOD: An Advent Journey through Haggai The people of God in Haggai's day knew what it was to wait, to grow weary, and to wonder whether God's promises would come to pass. Yet through His prophet, God called His people to hope, assuring them of His presence and promising a glory yet to come. This Advent, we follow those promises as they point us to Christ: God's promise to dwell with His people, the promise of a greater glory, the promise of cleansing and blessing, and the promise of a coming King. As Christmas approaches, we celebrate that in Jesus Christ, God has kept his promises and brought hope to His people.

Ebenezer News

YOUTH will meet **tonight at 6:00 pm**

ADULT CATECHISM CLASS: the adult Heidelberg Catechism class will **tonight at 7:00 pm.**

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 Poinsetias can be picked up **December 3, 3–4 p.m.** Thank you for your continued support of the Ebenezer GEMS club!

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE ***We are currently practicing every Sunday so once the morning service is over please exit the sanctuary as soon as possible.***

Practice Schedule:

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.

GROUNDWORK: Praying by the Power of the Holy Spirit and in Jesus' Name - Have you ever struggled to find the words to pray? Have you ever wondered what it means to pray in the Spirit or why we pray in Jesus' name? Join Groundwork as we study Romans 8:26-28, Jude 20-21, Psalm 139, John 14:9-14, and Hebrews 4:14-16 to learn about the help God gives us through the Holy Spirit, the confidence we have through Jesus Christ, and how these promises sustain our prayers every day. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, November 29	@	9:30	am	Prayer Meeting
	@	**10:00**	**am**	**WORSHIP SERVICE**
	@	6:00	pm	Youth
	@	7:00	pm	Adult Catechism
Monday, November 30	@	7:00	pm	Friendship
Tuesday, December 1	@	7:00	pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday, December 2	@	9:30	pm	Coffee Break
	@	6:30	pm	GEMS
Saturday, December 5	@	7:30	am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday, December 6	@	9:15	am	Prayer Meeting
	@	**10:00**	**am**	**WORSHIP SERVICE**



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!

KIDS CORNER DEVOTIONS: Advent: A Time of Hope - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Advent: A Time of Hope" at www.kidscorner.net. How does Jesus give you hope? In Isaiah 9:6, the prophet proclaims, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given." What does it mean to you that Jesus paid for your sins? Talk together with your family about the hope that each of you has in Jesus. Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at https://kidscorner.net/app