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EBENEZER

Christian Reformed Church

Glorifying God & Loving All People

Welcome

Ebenezer is now livestreaming our church services. To access the Livestream, visit our website: <https://www.ebenzerCRC.com> and click on the Livestream button that appears at the top of the page.

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG — *How Great is Our God*
How Great Thou Art

GOD'S GREETING

SONG — *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

TIME OF CONFESSION

SONG — *I Lift Your Name*

TIME OF ASSURANCE

SONG — *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THANK OFFERING

1 - Ebenezer Ministries 2 - Edmonton Pro-Life Society

SCRIPTURE — JOHN 11: 1-16

SERMON — *This Illness Does Not Lead to Death*

SONG — *Faithful One*

PARTING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG — *Benediction*

Church Family

Ineke V was able to receive surgery this past Thursday (a day early). Praise God! Let us pray for healing and patience as they wait for the next step.

Our condolences go out to **John & Wendy T.** Wendy's brother-in-law Andy B passed away peacefully in his home this past week. Please pray for his family, his extended family and all those affected by his loss.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS - JANUARY 5 AND 12, 2021

The following highlights reflect two different meetings held one week apart. Wilbur led the first devotion from 2 Chronicles 20:1-24 emphasizing how God sent an ambush against the enemies of Judah when his people began to sing and praise God. Fred opened the second meeting reading from 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 encouraging everyone to use their different gifts together in unity to strengthen the body of Christ.

Due to our current situation of a COVID pandemic and the safety implications for our church considerable time was spent reviewing how we were dealing with COVID and the decisions that were made. Clarification was provided regarding the rapid decision to increase the number of people allowed to attend services. While trying to understand and respect the different view points, we want to hold onto what we have in common which is our love for God, the church, the people and our good intentions. We are encouraged to live out our beliefs in such a way that they are not destructive to others. Our desire is to come out of this learning from each other and getting stronger because of it. Appreciating and honouring differences can be hard to do and requires time.

Singing in church and the interpretation of AHS guidelines caused a rather spirited discussion that was resumed the following week. The spirit of unity was evident the second week in the spirit of humility and a genuine loving desire to understand and honour each other. It was decided to change the previous council decision of "no congregational singing permitted", to be reworded as "Congregational singing is strongly discouraged." Singing moistens the mask thereby decreasing its effectiveness. You are encouraged to apply a fresh mask as needed.

Letters to council were reviewed and will be responded to. Letters written with gentleness and respect promote unity and resolution. The nominations for 4 elders and 2 deacons were determined and those involved will be contacted this week and asked to prayerfully consider serving in that capacity. We have seen God at work and realize many of you have been praying with us. Thank you for your support!

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 - EDMONTON PRO-LIFE SOCIETY The Edmonton ProLife Society aims to promote respect for all human life from conception to natural death. This will include educating and developing understanding how our citizens can uphold and defend the right to life, a basic right on which all other rights depend.

2nd Offering NEXT WEEK - CALVINIST CADET CORP The goal of the Calvinist Cadet Corps is to provide Christian men with a structure, program, and materials that are uniquely designed to help boys grow spiritually in all areas of life – devotional, mental, physical, and social. It is an independent ministry, not connected to and not receiving funding from any denomination. For more information see calvinistcadets.org

THANK YOU FROM RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION

Dear Ebenezer,

Thank you for these generous gifts given to Resonate Global Mission during the month of December 2020: Ministry Shares of over \$10,870. You are helping people live and share the gospel of Jesus Christ in their communities! You are part of God's story of transforming lives through your partnership with Resonate. Your gifts provide encouragement and support for ministry leaders, and the resources they need to grow and flourish! Investing in God's global church includes investing both here at home and around the world. We're grateful that you are helping more people find hope and new life in Christ! Your gift will continue to grow in impact alongside the missionaries, church planters, and other ministry leaders you support. The unique advantage of your giving through Resonate is that our ministry leaders share what they learn with each other. That network of support—which you're a part of—helps strengthen ministry across North America and around the world. We work better when we work together! Thank you for being a part of this long-term vision for proclaiming the gospel. Thank you for helping grow and strengthen the church, and for sharing our Christian hope!

In Christ, Kevin DeRaaf, Acting Canada Director

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, Jan 17	@	10:00 am	Worship Service In-person or Livestream
Wednesday, Jan 20	@	7:00 pm	GEMS Online meeting
	@	7:30 pm	Coffee Break gathering
Sunday, Jan 24	@	10:00 am	Worship Service In-person or Livestream



Coffee Break

COFFEE BREAK 2021 - Attention Ladies! Join us Wednesday evenings, from 7:30-9pm. We will meet weekly for fellowship and great conversation. We ask that you come prepared to observe AHS guidelines - we will wear masks and observe social distancing. If you have any questions please contact Alicia B, Cindy H or Marco D. Thank you!

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE (ebenezercrc.com) for a **LINKS** page where you can find links to News, Resources and Announcements for our Classis (AB North), CRCNA, CRC Network, World Renew, the Today Devotional, The Banner and many other resources.

The January/February Today Devotionals are available and can be picked up at the registration table.

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Please contact the church office if you would like a copy of either of these publications put into your church mailbox.

Denominational News & Resources

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD This January and February join World Renew for a series of discussions led by leaders and churches using asset based community development. Together we will explore ways churches can be better neighbo(u)rs and move from doing things for community to working with community. The [Webinar series](#) runs Thursdays at 7:30 pm Eastern. Visit World Renew's website to register.



January 21: The Future of the Neighbourhood We're racing into a new year and a time of accelerated change. How is your church adapting? In this webinar you'll discover three practices and innovative ideas that are vital to anticipate and creatively respond to life and make a difference in your community. **Tom Sine, Author and foresight Consultant** for faith-based organizations and denominations, will guide us into new ways of thinking for 2021 and beyond.

February 4: Seeing our Neighbourhood Rather than experts of our community, what if we committed to being students of our community? Looking for strengths, resources, possibilities, and partnerships is key to being good neighbours. In this interactive webinar, **Jodi Koeman and Ron Vanden Brink** will lead you through exercises and activities to help you discover the Strengths of your church property, people, and resources, as well as the neighbourhood it is located in.

CAMPUS VISITS AT REDEEMER Take that first step and experience Redeemer's one-of-a-kind community like never before. Visiting campus is the best way to figure out if Redeemer is the right fit for you. Please note that due to COVID -19 restrictions, only virtual visits are available at this time: redeemer.ca/visit

Denominational News & Resources

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP SERVICES - Join us on [January 28th at 7:00pm EST](#) to understand the basics of Wills and Estate planning! Discover how Christian Stewardship Services helps you review your personal situation, tax impacts and important choices to help you move your wills to completion. Learn how to leave behind a positive legacy for those you love, and get past roadblocks holding you back! Register on our Events page by clicking [HERE](#) OR Click [here](#) to find out more about CSS.

We are also excited to announce another "Fireside Chat" on [January 20th at 8:00 PM EST](#). Have your questions about wills and charitable giving answered! Explore tax effective charitable giving. Learn how to leave behind a positive legacy for those you love, and get past roadblocks holding you back! **Register** on our **Events page** [here](#)

READING WHILE BLACK - Join CRC campus ministers Rick Mast (University of Alberta in Edmonton) and Mike Wagenman (Western University in Ontario) for a discussion of Esau McCaulley's new book, Reading While Black: African-American Biblical Interpretation as an Exercise in Hope. We will meet on [Sunday, January 24 at 8pm ET \(5pm PT\)](#) over Zoom. You can register at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/reading-while-black-book-discussion-tickets-132675860069>

STOB LECTURE COLLOQUIUM - CALVIN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY invites you to the Stob Lecture Colloquium 2021 on [Monday, January 18th at 4pm](#). This event will be live streamed and can be watched at vimeo.com/489568992. This year's featured guest is Jemar Tisby, author, speaker, and president of The Witness: A Black Christian Collective. The colloquium is an in-depth conversation on his text Color of Compromise, moderated by Denise Posie and Dave Beelen, Calvin Seminary's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Discipleship Coaches. For more information, visit calvinseminary.edu/events/public/stob-lecture-colloquium-2021

Our Volunteers

WORSHIP TEAM: Renee/Susan

PROJECTION & AUDIO: Pete/Wes

NEXT WEEK: Youth Team

NEXT WEEK: Mike/Nicole