

January 24, 2021

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Welcome

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

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

SONGS — *Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*
What Can I Do

GOD'S GREETING

TIME OF CONFESSION

SONG — *Who You Say I Am*

TIME OF ASSURANCE

SONG — *Power of Your Love*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THANK OFFERING

1 - Ebenezer Ministries 2 - Calvinist Cadet Corps

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE — JOHN 11: 17-44

SERMON — **Three Responses to Death**

SONG — *Great Are You Lord*

PARTING BLESSING

CLOSING SONGS — *Way Maker*
Reckless Love

Church Family

Congratulations to **Brad & Lauren T** who celebrate 5 years of marriage on January 30th. May God continue to bless you with gratitude and kindness in your life together.

Joe D experienced a stroke early Monday morning. Amazingly, his symptoms resolved by the end of the day (restoration of vision, speech, and sensation and mobility to the left side of his body). He was fortunate to have an appointment already on Tuesday morning at U of A stroke clinic, where he spent the day in testing and consultation. He is currently at home and doing well. The Deunk family is grateful.

Please continue to pray for **Per & Bernice S**. Per's health lately has been unsteady, changing day to day. We pray that God would grant them grace and peace to manage the uncertainty of this time.

Please continue to pray for **Ineke V**. Her surgery and initial recovery went very well, for which they are thankful. However, Monday morning became more difficult and Dennis took her to the ER in Leduc. She is now at home recovering but continues to experience many difficult side effects from the pain medication. We pray for both Dennis and Ineke as they now await the results from surgery. They are very grateful to have their family close by to help.

A Note of Thanks from Arlene L: I would like to thank everyone for your prayers and support for my daughter Debbie. Thank you also for the lovely quilt that was made for her. Thank you for your prayers as she continues her treatments. I am so thankful to be part of this wonderful church family.

2021 BABIES! Our congregation continues to grow! Since we are in a season when we don't always see our beloved church family, we wanted to share with you our happy news! We're having a baby! Please pray for us and our little ones over the coming months. Thank you!

Lauren (& Brad) T	- due end of January
Candice (& Joel) P	- due end of January
Candice (& Wes) V	- due end of January
Christina (& Dan) V	- due mid February
Tamara (& Nick) P	- due end of February
Heather (& Aaron) L	- due end of March
Jamie (& Matt) B	- due mid May

(If you are expecting and would like to share the news, please contact the church office.)



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 - 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

2nd Offering NEXT WEEK - DIACONATE Deacons are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus, administering the mercy of Christ to all people. The deacons are also to motivate the members of the church to be faithful with their resources on behalf of the needy with gifts of money, assistance and counsel. Deacons also serve by leading people to see the grace of our loving Saviour and recognizing the Lord through whom all blessings flow.

From Reframe Ministries (formerly Back to God Ministries International)

Thank you, Ebenezer, for your faithful giving through ministry shares, and for your prayers in support of Back to God Ministries International. As of January 2021, we are reaching out to new Christians around the world with a new name: Reframe Ministries. A different name, but our same commitment to share the Gospel, disciple believers, and grow God's church. Like you, we have found ourselves in a new space because of Covid-19. The digital and social media ministries that Reframe Ministries works in and around the world on behalf of your local church have been in the right place at the right time. Now in 2021, we find ourselves in a position to share the Gospel around the world via technology when personal contact is still limited or forbidden. Please pray for the work of Reframe, especially in this critical time when many are looking for answers only God can provide through His Son, Jesus. Visit www.reframeministries.org to see how your church is making a difference in thousands of lives around the world!

BIG AND SMALL TASKS - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Do you sometimes feel like what you do for God doesn't seem very big, or that what others are doing is too small to matter much? Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, Jan 24	@	10:00 am	Worship Service In-person or Livestream
Wednesday, Jan 27	@	7:30 pm	Coffee Break gathering
Sunday, Jan 31	@	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 or Alex A. 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. LARGE PRINT also available.

The January Banner is available and can be picked up at the registration table.

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)r(s) 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.



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.

February 11: Connecting to our Neighborhood Sometimes we need to let things go in order to bring something to life. Mike Mather, faculty of ABCD Institute, Author, *Having Nothing, Possessing Everything: Finding Abundant Communities in Unexpected Places* has pastored churches in Indianapolis and now in Boulder, CO. He has noticed that while his church was serving people, they weren't really making a lasting impact in those people's lives or the neighborhood. Working through the efforts of neighborhood member, De'Amon Harges, they decided to "put to death" the programs and bring to life relationships and social capital. This small but significant shift changed their way of being church.

DISABILITY CONCERNS WINTER BOOK CLUB IS STARTING SOON! - Join us VIA Zoom on Tuesday evenings from February 2 through March 9 at 7pm EST for the Disability Concerns winter book club, where we'll explore John Swinton's new book: *Finding Jesus in the Storm*. *Finding Jesus in the Storm* is a call for the church to be an epicenter of compassion for those experiencing depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and related difficulties. To find out more information on the club and to sign up, check out the network article: [Disability Concerns Winter 2021 Book Club \(https://network.crcna.org/disability-concerns/disability-concerns-winter-2021-book-club\)](https://network.crcna.org/disability-concerns/disability-concerns-winter-2021-book-club)

Denominational News & Resources

READING WHILE BLACK - TONIGHT 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>

KING'S VIEW FRIDAY — January 29, 2021 All Day The King's University King's View Friday (KVF) is a great way for prospective student to learn about King's. Join us and learn more about the King's experience!

KING'S ENCOUNTER WEEK — March 11-13, 2021 Join us on-campus for a full weekend to experience what being a King's student is really like. Talk to professors, sit in on classes, and more!

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

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: <http://www.csservices.ca/events.php>

Our Volunteers

WORSHIP TEAM: Youth Team
PROJECTION & AUDIO: Mike/Nicole

NEXT WEEK: Jason/Jordan
NEXT WEEK: Dan/Ted