

October 8, 2017

Ministry Information & Contacts

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I will give thanks to you,

Lord,

with all my heart;

*I will tell of all
your wonderful deeds.*

-Psalm 9:1



EBENEZER

Christian Reformed Church

Restoring all people to
God's living truth and
equipping them to
passionately live it out!

Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to our special Thanksgiving Service. The Lord has given us so many reasons to return thanks and praise to Him. It is our joy to be able to return thanks to Him together this morning. Please join us after the service for coffee, tea, juice and a time of fellowship!

Welcome and Prayer

Call To Worship

Songs: Praise To The Lord The Almighty

Great Is He

God's Greeting

Song: O For A Thousand Tongues

Thanksgiving Litany

Song: O The Deep, Deep Love Of Jesus

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering: **1 - Ebenezer Ministries**

2 - Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Children's Message

Song: All Glory Be To Christ

(Children ages 3 - Grade 3 leave for Children's Church)

Scripture: **Psalm 92**

Sermon: **The 5 W's of Thanksgiving**

Song: Take My Life

Parting Blessing

Parting Song: Doxology



Church Family

Please remember **Ineke V** in prayer. She had complications following her surgery last week but is doing better now. She would love visitors! Please contact Dennis to arrange a time to visit. We pray she will continue to heal well and for patience with the process.

Yoka T's sister is no longer receiving IV fluids and is in her last days. We lift her and her whole family in prayer at this difficult time.

Please remember **Bev C, Leona H, and Andy & Shirley L**, in prayer and others who are struggling with illness or injury, are recovering from surgery, or who are grieving. We pray God's peace, comfort, and healing for you all.

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING - We have had 102 of our 123 volunteers come to Safe Church Training this year! Now we are waiting for Crim Checks, we have 54 volunteers who need updated or first time checks and 51 people need to finish their volunteer application forms. Please check your mailboxes for the volunteer letter to bring to the RCMP and the application forms. You can bring them to the church office or put them in the Admin mailbox when complete! Thank you to every who has participated, we have made great strides this year and everyone's effort is appreciated!



SENIORS GAMES DAY - All are invited to come out this Tuesday morning @ 10:00 to enjoy a morning of coffee and games with the seniors! A light lunch will be served at noon!

CALLING ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 8-12!! - Join us Tuesday October 10th for our first youth night of the year!! We will meet here at the church from 7:30-9pm! If you have any question feel free to contact Brett or Kelly



CADETS - Another Cadet year is set to start on Wednesday, October 11th at 7:00 - 9:00 pm, meeting every other Wednesday night at Ebenezer Church. Boys from Grade 4-8 are welcome to join in for Bible Studies, outdoor activities, badges and Jamborees! Our fees this year is \$100, which includes a uniform, a Kub Kar kit, and all of the campouts and Central Alberta events; there are bursaries available if this is a factor for your family. If you have any further questions, please email leduccadets@gmail.com, or call Scott K



DISHES - Please check out the table in the entrance and bring home your dishes! Thank you for your generosity!

BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER - We hope to celebrate both sacraments in the next few weeks! Next Sunday, James & Cindy H will bring their son, Case Ferdinand, to be baptized. The following week, October, 22, we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper together. (DV)

CAMP GUATEMALA FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS



Volunteers going to Camp Guatemala (November 27 - December 1, 2017) would like some help with making the wash mitts handed out to camp participants when they register for camp. The wash mitts are used to store a bar of soap for use during camp and for teaching the children accompanying the campers good hygiene and hand washing. If you enjoy knitting and would like to make some please check out the pattern and samples in the foyer. If you have questions please contact Alyse K.

REHOBOTH MEMBERSHIP MONTH - As designated by the Board of Directors, October is "MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN MONTH" for Rehoboth Christian Ministries. As you read about Membership in the Rehoboth "Flourish" Newsletter you will find the associated membership return envelope form in the middle portion of the newsletter. The Membership fee of \$10.00 (per person) and supporting donations, insures the continuance of worthy benefits to allow our individuals to Flourish. Your liaison with Rehoboth is Margaret T and she will distribute a newsletter to your mail slot. If you are missed by Margaret please call her at (780) 986-7015. Please return your tax deductible membership/donation contributions to Margaret's mailbox (#99) or to: Rehoboth Christian Ministries, 3920 - 49 Ave., Stony Plain, AB, T7Z 2J7. Remember to include your full name, address, postal code, and the name of the church you attend, for our records. Thank you for your faithful support of Rehoboth Christian Ministries.



Deacon's Corner

1st Offering - EBENEZER MINISTRIES - This offering is used to cover the 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 Classis Alberta North and the CRC Denomination.

2nd Offering - WORLD RENEW - CANADIAN FOODGRAINS BANK - The goal of Canadian Foodgrains Bank is a world without hunger. Canadian Foodgrains Bank is a partnership of 15 church and church-based agencies representing 30 denominations. We collect grain and cash donations, provide expert advice to members and partners, manage the procurement and supply of food commodities, and engage in public policy and education activities related to hunger and food security. Each year, we work to end hunger in about 40 countries around the world. For more info see foodgrainsbank.ca

Next Week - DISABILITY CONCERNS - Everybody Belongs. Everybody Serves. Disability Concerns helps churches become healthier communities that intentionally seek to end the isolation and disconnectedness of persons with disabilities and their families, to nurture the spiritual lives of people with disabilities so that they become professing and active members of their churches, and to encourage the gifts of people with disabilities so that they can serve God fully in their churches. For more info see crcna.org/disability

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Tuesday	10:00 am	Seniors' Games Morning
Wednesday	10:00 am	Coffee Break
	7:00 pm	Cadets begins!
Sunday (Oct 15)	9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting in Library
	10:00 am	Worship Service and Baptism

October 16 - Friendship Ministry Begins!

October 22 - Worship Service with Communion

October 27-28 - Craft Retreat

NEW DEACONS - Christina P and Gerard B have let their names stand to fill two vacant positions for deacon. Please talk to Norm H or Joe D if you have any concerns or questions. As they are the only two nominees, they may become deacons by acclamation. An installation service will be announced at a later date.

REFORMATION CELEBRATION, 500TH ANNIVERSARY - Join the CRC and RCA church community in the Edmonton area for a special worship celebration. We are gathering at West End CRC (10015 149 Street) at 3PM on Sunday, October 29, 2017. Join together in worship as we give thanks to the Lord for helping His Church recover the biblical doctrines we have come to know and live by as Protestants--salvation by grace alone, through faith alone in Christ alone.

Nursery will be available for young children, up to 3 years old. Joyful Noise Children's Choir will be singing and gifted musicians leading the congregational singing. Father Philip Speranza, an Orthodox priest, and a "new to the reformed faith" pastor,

Dr. Jason Dahlman of Ebenezer CRC in Leduc, will share the preaching to give us a view of the Reformation from two very different perspectives, looking back and looking forward. The offering will be for the Edmonton Native Healing Centre.

Volunteers are needed for Coffee prep and clean up and Safe Church volunteers are needed for Nursery. Please call or email the church office if you would be interested in helping with this

For more information, call 780-475-2662 or go online at <http://www.classisalbertanorth.ca> and look for the Reformation Celebration announcement.



Community and Denominational Announcements

YOUTH FOR CHRIST WETASKIWIN - Dessert night with Panic Squad at Wetaskiwin Youth Centre (Wetaskiwin Mall). November 4 @7pm, tickets \$20 available at the YFC office and The Justice Cafe. Contact their office 780-361-0270 for more information!

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD! - Classis Alberta North invites you to reflect with us how the Reformation in the past has shaped who we are today, and how as an ever-reforming Church we face the challenges of the future secure in God's faithfulness. Join us in a special commemorative session at 7:30 p.m. on October 11 at Trinity Christian Reformed Church (13427 - 57 St., Edmonton). Our guest speaker will be Dr. Lyle Bierma, Professor of the History of Christianity at Calvin Seminary.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - From September 27 through November 5, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. If you'd like more information please contact :Edmonton Prolife <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/edmonton/>

FINANCIAL PLANNING SEMINAR - Are you a young person/family wanting to begin a financial plan built on a solid foundation? Do you wonder whether your current financial plan is right for you? Is using Socially Responsible Investments in your financial plan important to you? Come check out "Building a Financial Strategy" at Christian Credit Union, Edmonton Branch (13504 - 142 Street NW) on Thursday, October 12, from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. For more information, visit www.christiancu.ca. To RSVP, contact Eileen Turner at eturner@christiancu.ca or call 780.784.3173.

CRC DIRECTORY 2018/19 - The new 2018-2019 Christian Reformed Church Directory of Greater Edmonton (biannual production) is underway once again and ready for you to place your advertisement. Don't miss out. Please call Brenda Paszek at 780.479.0738 or email at: dbpaszek@telusplanet.net for information. Advertising deadline: Oct 31, 2017. Thank you.

DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT - 30 years ago Edmonton experienced Black Friday, the greatest tornado disaster our province has ever seen. Were you there, do you have a story to share? CRC churches, NADC and World Renew were involved in relief and recovery efforts then and have continued to serve our communities ever since. Come to the DOE to hear a feature from World Renew's Disaster Response Services and see some of the material commemorating Black Friday. Contact NADC by email at yournadc@gmail.com to share and register now at www.regonline.ca/DOE2017Edmonton

BY SCRIPTURE ALONE - Is the Bible enough? Why did Reformers like Martin Luther feel it was necessary to emphasize that everything we need to know about God and salvation is contained within scripture? Join Groundwork as we discuss 2 Timothy 3:10-17 to affirm why scripture alone is enough and clarify what this means for every believer. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.



Council Meeting Highlights October 3, 2017

Our meeting, as always, opened with devotions and a prayer. We also have a prayer bowl, whereby each council member takes a name out of the bowl and prays for that family/member. Our aim is to pray for our entire congregation – one family or member at a time.

We began work on several items with and for the deacons – their mandate and roles, a proposal from the Mustard Seed, a proposal to connect a deacon to the elder care lists and CRC Church order discussion on how we meet as elders and deacons as a full council.

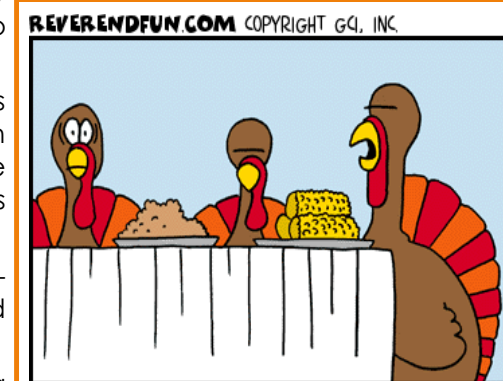
We worked on the Safe Church Review – council is fully committed to the implementation and delivery of the policies and procedures & updates. Monica and our Safe Church Team have worked tirelessly on this and we thank her for her dedication to this area!

We also are in the process of reviewing all the ministry mandates and asking ministry leaders for feedback so that those documents may also be updated.

Ministry Reports were given by each of the elders present. Our Thanksgiving Day service will be held on Sunday, October 8 – which is today. There is no service tomorrow. Planning is underway for the Christmas season services.

Date for upcoming Congregational Meeting was tentatively set for November 23 at 7:30 p.m. More details and agenda to follow after our next council meeting.

As always, we are so thankful for capable and willing servant leaders among us! We, as council, have been blessed by your willingness to serve and be served.



WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL THE BOUNTY THAT FARMER BOB HAS BLESSED US ALL WITH THESE PAST FEW MONTHS

Thank You to Our Volunteers

Ushers: Andrew V, Andy Z, Marilyn Z

Next Week: Dennis V, Tim C, Bev C

Greeters: Hank & Henry G

Next Week: Gerard & Wendy B

Coffee Duties: Tim & Bev C, George & Donna D, Matt & Leanne K

Next Week: Mike & Jenna D, Harry & Karen D, Norm & Grace H

Worship Team: Jordan & Team

Next Week: Grace & Team

Projection & Audio: Ted & Dan

Next Week: Jamie & Matt

Serving Elder: Henk S

Next Week: Frank V

Nursery: Supervisor - Carol W

Next Week: Supervisor - Tammy M

Infants: Carol W, Laura A, Michelle O

Infants: Monica V, Grace B, Sophie C

Toddlers: Warren T, Angelica G, James K

Toddlers: Johan M, Janna P, Grace C

