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**EBENEZER**  
Christian Reformed Church

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

# Good Morning and Welcome to Ebenezer!

Today we conclude the section of the Heidelberg Catechism entitled "Misery." In this section we've had the opportunity to consider what has gone with the world and how humanity has stepped off the path of God's good plan for us. Thankfully, the next section of the catechism is entitled "Deliverance" where we'll learn what God has done to deliver us from our misery. Thank you for joining us today and please stay and join us for coffee and juice after the service.

## Lord's Day 4

**Q9. But doesn't God do us an injustice by requiring in his law what we are unable to do?**

A. No, God created human beings with the ability to keep the law. They, however, provoked by the devil, in willful disobedience, robbed themselves and all their descendants of these gifts.

**Q10. Does God permit such disobedience and rebellion to go unpunished?**

A. Certainly not. God is terribly angry with the sin we are born with as well as the sins we personally commit. As a just judge, God will punish them both now and in eternity, having declared: "Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the things written in the book of the law."

**Q11. But isn't God also merciful?**

A. God is certainly merciful, but also just. God's justice demands that sin, committed against his supreme majesty, be punished with the supreme penalty — eternal punishment of body and soul.

Welcome and Prayer

**Songs: Hosanna**

**What the Lord Has Done in Me**

Greeting

**Song: Indescribable**

Confession & Assurance

**Song: Be the Centre**

Baptism of **Kyla Janes Mulder**

**Song: 10,000 Reasons**

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

**Thank Offering:**

**1 - Ebenezer Ministries**

**2 - Chaplaincy and Care Ministry**

Children's Message

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

**Scripture: Romans 1:18-23**

**Message: Love and Justice**

**Song: Grace Like Rain**

Parting Blessing

**Song: Mighty to Save**

## Church Family

This past week, doctors discovered that **Ineke V** had blood clots in her lungs which were causing her severe pain. She is now on blood thinners, is pain free, and was able to start radiation treatments last week. She is in the UofA Hospital at least until Monday and would love to have visitors there or at her home after she is released! We continue to pray for her healing and for wisdom for the doctors treating her.

**Kyla M** was diagnosed with influenza and was released Monday evening with no evidence of a bacterial infection on her test results. So she is on the mend and should get better with each day passing. Thank you to everyone whom had her in their prayers as we really felt God had her in his hands helping her to heal. -Dan & Emily Mulder

Please remember in prayer those 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.

**THANK YOU!** - Grateful thanks to all those who helped with gifts for the camp in Guatemala. We have three suitcases full of basic hygiene and medical supplies for the campers. Please pray for the campers, staff and safety in travels. Thanks so much, Ted, Luke and Alyse

**MUSTARD SEED CHRISTMAS DINNER** - Next Sunday, Dec. 3, we will have a collection after the service for the Mustard Seed Christmas Dinner. The money collected will be used to cover our cost for the supplies and food that will be bought. Any leftover money will be donated. Thank you for your support.

**WIDOWED LUNCH BUNCH** - We look forward to our next lunch date around 12:30 on Sunday, December 3 at the home of Abel and Tena H.



**LADIES CHRISTMAS CRAFT** – This is the last day to sign up for the Ladies' Christmas Craft afternoon, Saturday, December 2nd at 2:00 at Ebenezer Church. \$45 includes your choice of craft and refreshments. This event is hosted by your GEMS Counsellors (Leadership Training Fundraiser)

**SENIORS CHRISTMAS DINNER** – All seniors are invited to our annual Seniors Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 19 (please note the change of date!)@ 11:30. It would be great if you could RSVP to the church office! Hope to see you all there!



**2017 HIGHLIGHTS** - We would like to put together a PowerPoint of 2017 in review to be shown at the service on December 31. If you have photos of babies born, baptisms, weddings, and other special events of 2017, please email or contact the church office. Thank you for your help with this!

**AN EVENING IN BETHLEHEM** - Come with us to the night when Jesus was born. Immerse yourself in the people, place, and activities of that time in history when God became man. Live animals and actors playing their parts will remind you of what it was like in Bethlehem on that amazing night. Calvary Baptist Church in Wetaskiwin presents "An Evening In Bethlehem" December 1 - 3, 2017. Doors open from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Bring a non-perishable donation for the Wetaskiwin FoodBank. Located at 4910 Northmount Drive, Wetaskiwin (1/4 mile west of the hospital) 780-352-3818 [www.wetaskiwincalvarybaptist.com](http://www.wetaskiwincalvarybaptist.com)

**TAN'SI EVERYONE!** - It is time for the Edmonton Native Healing Centre's Annual General meeting, please come and here what exciting things will take place this year. A yearly membership is \$5.00 but we will issue tax receipts for all gifts over \$20.00. The AGM is on Monday November 27, starting at 7:30 pm. We praise the Triune Creator for all the financial and prayer support we have received in 2017 from our CRC family. Contact info: 101, 11813-123 street Edm AB T5L 0G7, email [info@e-nhc.org](mailto:info@e-nhc.org), PH: 780 482-5522 ask for Harold Roscher.



**THE LEDUC & DISTRICT GROWING PROJECT** - for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank is hosting an Appreciation Dinner on December 6, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Rollyview Hall. Everyone is welcome. For more information, see the Poster in the Foyer.

**FREE ADVENT DEVOTIONAL** - "Immanuel, Incarnate" is an email devotional series that features reflections from CRC ministries around the world during Advent 2017. World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice will explore the Incarnation of Christ and His presence in our lives as we prepare to celebrate His birth. Each devotion will be delivered to your email inbox every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, starting December 4, 2017, through Christmas Day. Go to [crcna.org/advent](http://crcna.org/advent) to sign up today!



## 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 - CHAPLAINCY AND CARE** - The Office of Chaplaincy and Care Ministry supports and develops chaplaincy by: -recruiting and assisting prospective candidates through their specialized training -endorsing chaplains and their ministry -supporting chaplains and their families maintaining links between chaplain and the church through conferences and newsletters -promoting chaplaincy ministry in the church and community -participating in national/state/provincial chaplaincy organizations -educating the church about institutional ministry issues

**Next Week - CALVIN COLLEGE** - Calvin College is a comprehensive liberal arts college in the Reformed tradition of historic Christianity. Through our learning, we seek to be agents of renewal in the academy, church, and society. We pledge fidelity to Jesus Christ, offering our hearts and lives to do God's work in God's world. For more info see [calvin.edu](http://calvin.edu)

## Coming Up @ Ebenezer

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Friendship
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Coffee Break
	<b>6:45 pm</b>	GEMS
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	Ladies' Craft Afternoon
<b>Sunday (Dec 3)</b>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Weekly Prayer Meeting in Library
	<b>10:00 am</b>	First Sunday of Advent Service

**Dec 4** - Friendship Christmas Dinner

**Dec 7** - Coffee with Pastor Jason

**Dec 8** - Piatta Forma Choir Concert

**Dec 16** - Mustard Seed Dinner Prep

**Dec 19** - Seniors' Christmas Lunch

**Dec 22** - Candle Light Service (7pm)

**Dec 25** - Christmas Day Service

**Dec 28-30** - Craft Retreat

**Jan 1** - New Year's Day Service

**Classis Update** - On October 11 - 12, 31 Christian Reformed churches in northern Alberta met together as a Classis at Trinity CRC in Edmonton. Classis meets twice a year with the goal of mutual encouragement and ministry.

The Minutes of this meeting are available on our new and improved Classis website at [classisalbertanorth.ca](http://classisalbertanorth.ca), but we do want to share some highlights with you.

We were privileged to celebrate how God continues to bless the Church with people called to be Ministers of the Word. Five people whom He called to this ministry were examined by Classis and ordained in this office. They are Ryan H, who accepted a call to the La Glace CRC; Michael M, who joins the pastoral staff at Trinity CRC in Edmonton; Joshua F, the new pastor at Evergreen CRC in Ft. McMurray; Ryan P who continues to serve Bethel Community CRC in Edmonton as Associate Pastor; and Brian D, who accepted the call of First CRC in Edmonton. We pray the Lord's blessing on them as they shepherd His sheep.

On Wednesday evening, Dr. Lyle B from Calvin Seminary helped us commemorate Martin Luther's initiation of the Protestant Reformation 500 years ago. He challenged us to consider how, in our changing culture, we are called to be an ever-reforming church in obedience to the Word of God.

We were able to thank Roy B on his retirement as Minister of the Word, for his many years of service to our denomination and our Classis.

We also thanked Rick V for serving us as Chaplain at the Univ. of Alberta for 10 years. He will be moving to Korea, and the Campus Ministry Committee is seeking a person who can fill this position. They are also looking for someone to serve as a very part-time chaplain at NAIT.

Classis decided that we need a full-time Youth Consultant to fill the vacancy left by Ron D. The Classis Youth Ministry Committee is seeking applications for this position.

Please refer to the minutes on our website for more information about these and other items on the Classis agenda.

Special thanks to Jeremy V of Centrepointhe Community CRC for his leadership as chair of Classis, to Rick V who served as Classis Chaplain, and to Trinity CRC for hosting us so well.

-Gary D Stated Clerk, Classis Alberta North



## Community and Denominational Announcements

**EDMONTON CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA PROGRAM** - is excited to present The Diviners by Jim Leonard Jr. on November 30, December 1 and 2 at the Cite Francophone Theatre, 8627 91 street, at 7:30 p.m. The Diviners is set in the homes, fields and businesses of the mythical southern Indiana town of Zion, population forty. Zion is the home of Buddy, a diviner -- a young boy who has a sense and feel for water. And into Buddy's life, and the life of the people of Zion, comes C.C. Showers, a "backslidin' preacher" who, inadvertently and unintentionally, is also a "diviner" of sorts. We invite you into the hearts and homes of Zion, doubters and believers both -- people just like you and me. Adults \$15, Seniors and Students \$10. Call (780) 408-7945 for tickets.

**THE GIFT** - Saturday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. Come celebrate God's gift of music in concert with the Concordia Community Band and the Edmonton Christian Male Choir. "It's not a Christmas concert" concert in December, but there will be some Christmas music. Refreshments and mingling after the concert. Don't miss it. Tickets \$15 from members or at the door: Trinity CRC, 13427 - 57 St. NW.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL SERIES** - Looking for more meaning in the midst of a busy Christmas season? This Advent, ReFrame Media offers a special email devotional series just for you. With daily devotions and encouragements from Today, Family Fire, Groundwork, and the fun of Kids Corner, we designed it to help your whole family experience the true wonder of Christmas, the coming Christ. Subscribe at [reframemedia.com/advent](http://reframemedia.com/advent).

**CRCNA POSITION OPENING** - Resonate Global Mission, the mission agency of the CRCNA, has part-time openings for Local Mission Leaders for the Western Canada, specifically (but not limited to) in the Greater Vancouver, Edmonton, and Winnipeg areas. The positions will be located in a city in the Western region of Canada (Thunder Bay west). The work of the Local Mission Leader will be to develop contextual strategies that catalyze the development of mission-shaped congregations, missional leaders, and holistic mission networks and connect global and local partners for mission in their local context and/or ministry focus area. Visit [www.crcna.org/jobs](http://www.crcna.org/jobs) for a detailed description or to apply, attaching a current cover letter and resume, by Tuesday, November 28th. To remain open until candidates are located in Greater Vancouver and Edmonton.

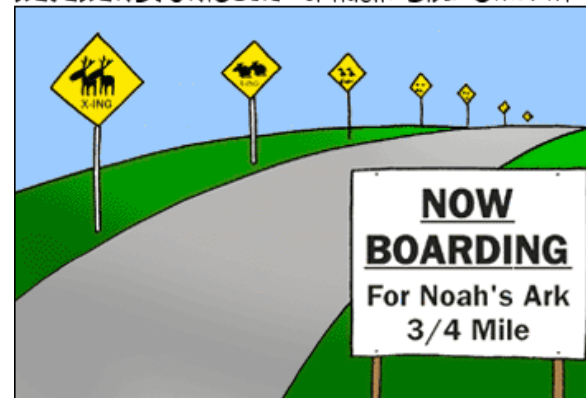
**GOD'S WORK GOES ON** - Many of us struggle with over-scheduling and repeatedly find ourselves over-committed. Yet we often wonder, "If I'm not around to do it, who will?" Join Groundwork in studying 2 Kings 2:1-18 to learn more about our servant participation in God's kingdom work. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com)

**WEST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT** - Special Meeting on December 4: You are invited to a Special Meeting of the Edmonton Society for Christian Education on Monday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the West School (14345 McQueen Road) to discuss and vote on approval for the West School Building Project. You must be an active member of ESCE to vote. If you are not a member you can become one before or at the meeting. Go to our website for more information, including pictures, a FAQ and the exact Motion that will be voted on. Please contact the Society Office if you have questions: 780-476-6281 or [societyoffice@edmchristian.net](mailto:societyoffice@edmchristian.net). See you there!

**A THEOLOGY OF STAR WARS** - Are you excited about Star Wars: The Last Jedi? Some of the sharpest thinkers on theology and pop culture explore key themes in the preceding films in "A Theology of Star Wars," an ebook from Think Christian. Sign up to receive Think Christian articles by email and the ebook is yours! Learn more at [thinkchristian.net/starwars](http://thinkchristian.net/starwars).

**CRC CANADA POSITION OPENING** - The denominational Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee (EIRC) has a vacancy to be filled by a person from Western Canada. The Committee is appointed by Synod of the CRC to engage and participate in the life of the global church, particularly interacting with churches and ecumenical organizations that share the heritage of the Reformed understanding of the Christian faith. Members of Classis Alberta North should send their nomination to Henk Van Anandel, Classis Nominations Coordinator, at [henkva@telus.net](mailto:henkva@telus.net) before December 15, 2017. Nominees are to have some ecumenical experience and interest, and nominations should be accompanied by a brief biography demonstrating this experience and interest.

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MY WIFE AND I EAT LIKE 100,000 PER  
DAY EACH!

## Thank You to Our Volunteers

**Ushers:** Ruby P, Dennis P, Luke K

**Next Week:** Andrew V, Andy Z, Marilyn Z

**Greeters:** Jason & Yoka T

**Next Week:** Ed & Monica Van't Hoff

**Coffee Duties:** Gezinus & Bea M, Samantha C, Ted & Joanne K

**Next Week:** Jon & Rikki L, Wi8lbur & Linda H, Andy & Joanne V

**Worship Team:** Marianne & Team

**Next Week:** Alice & Team

**Projection & Audio:** Nicole & Mike

**Next Week:** Wes & Pete

**Serving Elder:** Jordan S

**Next Week:** Henk S

**Nursery: Supervisor** - Janette G

**Next Week: Supervisor** - Linda K

**Infants:** Natasha D, Joe D, Kaija M

**Infants:** Linda K, Jordan S, Ashley T

**Toddlers:** Jon P, Emily Me, Levi M

**Toddlers:** Sam G, Yoka T, Owen V

