

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY 2018

“SIMPLY JESUS”

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

Good Morning and Welcome to Ebenezer!

Welcome to the third week in our Lenten journey. This morning we encounter Jesus as He challenges some old traditions concerning the Sabbath. Jesus came to bring us freedom and joy and we miss out on that when we reduce the life of discipleship into a list of rules to follow. It is so much more than that! May each one of us celebrate the good news of the kingdom of God that Jesus came proclaiming 2000 years ago and continues to proclaim today.

Lord's Day 13

Q34.

Why do you call him
"our Lord"?

A. Because -
not with gold or silver,
but with his
precious blood -
he has set us free
from sin and from the
tyranny of the devil,
and has bought us,
body and soul,
to be his very own.

Prelude

Welcoming the Word

Welcome

Call to Worship

**Songs: Across the Lands
We Bow Down**

God's Greeting

Song: Once Again

Time of Confession

Song: I Surrender All

Assurance of Pardon

Song: The Creedal Song

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering: 1 - Ebenezer Ministries

2 - Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Children's Message

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

Scripture: Luke 6:1-11

Sermon:

Song: When We Walk with the Lord

Parting Blessing

Song: The Wonder of the Cross

Please join us for coffee, tea and juice after the service!

Church Family

Please continue to remember in prayer those who are hurting physically or emotionally, those who are struggling with illness or injury, those who are recovering from surgery, and those who are grieving. We pray God's peace, comfort, and healing for you all.

SPRING AHEAD MARCH 11 - Early next Sunday morning Daylight Savings Time begins and we spring forward, waking up earlier. Please remember to set your clocks accordingly!

DAYS FOR GIRLS WORK BEE - Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have postponed the work bee for a few months. Please watch for more announcements!



WIDOWED LUNCH BUNCH - will meet again for lunch at the home of John and Joyce D next Sunday, March 11 at 12:30 pm. We welcome anyone who is a widow or widower.

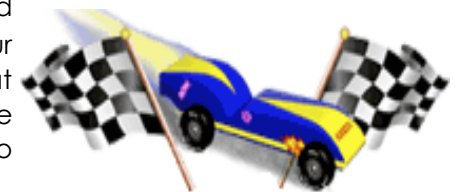
VACATION BIBLESCHOOL - VBS is coming just around the corner and the VBS team is looking for an individual to apprentice this year for VBS and then lead for the 2019 year. It is a 2 year commitment. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this position and if you have any questions please talk to Kelly L or Christine H. Thank you!

SUMMER SIGN UP TO TEACH 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS - Children's Church for 3 & 4 year olds runs all year round! We are asking parents, grandparents, (Aunts, Uncles, Friends) to sign up to teach over the summer. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the foyer so you can sign up for the weeks that work best for you! All teaching curriculum and materials are provided. Safe Church approval is required and there will be training offered in June. Thank you for serving and living out our baptismal commitments to these precious little ones in our church family!



WOMEN'S CONFERENCE - Do you love GEMS? Are you a past Calvinette or GEMS Counsellor? All women are invited to join us at the 2018 GEMS Conference as we celebrate 60 years of ministry! Join us at Redeemer University College, in Ancaster ON, July 13-15! Earlybird rates expire on March 10th. Please talk to any GEMS Counsellor for more information.

KUB KAR RACES - Saturday, March 17th, come out and race your car or join us for lunch and cheer for your favourite! Registration opens at 10am and races begin at 10:30! A concession with good food and snacks will be provided by the GEMS counsellors. Concession profits will go towards fundraising efforts for GEMS Leadership Training.



Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Tuesday	7:30 pm	Council Meeting
	7:30 pm	Youth
Wednesday	10:00 am	Coffee Break
	7:00 pm	Cadets
Friday	3:45 pm	Easter Ensemble Practice
Saturday	9:00 am	Days for Girls Work Bee
Sunday (Mar 11)	9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting in Library
	10:00 am	Lent Service

March 17 - Kub Kar Races

March 30 - Good Friday Service 7pm

CHILDREN'S CHURCH ASSISTANT NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER - Children's Church is happy to announce that the Children's Church Administrator for 2018-2019 will be Carrie T. Carrie has worked with Alice V this past year and will be leading the ministry next year. We are now looking for someone to assist her starting September with the intent of becoming the Ministry Leader for 2019-2020. This will only be a two year commitment. The program we have been using the last years is well established and easy to follow. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this position. If you have questions please contact Alice (T) V or Carrie T.

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 - CANADIAN FOODGRAINS BANK - Last year, World Renew provided food to over 144,000 people affected by conflict and natural disasters. This was possible because of the prayers and generous support of Canadians. Today, war is devastating many countries and thousands of families do not have enough food to eat. World Renew is committed to reversing that story, ensuring that thousands of families experience God's love and no longer go to sleep hungry. Your gift today will make this possible. All donations you make are eligible for a match of up to 4:1 from the Canadian Government!

Next Week - CALVIN SEMINARY - Calvin Theological Seminary exists to serve the Christian Reformed Church in North America and wider constituencies by preparing persons for biblically faithful and contextually effective ministry of the Word and by offering Reformed theological scholarship and counsel. For more info see calvinseminary.edu

Kid's Sermon Notes

by _____

What was your favourite song?



Who is preaching?

What is the main Bible passage?

Book:

Chapter:

Verse:



Draw a picture of something you heard today, either from a song or from the sermon.

What Can we learn from this passage?

What would you like to pray about?



List some words you heard but don't understand:



FOSTERING A SENSE OF BELONGING - Join us on March 6th from 7:00-8:30 pm at Trinity CRC, as we explore the foundational building block of "Belonging" in the context of Bullying, through the perspectives of family, school, and church. Come prepared to reflect on the importance of belonging, and how we can foster the sense of belonging in the communities around us. All ages are invited encouraged to attend. Call Jenna at 780-996-1586.

EMMANUEL HOME'S 'RACE FOR THE AGES' - in search of the golden YEG' will be held on Saturday, May 26, 2018. Save the Date and register your four-person team by May 14, 2018. This race is not like any race we have ever done before! No route agents, no clues and you make your own route. All you need is a cell phone and the ability to click & send. Team members must each raise a minimum of \$300 in pledges. It promises to be a day of fun, fellowship, and prizes. Register by May 4, for early bird prize eligibility. For more information contact Maria mbos@emmanuelhome.ca or 780-478-2051 Register online at <http://emmanuelhome.ca/involved/race-for-the-ages>.



LENT PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR INDIGENOUS JUSTICE - The Christian Reformed Church has affirmed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. But what does that mean? This Lent, the CRC's Canadian Aboriginal Ministry Committee invites you to enter into the themes of the Declaration through prayer. This is our prayer this week: You know the pain of losing a child. We pray for members of northern communities, as they struggle through the pain of suicide deaths. Bring comfort and peace to these families and communities. Disrupt, unsettle, and heal the forces and broken systems in which children end their lives. Bring healing, strength, and renewal to Indigenous children, youth, and their families. Join with us this Lenten season to pray: crcna.org/DeclarationPrayers

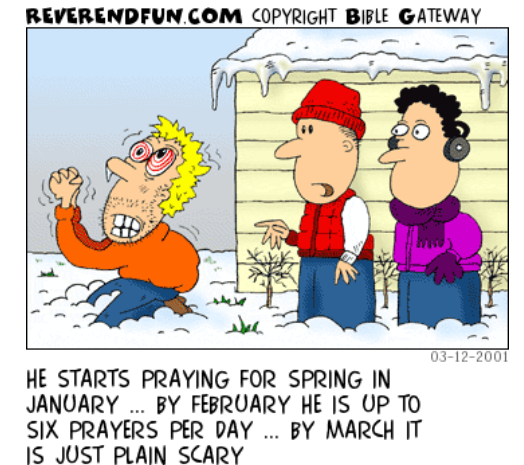
SHARE YOUR CREATION CARE WORSHIP RESOURCE! - Create and submit worship resources on creation care! A free crowdsourced collection of worship resources will be released in the fall of 2018. If you have a helpful resource or idea, we want to see it! Details at justice.crcna.org/worship. (Sponsored by CRC Climate Witness Project, Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, World Renew, the Office of Social Justice and CRC Worship Ministries.)

"WHEN HELPING HARMS" WORKSHOP - Join World Renew and Diaconal Ministries Canada for a "When Helping Harms" workshop to learn how to help alleviate poverty and injustice through effective engagement in your global and local communities. Discover how food banks, deacon funds, short-term service trips and other benevolent activities can be more impactful and meaningful. The workshop will take place at Emmanuel CRC (3020 51 Street SW, Calgary) on Saturday, March 10 from 9am to 12pm (refreshments available at 8:30 am). Registration is free, seating is limited; please register today at www.worldrenew.net/whhworkshop. For more info, contact Yvonne Bosgra at 403-246-0795 or office@emmanuelcrc.org.

CHRISTIAN CREDIT UNION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Please join us for appetizers, music, and fellowship as we celebrate the Lord's blessings. Members will also be asked to approve bylaw changes to expand our membership requirements to include the entire Christian community. Thursday, March 8 @ Central Lions Recreation Centre 11113 - 113 Street, Edmonton. 6:30pm - Appetizers, 7:30pm - Business meeting. Get your FREE tickets at www.christiancu.ca or call 780.426.7165.

EDUDEO GO - Walk, Bike, Run or Swim for Christ-centred education. - EduDeo GO is a GO! Over 30 people have already signed up to either run, walk, bike or swim to help build 4 urgently needed classrooms in the Dominican Republic. Join on your own, or as a group. Set a distance goal for April 1 - June 30. Compete with and challenge your friends. Sign up now at edudeo.com/GO

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP HISTORY - Were you or your church involved in refugee sponsorship in the early days of the program from 1979 through the 1990s? If so, we would love to hear from you. 2019 will be the 40th anniversary of the Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program in Canada. To mark this occasion, World Renew's Refugee Program is putting together a history of the Christian Reformed churches of Canada's involvement in private sponsorship. Reply to Rebecca Walker at rwalker@worldrenew.net



Thank You to Our Volunteers

Ushers: Andrew V, Andy Z, Marilyn Z **Next Week:** Dennis V, Tim C, Bev C

Greeters: Gary & Jen F **Next Week:** Gerard & Wendy B

Coffee Duties: Gezinus & Bea M, Charlene V, George & Donna D
Next Week: Scott & Jody K, Graham & Brianne R, James & Cindy H

Worship Team: Alice & Team **Next Week:** Grace & Team

Projection & Audio: Wes & Pete **Next Week:** Jamie & Matt

Serving Elder: Henk S **Next Week:** Frank V

Nursery: Supervisor - Lisa K

Tod: Angelica G, Karen H, Lane T **Inf:** Lisa K, James H, Michelle T (Bryan), Amy A

Next Week: Supervisor - Glen H

Tod: Alex B, Leanne K, Seth A **Inf:** Glen H, Sadie H, Jay A, Andrea K

