

October 28, 2018

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Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer! We are lucky to have John Calvin as a guest preacher this morning. Actually, as Mr. Calvin himself would like to point out, luck had nothing to do with it. God ordained that John Calvin would address us this morning. May the Lord speak to each one of us during this special Reformation Sunday celebration!

Welcome & Prayer

**Songs: *This is the Day
I Will Enter His Gates***

Greeting/God's Greeting

Time of Confession

Song: *Renewing, Reforming the Church in Our Day*

Prayer of Assurance

Song: *Spirit of the Living God*

Announcements & Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering

1. Ebenezer Ministries
2. Missionary Families

Children's Message

(Children ages 3 - Grade 3 leave for Sunday School)

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10

Message: By Grace Alone

Song: *God of Grace*

Parting Blessing

Song: *Anastasis*

Church Family

Anthony K fractured his forearm this past week. It is healing well - Praise God! Please remember him in your prayers.

Henk G spent this week in the hospital getting his medications calibrated and is hopefully now recovering at home.

If you are experiencing physical or emotional difficulties, please speak to Pastor Jason, your district Elder, a Deacon or contact the church office. We want to support you in your journey. We pray that God will provide you with peace, comfort and healing.

NEW MEMBERS: On December 9th (DV), we will be welcoming new members into our church family. If you are interested in learning more about membership please talk to Pastor Jason.

A CHRISTMAS CAROLFEST. We have begun practicing for this December 23 evening celebration! If you like to sing, come join us TONIGHT at 7 here at the church. Practices will be Sunday evenings, 7-8:30. Thanks also to all of you who have offered to play instruments to enrich this celebration. We will be in touch with you in November with music and some times to play together. Questions or suggestions? Contact Joanne or Alice (F).

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Advance Notice! Mark your calendars! Our next congregational meeting will be held (DV) on November 22, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. here at the church. Check your mailboxes next week for the agenda and related documents. It is another opportunity for fellowship and to discuss the "business" of our church. We hope you'll come!

REFORMATION CELEBRATION: Trinity CRC, Edmonton invites you to join our **Annual Reformation Service**. We will be focusing on the 400th anniversary of the Synod of Dort where the Canons of Dort were drafted and approved. This is one of our denomination's confessions that still creates great discussion. Join us in worshiping the King of the Church, our sovereign and Triune God, along with sisters and brothers from our area churches for God's faithfulness and amazing grace. The service will take place on Sunday evening at 6:30, October 28, followed by time for fellowship and refreshment. Call 780-475-2662 for more information. The church is located at 13427 57 Street, Edmonton.

Highlights from Council

Full council met last on October 9, 2018. As usual, we opened with devotions led by one of our council members, and the prayer bowl. Every month, we pray over you, our church family, person by person, family by family.

This past council meeting saw us spend a fair bit of time discussing our upcoming congregational meeting. Our conversations focused on our continued growth, supporting our pastor through this growth and considering how our growth will impact our facility. Of course, that discussion also impacts our budget considerations, which we expect will also be a part of the agenda. Visioning work will continue soon in the form of another retreat for council members as well as those members who indicated a desire to serve the congregation in this capacity.

With the legalization of marijuana, we also discussed this at a council level. Our consensus decision is that there will be no tolerance for use in or on church property or at any church function.

Of course, since this council meeting was in advance of Pastor Jason's examination at Classis, he was affirmed by our council once again and council members were encouraged to show their support by attending the Classis examination. Since we now know the outcome, we are glad for the answered prayers with regard to his successful examination. Pastor Jason's Installation will take place here at Ebenezer during our Sunday morning service on November 25th. It is sure to be a service of great rejoicing!

Council continues to be appreciative of your prayers for our work. While this is just a short summary of our discussions, rest assured, we wrap every meeting in prayer – at the beginning and the end!

May you be blessed by our service to our King!

To His Glory,

Clerk of Council

CRC CHURCH PLANTING MOVEMENT: You're invited to celebrate with mosaicHouse CRC at the installation of Jeremiah Basuric as our newly Commissioned Pastor, on Sunday, November 4 @ 10:30am, at our East Campus (6811 92A Ave. - the former Ottewell location). And, that same evening at 7pm, also at our East Campus, come celebrate God's faithfulness in the **church planting movement** in a combined worship service along with The River, mosaicHouse, Neighbourhood Life, Avenue, and The Bridge, to be launched next year in Fort Saskatchewan. To God be the glory.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, Oct 28	@ 9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting in the Library
	@ 10:00 am	Worship Service
	@ 11:45 am	Catechism for Grades 7-10
	@ 7:30 pm	Youth Group
Monday, Oct 29	@ 7:00 pm	Friendship
Wednesday, Oct 31	@ 9:30 am	Coffee Break Women's Ministry
	@ 6:30 pm	Cadets
Saturday, Nov 3	@ 9:30am- 4pm	Days for Girls Work Bee
Sunday, Nov 4	@ 9:15	Weekly Prayer Meeting in the Library
	@ 10:00 am	Worship Service

Calendar Announcements

DAYS FOR GIRLS: Our Days for Girls work bee is on Saturday! If you are interested in attending, please sign-up on the bulletin board in the foyer. The Work Bee is scheduled from 9:30 - 4 pm. If you have questions, contact Linda H.

OOOH baby! It is once again time to celebrate and show our support to our first-time moms and meet their babies. Our **Annual Church Baby Shower** is happening **Tuesday, November 6 @ 7:30** in our fellowship hall. Our guests of honour are: **Hazel**, daughter of Jamie and Matt B, **Jaden**, son of Michelle and Brent T and **Brantley**, son of Maggie V and Ryan S. If you wish to participate in our group gift, please place it in the designated box on the Sunday School table. Suggested donation is \$3-\$5 per baby.



SAVE THE DATE: Our next **"All Worship Gathering"** will be Sunday November 18th @ 6 PM at Ebenezer. We welcome all worship team members (vocalists, instrumentalists, sound techs, projection techs) to come out for a time of worshiping together.

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 - MISSIONARIES The 2 families we support in our church are the Geisterfer's and the Strydhorst's. The Geisterfer family is based out of Honduras and the Strydhorst family is based out of Africa. Each year we commit to giving each family \$3000.00. For more info about their missions, please visit the Christian Reformed World Missions website and look up each family individually.

Next Week - World Renew DRS World Renew's Disaster Response services shows God's love and brings hope to disaster-affected communities in Canada and the US by restoring the homes and lives of those who are most vulnerable. They were involved with natural disasters in 2017 such as BC wild fires, flooding in Quebec and Ontario and various flooding, tornadoes and hurricanes in the States. For more information see worldrenew.net

Day of Encouragement: Don't miss out on the Northern Alberta Diaconal Conference's annual Day of Encouragement next Saturday, Nov. 3, at The King's University in Edmonton. Come and learn what the idea of "Sacred Places" means for the sacredness of grief, for the sacred space of our culture, the missional church, and even our correctional system, as well as for holy places for everyday people. All that and numerous workshops as well.

For more information, and to register, go to the NADC page on the Classis Alberta North website at www.classisalbertanorth.ca/nadc.

SIGN UP FOR FREE EMAIL DEVOTIONS FOR ADVENT 2018 - As people called to do justice in a world that belongs to God, we embody a "holy impatience" that both celebrates glimpses of the kingdom and eagerly yearns for what is to come. Join World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice this Advent season to explore "Holy Impatience" in a devotional series that features reflections from CRC ministries around the world. A reflection will arrive in your email inbox every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, starting December 3, 2018, through Christmas Day. Go to crcna.org/advent to sign up today!

Denominational News

OCTOBER IS REHOBOTH MEMBERSHIP MONTH! Why not join thousands across Alberta as a Rehoboth member and support the ministry of supporting persons with developmental disabilities! Membership fees are just \$10 each and additional donations of any amount are also greatly appreciated. Look for the October is Member Month envelope and the Rehoboth newsletter, "Flourish" in your mail slot. (Additional copies have been ordered.) This newsletter contains some wonderful stories. Enjoy! Please make checks payable to "Rehoboth Christian Ministries" and place your envelope in mailbox #131 or drop off in the basket on the table by the kitchen. You can also donate online at www.rehoboth.ab.ca Contact Margaret T with questions. Thank you for your support.

More news and encouragement can be found at <http://www.ebenezercrc.com/news>. Paper copies are located at the information table outside the sanctuary. Thank you!

Thank You to Our Volunteers

Ushers: Marilyn Z, Andy Z

Next Week: Tim C, Bev C

Greeters: James & Cindy H

Next Week: Henk & Mennie S

Coffee Duties: Johan & Tammy M, Graham & Brianne R, Charlene V

Next Week: Andy & Joanne V, George & Donna D, Jon & Sand V

Serving Elder: Henk S

Next Week: Andy T

Worship Team: Grace & Team

Next Week: Jordan S, Jason D

Projection & Audio: Matt K & Jamie B

Next Week: Dan V, Ted K

Nursery Supervisor - Tammy M

Inf: Tammy M, Emma Ha, Wendy B, Kiera D

Tod: Janna P, Beth G, Daniel B

Next Week: Nursery Supervisor - Glen H

Inf: Brianne R, Beth H, Damien B

Tod: Glen H, Mike D, Chelsea D, Elliot D



Interested in Serving? Contact the office for more information or to be added to the Volunteer List.