

September 23, 2018

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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 Ebenezer!

This morning pastor Jason is away on a classical appointment at Bethel CRC in Lacombe. Hilary will be leading our worship service. She currently serves at Trinity CRC in Edmonton. Her message is on the all-sufficiency of Christ which can be seen as a continuation of our sermon last week which focused on finding our ultimate contentment in God.

May the Lord bless us this morning as we gather in His Name.

Welcome & Prayer

Song: O Worship the King

Greeting/God's Greeting

Song: Across the Lands

Time of Confession

Song: Lord Listen to Your Children

Prayer of Assurance

Song: What a Friend We have in Jesus

Announcements & Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering:

- 1 - Ebenezer Ministries
- 2 - Safe Church Ministry

Children's Message
(Children ages 3 - Grade 3 leave for Sunday School)

Scripture: Colossians 1:15-23

Prayer

Message: Christ has the Supremacy

Song: Beautiful Savior

Parting Blessing

Parting Song: Lion of Judah



Church Family

We rejoice with **John & Joyce** who will celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary on September th. Praise God for His faithfulness and blessing on your family.

Shirley continues to improve as she receives treatment at the Grey Nun's Hospital. She was able to enjoy a weekend pass home this weekend. Praise God for continued healing and grace! **Andy** continues to be under doctors care for his heart and kidneys. They would like to thank everyone for their prayers, love and concern! A big thank-you to everyone who has taken time to drive Andy to the hospital! Please continue to pray for daily strength for both Andy and Shirley.

Maggie few weeks. Ryan was discharged from hospital on Friday. Ryan, Maggie and Brantley will be returning home to Kinuso, in northern Alberta.

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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS TODAY!!

A special thank you to all those who have volunteered for the classes this season.

Assistant Director needed: we continue to look for someone to assist our Sunday School Director this fall. If you have questions please contact Carrie Tolsma.

GARDEN HARVEST!

We have been blessed with a bountiful harvest this year! Come and join us, this Saturday as we plan to dig potatoes and clean up the rest of the Foodbank gardens! Harvest will start @10:00 a.m. and lunch will follow.



Ministry Needs

CADET COUNSELORS NEEDED:

We are getting closer to the start of Cadet Season; our first regular Cadet meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 17th**. Our Cadet club is still in need of 3 to 4 men to join as Counselors, and 3 to 4 Junior Counselors (Grade 10-12 students).

Men of our congregation, please take a moment to think and pray about your involvement with this ministry within our church - *remember that you may be the only example of a committed Christian man that some of the boys in the club will ever see.*

You have the opportunity to help grow the next generation in our church, the Cadet Corps, (maybe even into our Council, Synod or the ministry!) and to build a mentor relationship, that I can say from personal experience, will last well into these boys' adulthood - I still speak to my Cadet Counselor to this day.

If you are interested in helping our boy's ministry, please email leduccadets@gmail.com, or feel free to call me, Scott at .780-986-1765

"Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith." Hebrews 13:7

HOSTS NEEDED:

THE WIDOWED LUNCH BUNCH is looking for families who would like to host a light lunch, once a month, on Sunday afternoons. Over the last 2 winters a small group of widowed folks have been going to various family's homes for a light lunch. We have really enjoyed these times and are eager to start up again for the new season. Sometimes Sundays can be long days for us so being able to visit in someone's home is a special blessing. A light lunch of soup and buns is enjoyed and after the meal, over coffee, we are blessed in getting to know each other better. Sometimes a board game is played and a good time is had by all. If you are interested in hosting the Widowed Lunch Bunch, or if you would like to know more about this group, then please contact Beth.

GREETERS AND USHERS - Romans 15:7 encourages us to "welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you." If this stirs your heart, contact the church office to begin serving today!



Coming Up @ Ebenezer

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| Sunday, Sept 23 @ 9:15 am @ 10:00 am | Weekly Prayer Meeting in the Library Worship Service |
| Wednesday, Sept 26 @ 9:30 am @ 6:30 pm | CoffeeBreak Park Meet-up GEMS Ministry Starts |
| Saturday, Sept 29 @ 10:00 am | Foodbank Garden Harvest |
| Sunday, Sept 30 @ 9:15 @ 10:00 am @ 11:45 am | Weekly Prayer Meeting in the Library Worship Service Catechism for Grades 7-10 begins |

Calendar Announcements

COFFEE BREAK LADIES! Come out to our last Park Meet-up this Wednesday! For updates on location check our Coffee Break Facebook page or contact Alesha.

GEMS GIRLS CLUB - Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior. Our first club meeting is this Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:30pm! All girls in grades 4-8 are welcome to join us. We'll be meeting every other Wednesday evening here at the church and we are looking forward to a lot of fun activities. Come bloom and learn to be a blessing! Cost is \$40/girl or \$60/family. **Registration forms can be found at the back table or online at <http://www.ebenezercrc.com/ministries/gems>.** If you have any questions or need more information please call Leanne @ 780-980-3995.

FRIENDSHIP VOLUNTEER MEETING Monday October 1 @ 7:00 pm. We are excited to begin our 11th year on Monday, October 15th. We would like to meet with our volunteers on October 1 at 7:00 pm to discuss new plans for the coming year and to share ideas that you may have! We are so thankful for all of you caring volunteers who give of your time!

CATECHISM: If you have a child in Grade 7-10 then they are invited to participate in our **Sunday Catechism** class. Our first meeting of the new ministry year will be on **September 30th** and thereafter we meet every second and fourth Sunday of the month. Our meetings take place in the council room after church from 11:45-1:15. Make sure your child brings a lunch. This year we'll be studying the Heidelberg Catechism and the book "In Christ Alone" by Sinclair Ferguson. It's going to be a great year! If you have any questions, contact Pastor Jason.

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 - SAFE CHURCH MINISTRY - Safe Church Ministry is a resource for churches to prevent abuse, and to respond where it has occurred with compassion and justice. Synod has encouraged each classis to have a Safe Church Team made up of representatives from each church. The Safe Church Team acts as a resource to the churches, fulfilling three important mandates: awareness and education, support, and an advisory panel process. For more info see crcna.org/safechurch

Next Week - RACE RELATIONS: The Ministry of Race Relations is mandated by synod "to design, organize, and implement programs that will assist the denomination, churches, and members in eliminating the causes and effects of racism within the body of believers and throughout the world." Because there is a need for leaders and their congregations to have more effective ministry in the diverse communities they serve, there is also a need to have assistance in becoming culturally intelligent. The Office of Race Relations offers the resources and tools to develop this capacity. For more info see crcna.org/race

Helping Those in Your Church and Community— The November 3rd, **Day of Encouragement** has workshops to address that desire. Bill McAlpine will lead a workshop on how your church building itself may shape you and your missional engagement with community. This day offers a great opportunity to connect with others, to share ideas and gather new insights. Look for brochures in your church or go to www.classisalbertanorth.ca/nadc to view details. Register at www.regonline.ca/doi2018edmonton. For more information contact NADC: 780-819-7488 or yournadc@gmail.com

EBENEZER SUPPORTS A MISSION TRIP TO GUATEMALA! Luke and Alyse are going on a missions trip to Guatemala on October 13-20, 2018, D.V. They will be part of a team consisting of 10 volunteers. We ask for your prayer support for travelling mercies and opportunities to share the hope which we have in Jesus Christ. We also ask for donations to fund the wheelchairs, building material, food and clothing for distribution. With this opportunity your donation will be directly and fully applied to impact the poor and all donations will receive a charitable tax receipt. Donations can be given to Luke and Alyse by cash / Cheque or alternatively by donating to <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/hope-haven-canada-ministries/>

Did you know?

Days for Girls volunteers and enterprises have reached more than 1 Million women and girls with menstrual health solutions and education!

Save the date - **Saturday, November 3rd** will be our next opportunity to participate in this wonderful mission. Contact Linda with any questions.



Denominational News

CALLING ALL QUILTERS - The Christian Reformed Church in North America recently renovated its Canadian office. We think a quilt - put together by CRC members from across North America - would be a great addition to one of the rooms. If you'd be willing to put together a block for our quilt email Sheila Van Der Linden at sheila@theyequilter.com

For further denominational news and resources for encouragement please find paper copies at the information table outside the sanctuary. Thank you!

Thank You to Our Volunteers

Ushers: Luke K, Ted K

Next Week: Andrew V, Howard O

Greeters: Gerard & Wendy B

Next Week: Gary & Jen F

Coffee Duties: Nick & Tamara P, Josh & Nicole V, Jay & Laura A

Next Week: Brent & Lisa K, Stephen T, Graeme & Susan B

Serving Elder: Gord W

Next Week: Grace B

Worship Team: Grace & Team

Next Week: Alice & Team

Projection & Audio: Jamie & Matt

Next Week: Wes & Pete

Nursery: Supervisor - Lisa K

Inf: Matt B, Jenny F, Andrea K

Tod: Lisa K, Alinda B, Clara D

Next Week: Supervisor - Janette G

Inf: Janette G, Jamie B, Bethany G

Tod: Jay K, Carrie B, Damien B

