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October 21, 2018

### Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer! This morning we get to celebrate the baptism of the three Rayment brothers.

We also begin a short series covering the "5 Solas" of the Reformation.

Next week we are privileged to have a guest speaker as John Calvin will be preaching on "Sola Gratia."

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Songs: Across the Lands
Psalm 19

Greeting

Song: Lord, I Need You

Baptism of Rayment Children

Song of Response: How Great Thou Art

**Announcements** 

Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering

1. Ebenezer Ministries

2. Disability Concerns

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

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:10-4:5

Sermon: Sola Scriptura

Song of Response: Ancient Words

Parting Blessing

Parting Song: Agnus Dei

# Church Family

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**: New Members: On November 11th we will be welcoming new members into our church family. If you are interested in learning more about membership please talk to Pastor Jason.

**DAYS FOR GIRLS**: Our Days for Girls work bee is approaching! If you are interested in attending, please sign-up on the bulletin board in the foyer. The Work Bee is scheduled for November 3rd, from 9:30 - 4 pm. If you have questions, contact Linda H.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO CHRISTMAS??** We are looking for about 50 people to form a choir to lead our Christmas Carolfest on Sunday evening, December 23. If you love to sing and want to enjoy the harmony of singing in parts with others, come and join us! Children under 12 are welcome when they attend with an accompanying adult. Practices will be Sunday evenings, 7-8:30 pm., beginning next week, October 21.

Our Christmas Carolfest, December 23, will be enriched by many voices as well as instrumental additions. We also require good readers. If you would like to play your favourite instrument, sing solo or with a small group, or do a reading, please let Joanne K know and we will be able to enjoy your offering!

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS ON SUNDAY MORNING!** You should have received a copy of your schedule in your mailbox. If you notice a conflict in your schedule, please contact someone who is serving on an upcoming week to switch. If you need help or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office. We are more than willing to help out!

**NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY!** Our directory is nearly finished! If you still need to update any information, please contact the office as soon as possible. We are excited to use this directory like a family photo album! We encourage you to use it as a tool for fellowship and prayer.

## Ministry Updates

**DEEPEN DOWN INTO ADVENT.** Our annual fall <u>InterMission Silent Retreat</u> takes place on Dec 7-9 at Star of the North Retreat Centre in St. Albert. The Star is situated right in the centre (almost) of the lovely city of St. Albert and is close to many paths and parks. Retreat begins Friday 7 PM and runs to Sunday 4 PM. 2 nights accommodation, peace, quiet, rest, reflection, prayer, 5 meals, up to 3 spiritual direction sessions, morning and evening prayers. Recently I read a quote by the grand old, now deceased, Robertson Davies: "It is easier to be busy than it is to be holy." Take time to be holy and get connected, to yourself, to God and others. \$350. To register: <a href="rev.klok@gmail.com">rev.klok@gmail.com</a>

**REFORMATION CELEBRATION:** Trinity CRC, Edmonton invites you to join our annual Reformation Service. We will be focusing on the 400<sup>th</sup> 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.

**FAITH IN ACTION: PRACTICING BIBLICAL ADVOCACY IN CANADA** Cindy Stover, our denomination's Justice Mobilizer, will facilitate a workshop will that help you learn how to navigate the political system to have your voice heard by local, provincial, and national leaders. Activities walk you through research methods, key messaging, letter writing, planning and roleplaying your talking points, and setting up in-person meetings.

When: Saturday, October 27 from 9:30 - 3:30

Where: West End Christian Reformed Church, 10015 149 St. Edmonton

Registration: \$10.00 includes lunch. Please let us know if you have any dietary needs.

Contact: Margo DeMoor at <u>demoors@shaw.ca</u> or 780-634-5193 for more information and to

register.

#### A NOTE FROM LEANNE AND CASPAR GEISTERFER,

Dear friends: It's a time of Thanksgiving -- in between the Canadian and US celebrations. We celebrate God's gifts to us, and the opportunities that have presented themselves for ministry in Honduras. You can read about some of them in the attached letter. We also celebrate your faithful support. May you be blessed as you give from what you have received.

Leanne & Casper Geisterfer
World Renew and Resonate Global Mission

# Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, Oct 21 @ 9:15 am Weekly Prayer Meeting in the Library

@ 10:00 am Worship Service

@ 11:45 am Catechism for Grades 7-10

Monday, Oct 22 @ 7:00 pm Friendship

Wednesday, Oct 24 @ 9:30 am Coffee Break Women's Ministry

**@ 6:30 pm** GEMS

**Sunday, Oct 28** @ **9:15** Weekly Prayer Meeting in the Library

@ 10:00 am Worship Service

**@ 12:30 pm** Widowed Lunch Bunch

**@ 7:30 pm** Youth Group

Tuesday, Nov 6 @ 7:30 pm Annual Baby Shower

### Calendar Announcements

**WIDOWED LUNCH BUNCH:** The first lunch of the new season will be held on Sunday, October 21, at the home of Pastor Jason and Marco 12:30 pm. Anyone who is widowed is welcome to join us. For more information, contact Beth N.



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 - DISABILITY CONCERNS:** The Disability Concerns ministry was created by Christian Reformed churches in 1982 to serve Christian Reformed Churches. Their mission is to support every congregation in reaching the biblical ideal of everybody belongs and everybody serves. We strive to do this, together with you, through:

A network of disability advocates who work in Christian Reformed churches and classes and coordinate this work with Reformed Church in America's Disability Concerns as well as producing resources tailored for churches on worship, caring, accessibility, awareness, church education, and more.

**Next Week - 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.

DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT – Nov. 3rd at The King's University – Remember November and this years DOE, with guest speaker: Dr. Bill McAlpine. Don't miss out on this wonderful training opportunity made available through your NADC. This year's event hosts 12 workshops– on ministry topics that may be both familiar and new. Also, during your breaks, connect with various agencies hosting information tables. Look for brochures in your church or go to www.classisalbertanorth.ca/nadc to view details. Register at www.regonline.ca/doe2018edmonton. You can also find details on the NADC Facebook page, www.facebook.com/yournadc. For more information contact NADC: 780-819-7488 or yournadc@gmail.com

**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 <a href="www.rehoboth.ab.ca">www.rehoboth.ab.ca</a> Contact Margaret Te Velde with questions. Thank you for your support.

TOUR THE BIBLICAL LANDS OF ISRAEL - MARCH 11-22, 2019. Experience a renewal of your faith and a deeper understanding of the Bible as you tour biblical lands with Pastor Peter Tuininga and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See Jerusalem, Galilee, Jericho, and other biblical places that will help the Bible come alive for you. For info go to toursofisrael.wordpress.com or contact Peter Tuininga at 1-289-877-8433 or peter.tuininga@gmail.com. Register by December 15, 2018.

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

#### Thank You to Our Volunteers

<u>Ushers</u>: Howard O, Ted K **Next Week:** Marilyn Z, Andy Z

<u>Greeters</u>: Tim & Bev C Next Week: James & Cindy H

Coffee Duties: Scott & Jody K, Matt & Jamie B, Tom T

Next Week: Johan & Tammy M, Graham & Brianne R, Charlene V

**Serving Elder**: Jordan S **Next Week:** Henk S

<u>Worship Team</u>: Alice & Team **Next Week:** Grace & Team

<u>Projection & Audio</u>: Pete V & Wes V Next Week: Matt K & Jamie B

Nursery: Supervisor - Carol W

**Inf**: Brianne R, Krystal B, Kaitlyn M **Tod**: Carol W, Miriam P, Johan M, Kevin B

**Next Week: Nursery Supervisor** - Tammy M

Inf: Tammy M, Emma Ha, Wendy B, Kiera D Tod: Janna P, Beth G, Daniel B