

Ministry Information & Contacts

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Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer.

We have come now to the last instalment of our series on the five solas of the Reformation: Soli Deo Gloria--Glory to God Alone! May everything we do, both here at Ebenezer and in our lives throughout the week, be done to the Glory of God.

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Song: Holy, Holy, Holy

Greeting/God's Greeting

Song: You're Worthy of my Praise

Psalms 145 Reading

Song: One Generation Will Call to the Next

Ordination

Song: Be Thou My Vision

Charge to the Ordained Minister

Charge to the Congregation

Prayer

Classis Greetings

Address of Acknowledgement

Song: Hear the Call of the Kingdom

Congregational Prayer

Offering

1 - Ebenezer Ministries

2 - Diaconate

Scripture Reading: 1 Cor 10:31, Isaiah 6:1-5

Message: Soli Deo Gloria

Song: Everlasting

Closing Blessing

Song: Go Now in Peace

Church Family

Please remember in prayer those members of the congregation who are sick and unable to attend our services or those who are going through difficult circumstances.

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.

HELP NEEDED - Looking for someone to help with **sidewalk snow removal**. Please contact the church office for more information or to volunteer.

FRIENDSHIP MINISTRY: We are looking specifically for a male to be a mentor to a young man who would like to join our group. If you think you may be that person please talk to Wendy B.

RESERVED PARKING STALLS - We have reserved and numbered parking stalls along the sidewalks for those with mobility issues. This way those in need of these spots can be assured they are open and available before church services and other functions. If you are in need of a reserved spot - whether long term or temporary (while recovering from surgery or injury, etc.) please call the office! The rest of the stalls along the sidewalks remain designated for seniors. Thank you!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Please check your mailboxes for an **updated** Budget Report. The meeting will be held here at the church this Tuesday, November 27 at 7:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!



DESSERT FELLOWSHIP! - Come early to the congregational meeting to enjoy a fabulous dessert, coffee and time for fellowship at 7:00pm! Dessert will be provided by the GEMS Counsellors for a free will donation. All funds raised will go towards GEMS leadership training in 2019.

CLOTHING DRIVE FOR WOMEN IN SHELTERS! We are in need of new or gently used women's clothing to help with an event The River Community Church is running called, "Christmas With Style" on December 2nd. It directly benefits over 120 women who are currently in shelters in Edmonton. So, ladies, clean out your closets! We'll take whatever you have, but we are especially interested in plus size clothing.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE BOXES - Calling all bakers! We would like to go for another round of making Christmas cookie boxes, most likely the first week of December. Each box will contain 5 dozen cookies/squares. Bakers who didn't bake yet or would like to bake more please let Bea, Evelyn or Joyce know, There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer for the people who would like to order one or more boxes. If there's any questions phone Bea on her cell phone. Thank you. Greetings Bea.



LAST DAY: Today is your last chance to purchase poinsettias and/or greenhouse gift cards in support of the GEMS girls club. Please check the back table for order forms and place your order in the box or talk to Leanne Klooster. The poinsettias will be available for you to pick up this Thursday between 3:00 and 4:00 or on Friday between 9-3. Thank you for your support of our club!



NURSERY IS LOOKING FOR: bumbo chairs with straps and food and dishes for the toy kitchen. These donations can be dropped off at the church office. If you have questions or need more information you can call either Carol W or Alesha S.

MUSTARD SEED DINNER: As a church family, we have been asked again to help out with the annual Christmas turkey dinner for the Mustard Seed in Edmonton. This dinner will be held on Sat. December 8. About 350 diners are expected to enjoy this meal. We supply the following items needed to help host this dinner: plates, cutlery, cups, glasses, tablecloths, napkins, boxes of stuffing and cooked mixed veggies.

After the service next Sunday Dec. 2, you will have the opportunity to help cover the cost of these items. Any extra money collected will be forwarded to the Mustard Seed. If you are planning to write a cheque, make it payable to Ebenezer and on memo space put Mustard Seed.

If you would like to help serve and cleanup at the Mustard Seed you must be 14 years old, and if under 18 accompanied by an adult. Help is also needed to cook our veggies in our kitchen at our church. Please contact Joyce D or Margaret T if you can help out. Your donations, help and prayers are appreciated. Thank you.

NEED A CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA? Ebenezer Youth Group is selling hand crafted crosses for \$20 each to raise money for their upcoming missions trip this March. These small wall hangings would make great Christmas gifts for those hard to buy for people on your list. These would not only be a blessing to the people you are giving them to, but also for our Youth Group. To purchase one, contact a member of our Youth Group or Jamie B or Kelly L.

SENIORS DAY OUT! - All seniors are welcome to join us on Monday, November 26 for a trip to the Muttart Conservatory in Edmonton! The Muttart consists of four pyramids of gardens, topical, arid, temperate and seasonal. The seasonal pyramid right now has a stunning display of poinsettias of all sizes and colours. Cost: \$25/person (this includes van rental and entry into the Muttart.) We plan to leave the church around 10 a.m. and return by 2:00 p.m. We are renting a van and a bag lunch will be provided. Please sign up on the sheet by the mailboxes. If you feel too young to be considered a senior but would like to join you us we would love to have you come!

DEEPEN INTO THE SPIRIT OF ADVENT. **InterMission Silent Directed Retreat** is an opportunity to slow down, stop, and sit in "silence before the mystery of Jesus' love" (Cont. Test. Art. 38). 2 nights accommodation, 5 meals, up to 3 sessions of spiritual direction, lots of time to be fully present to the presence of God. lovely retreat centre. December 7-9, Star of the North, St. Albert. \$350.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, Nov 25	@ 9:15 am @ 10:00 am @ 11:45 am @ 7:30 pm	Weekly Prayer Meeting in the Library Installation Service Catechism for Grades 7-10 Youth Group
Monday, Nov 26	@ 10:00 am @ 7:00 pm	Seniors Day Out (Muttart Conservatory) Friendship
Tuesday, Nov 27th	@ 7:00 pm @ 7:30 pm	Dessert Fellowship Congregational Meeting
Wednesday, Nov 28	@ 9:30 am @ 6:30 pm	Coffee Break Women's Ministry Cadets
Thursday, Nov 29	@ 2 -4 pm	Poinsettia Pick-up
Friday, Nov 30	@ 9 am - 3 pm	Poinsettia Pick-up
Sunday, Dec 2	@ 9:15 am @ 10:00 am @ 12:30 pm @ 7:00 pm	Weekly Prayer Meeting in the Library Worship Service Widows Lunch Bunch CarolFest - Instrument Practice

Calendar Announcements

WIDOWED LUNCH BUNCH: the next Widowed Lunch Bunch will be held at the home of John and Wendy T on Sunday, **December 2** at 12:30 p.m. Anyone who is widowed is welcome to come. For more information, please contact Beth N.

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.



CAROLFEST NEWS: There will be NO choir practice for November 25 and December 2. CarolFest instruments are asked to gather on December 2 at 7 pm for a practice.

If you would like a CarolFest Flyer to post in the community, contact the church office. Also, consider sharing the event on FaceBook. The event is listed on Ebenezer's FaceBook page.

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 - DEACONATE - Deacons are church officers whose main job description is to administer the mercy of Christ to all people. The deacons are also called upon to motivate the members of Christ's church to faithful, obedient stewardship of their resources on behalf of the needy. Along with loving deeds and with gifts of money and assistance, the deacons serve the needy with counsel, leading people to see the grace of our loving Savior and recognizing the Lord through whom all blessings flow.

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

FOR THE SECOND YEAR WE ARE HOSTING A SHOWING OF THE OVER 18. It is a documentary about pornography and its impact on our culture, our relationships, our brains, etc. It is not aimed at only those struggling with a porn addiction- it is more about the societal impact of pornography. All are welcome to join us on Thursday, NOVEMBER 29, at 7pm in The Level here at King's. For more information, see the poster on the bulletin board.

REFUGEE AWARENESS FOR INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES WORKSHOP - December 8th, 2018; 9:00 AM - 12 PM at Inglewood Christian Reformed Church. If you are interested please email or call Tricia Boonstra at triciaboonstra@gmail.com or 780-297-7037. More details on the bulletin board.

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS at the **Winspear Centre** - Monday, November 26, 7:30 p.m. Come and witness the U of A Mixed Chorus & Faculty of Education Handbell Ringers, Robert de Frece, Director. The organists will be Marnie Giesbrecht & Joachim Segger. The pricing for all seats is \$20 (plus service chg.). Buy your tickets and come early - get the best seats in house for just \$20! Call the Winspear Box Office: (780) 428-1414. The sponsors of this event are the U of A Interfaith Chaplains & the Mixed Chorus, U of A and The King's University Departments of Music. This is a benefit concert for the U of A Campus Food Bank. With the steady rise of tuition fees, many students use this service. Your support is needed and appreciated. Thank you!

INTERMISSION SILENT RETREAT Looking for some peace and quiet? Intermission Silent Retreat is taking place December 7-9, 2018 at Star of the North in St. Albert. A wonderful weekend getaway to rest, reflect, pray and catch your breath. For more info: rev.klok@gmail.com Deadline: Nov 30/18.

Denominational News

You are invited to **EMMANUEL HOME'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE** on Saturday, December 8, 2018, 9:30 am-2:00 pm. at Emmanuel Home (13425/29 - 57 St). You are invited to bring your family and friends to enjoy a festive time of crafts, Dutch food, silent auction and great fellowship! **There is still time to rent a table to sell your crafts and wares!** For more information contact Aria at aria@emmanuelhome.ca, 780-822-1274.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE AND OPEN HOUSE: Rehoboth Christian Ministries invites you to our annual **Pancake Breakfast** (served from 9:00 – 11:30 am), **Christmas Craft Sale & Open House for New To You** (gently used clothing store) on **December 1, 2018** from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at 3920 - 49 Ave. in Stony Plain. Cost for breakfast; \$5.00/adult & \$3.00/child. Come check out the selection of great stocking stuffers and Christmas gifts. Once again we are pleased to have other vendors join us; call 780-968-4315 for information. We look forward to sharing the festive spirit with you.

More news and encouragement can be found at

<http://www.ebenezercrc.com/news>.

A paper copy is posted on the Bulletin Board.

Thank You to Our Volunteers

Ushers: Dennis & Ruby P

Next Week: Howard O. Ted K

Greeters: Ed & Monica V

Next Week: Dick & Judy O

Coffee Duties: Bryan & Michelle T, Matt & Leanne K, Tina R

Next Week: Barry & Kelly H, John & Rikki L, John A

Serving Elder: Gord W.

Next Week: Grace B

Worship Team: Grace & Team

Next Week: KerryAnn H

Projection & Audio: Matt K, Jamie B

Next Week: Dan V/Ted K

Nursery Supervisor - Kara B

Inf: Kara B, Michelle K, Raquel D, Kaia M

Tod: Joyce D, Matt F, Andrea K

Next Week: Nursery Supervisor - Alesha S

Inf: Alesha S, Kendra F, Angelica G, Abigail C,

Tod: Marilyn H, Joe D, Daniel B

Questions about Serving? Contact the office for more information or to be added to the Volunteer List.