

Ministry Information & Contacts

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August 25, 2019

Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer. This morning we welcome Pastor Frank de Boer as he preaches from Hosea. We welcome all those who are visiting with us and a special welcome to those who have come to help celebrate the baptism. May you be blessed this morning through the songs, prayers and preaching and please join us for fellowship after the service.

WELCOME & PRAYER

SONG — *O For A Thousand Tongues*
What A Savoir

GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

SONG — *O The Deep Deep Love Of Jesus*

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

SONG — *Mighty To Save*

BAPTISM

SONG — *Our Children, Lord, In Faith And Prayer*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THANK OFFERING

1 - Ebenezer Ministries 2 - Faith Formation Ministries

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(No Sunday School)

SCRIPTURE READING — *Hosea 2:14-23*

SERMON — **God Is Faithful To An Unfaithful People**

SONG — *My God*

PARTING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG — *Amazing Grace*

Church Family

Today we rejoice with **David & Nicole P** in the Baptism of their daughter **Emma Joy**.

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 - Sunday School is finished for the summer. Sunday School will start up again for all ages near the end of September. Children are invited to stay with their parents during the service for the next few weeks.

PROJECTION TECHNICIAN WANTED! We're looking to train another projection technician! If you're interested in the technical side of worship at Ebenezer, contact Nicole V or talk to her after church. We require technicians to be of high school age and the commitment involves being available every 5-6 weeks, worship practices (typically Thursday evenings) as well as projection on Sunday morning.

GEMS GIRLS CLUB - Our GEMS Club (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior) is a club for girls in grades 4-8. Plans are underway for the upcoming season which will begin on September 25th. In order for this important ministry to run well a few **more counsellors are needed**. If you are interested in joining this fun, impacting and fulfilling ministry please talk to Leanne K or Charlene V for more information.

WORSHIP LEADERS AND ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Please plan to gather on Sunday, September 15th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. here at the church, as we unite together in a time of praise and worship. The format will be somewhat different than in the past, in that we will join together as one mass team, singing old favorites, and working through new material together. If you have a favorite song selection (old or new), please let Grace D. or Jason D. know. We hope to have a list of the songs and key signatures for you well in advance. Bring your instrument or voice so that we can make a joyful noise together!

THANK YOU to Bea M and Joyce D for the all cards they have sent out to many in the congregation. They have sent out almost 1,000 over the past 10 years, and they would now like to retire from this ministry. Please contact either Bea or Joyce if you are interested in taking this over this important ministry.

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: FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES - Faith Formation Ministries supports congregations as they carry out their callings in faith formation and discipleship. FFM recognizes that each congregation has a unique identity, history, context, and calling. To that end, FFM listens, dialogues, and then suggests ideas and develops resources to strengthen these ministries. We do that in a number of ways, including

- providing regional catalyzers who become familiar with a congregation's context and walk alongside its faith formation leaders, sharing advice and resources.

creating online toolkits that contain a wide variety of resources on a growing list of topics such as Welcoming Children to the Lord's Supper and Faith Storytelling (check them out at [crcna.org/FaithFormation/toolkits](https://www.crcna.org/FaithFormation/toolkits)).

- forming an annual cohort of congregations who work together with the FFM team on one or two specific faith formation projects. <https://www.crcna.org/FaithFormation>

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

THANK YOU FROM WORLD RENEW: To the congregation of Ebenezer CRC, Leduc: We are grateful for your donations of \$10,904.15 for World Renew programs received from April to June 2019. Your gifts are making a difference through Disaster Relief in Indonesia and the Program Fund. Every day, World Renew bears witness to God's love at work among people who live in poverty, as hope and grace overcome fear and despair. Thank you for your commitment to the ongoing work of transformation, to which we are all called. To learn more about how you can continue to partner with World Renew to change the story, visit worldrenew.net, and please get and use our latest prayer updates at worldrenew.net/pray. Blessings, Chris Orme

THANK YOU FROM RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION: Dear Congregation: Thank you for your generous donations to Resonate Global Mission during the months of May and June 2019. The letter is included with the Denominational News posted on the bulletin board as well as online.

EDMONTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS GOLF TOURNAMENT is on Saturday, September 7th at the Sandpiper Golf & Country Club in St. Albert. We have spots available for golfers and foursomes. All proceeds go toward the West School Building Project and a request has been made for sunny and warm weather. Registration forms are available on our web site: www.edmchristian.org or call 780-408-7933. Join us!

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, August 25	@ 9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	@ 10:00 am	Worship Service
Tues, Wed, Thurs	9am - 1pm	Summer Office Hours
Sunday, September 1	@ 9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	@ 10:00 am	Worship Service



DELIGHT CLASSES BEGINNING SOON!

"You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand is delight forevermore." Psalm 16:11

This is a call for **mentors** for our DELIGHT program with the young children.

WHAT IS A MENTOR?

A mentor creates a safe place for a child to explore and learn with others. The focus is on providing a perspective on the topic of the day or on the child's ideas. A mentor encourages and seeks out the stories of the child with delight and patience.

A mentor mostly needs a listening ear and a warm heart. The wisdom of our tradition brings the confidence that each child is created in the image of God. A child can have a naive and pure understanding of what faith in Jesus means. The mentor lends perspective.

Jesus called the children to him and said, *"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."* (Luke 18: 16, 17)

Ebenezer's Friendship program provides a great model of how a mentor can provide a safe relationship with a friend. This relationship deepens as the mentor supports and listens, encourages the friend to share and learn, and draws out their thoughts and experiences.

Each DELIGHT mentor will meet with their group twice a month, trading off with one other mentor for that particular age group.

This fall we would like to give priority for this task to folks over 55. Silver hair is a bonus! And we'd love to see men come in for this! The richness of male "grandfather" figures are at a premium.

A special mentoring workshop will be provided for all interested on Sunday, September 15, 7:30-9 pm. No age limit.

Please contact the Ebenezer office or Joanne K for more info or to sign up.

Denominational News

CALVIN SYMPOSIUM ON WORSHIP 2020 - The annual Calvin Symposium on Worship is a 3-day conference sponsored by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and the Center for Excellence in Preaching. It will be held Thursday, January 30, 2020 - Saturday, February 1, 2020 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The conference brings together a wide audience of artists, musicians, pastors, scholars, students, worship leaders and planners, and other interested worshippers. People come from around the world for a time of fellowship, worship, and learning together, seeking to develop their gifts, encourage each other and renew their commitment to the full ministry of the church.

Ebenezer is hoping to send a group of worship leaders to this Symposium. If this is something you may be interested in, please let any member of the worship ministry team know.

More news and encouragement can be found at
<http://www.ebenezercrc.com/news>.
A paper copy is posted on the Bulletin Board

THE 2019 DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT registration website is up and ready for you to secure your spot at the cheapest price! The date for the DOE is Saturday November 2, 2019; Remember November. www.regonline.ca/doeedmonton2019
This year we are so happy to be partnering with World Renew to commemorate 40 Years of Welcome! Our churches will be joining with World Renew to celebrate the work that they have been doing with the Canadian government as well as with churches in our area over the past 40 years and more!
More details, posters, brochures to follow but why wait, register now and ask a friend to join you... www.regonline.ca/doeedmonton2019

TOUR THE BIBLICAL LANDS OF ISRAEL March 9 – March 20, 2020. Experience a refreshing renewal of your faith, and gain a deeper understanding of the Bible, as you tour the biblical lands with teaching host, Pastor Peter Tuininga, and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See many of the biblical places (Jerusalem, Galilee, Caesarea, Jericho and much more), and gain spiritual and historical insights which will make the Bible come alive for you. For complete information, cost, and registration, go to website: : toursofisrael.wordpress.com or call Peter Tuininga: 1 289 877-8433 or e-mail: peter.tuininga@gmail.com.

Thank You To Our Volunteers!

Ushers: Howard O, Ted KP

Next Week: Marilyn Z, Andy Z

Greeters: Ed & Monica V

Next Week: Dick & Judy O

Welcome Centre: Linda K

Next Week: Marco D

Coffee Duty: Jay & Francine K, Dale & Karen H, Jordan & Kristy I

Next Week: Henk & Mennie S, Brendan & Alicia Brent & Michelle T

Serving Elder: Art T

Next Week: Roy V

Worship Team: Jordan/Jason

Next Week: Grace D

Projection & Audio: Mike R/Nicole V

Next Week: Matt K/Jamie B

Nursery Supervisor - Kara B

Inf: Kara B, Brett L, Beth Ga, Amy A

Tod: Janna P, Barry H, Owen V

Next Week: Nursery Supervisor - Janette G

Inf: Janette G, Brianne R, Dale H, Seth A

Tod: Lauren T, Sam G, Damien B



If you have a conflict, please arrange for a substitute. If you need help with this, please don't hesitate to call the office. You can find the volunteer schedules online at ebenezercrc.com.

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN: All women, young and old, are invited to get together for a day of fellowship at Leona H's cabin on Wednesday, August 28 at 9:30 am. Bring something to share. In case of rain, the location will change to Linda K's home. For more information contact Leona or Linda.