

September 15, 2019

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Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer. We are so glad you have joined us today. Please join us after the service for a potluck meal as we mark the beginning of the ministry year. Don't miss our special guest - the Happy Chappy Ice Cream Truck!

WELCOME & PRAYER

SONG — *Come Now is the Time to Worship*
Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

SONG — *Be Still for the Presence of the Lord*

TIME OF CONFESSION

SONG — *To the River*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG — *Cornerstone*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THANK OFFERING

1 - Ebenezer Ministries 2 - Days for Girls

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(No Sunday School - resumes September 22nd)

SCRIPTURE READING — **John 5: 1-17**

SERMON — **Do You Want to be Healed?**

SONG — *Potter's Hand*

PARTING BLESSING & CLOSING SONG — *Benediction*

Church Family

Congratulations to **Sam & Beth G** who celebrate 10 years of marriage on September 18th and **Abel & Tena H**, celebrating 45 years on September 20th. We rejoice with you as you celebrate God's faithfulness through the years!

Please remember **Colleen V, Dick O, Gerard B** and **Beth N** as they and their families work through challenging health issues.

Also keep **Willy B**, mother to Bev C, in your prayers. Willy has been diagnosed with stomach cancer.

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.

Delight In Creation

Our DELIGHT program begins next week, September 22! We look forward to getting to know each other, worshipping together in song and prayer, and learning from members of our congregation how God's presence is known to us in the creation.

Would you like to be a **mentor**? We have a few spots left. This requires you to be available to be with the same group of 5-10 children approximately two Sundays per month during the regular service. You will host a special guest who will tell a story, and be with the children as they respond to this guest and as they join the whole group for a gathering time.

A mentor is not required to teach a lesson as such. Rather, creating a safe place and guiding the children to learn, listen, tell their stories and respond to the class experience is the priority.

Please come to find out more tonight! We will be meeting here at the church at 7:30 pm. Find out if this is a role you may be called to for this season. Coming won't oblige you to be a mentor. Everyone is welcome.

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 - Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior - All girls in grades 4-8 are welcome to join GEMS! We meet every other Wednesday evening, 6:30 to 8:30 starting on September 25th. Cost is \$40/girl or \$60/family for the year. Come hang out with us, we have a lot of fun activities planned and will especially be learning that we are LOVED. Registration forms are available online at the church website. For more information please call Leanne K or Charlene V.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MISSIONARY PARTNERS, CASPER & LEANNE GEISTERFER:

September is a month in North America, which brings a change in routine, and an anticipation of a change in season. It is my prayer that all of you will experience the richness of God's blessing and guidance during this time of change.

To coincide with these changes, I simply desire to send you our greetings. This has been an exciting year for Leanne and myself. We celebrated 40 years of marriage, which was very exciting. Our church used the month of August to do a special series on family, and to celebrate marriage. Reuben and Malysa announced the pending arrival of our second grandchild. We are excited. Being Opa and Oma has its many rewards and blessings. Both Leanne and I will celebrate 62 years of life, and 37 years of ministry service through the CRC-NA. We have been blessed richly through all of these life events.

We have also enjoyed the ministry partnership that we have with all of you. The summer of 1982 was an incredible time for us. We had agreed to a six year term with CRWRC, we needed to learn how to live in a foreign land, but we also had to say good byes with no idea what that really meant. Pillar Church played a special role in our lives at that time, and Pastor Hasper was a gift from God. Over the years, many of you have joined our ministry team, and we have grown our relationships through this ministry. Leanne and I have always enjoyed our visits with all of you.

Our prayers are with you as you respond to the challenge of being the light of God to your communities. We ask also that you remember us in your prayers. In Central America, we have been spared the impact of hurricanes, but this also means that we are suffering from a drought. We earnestly need your prayers for rain. Our work always provides interesting challenges. We ask that you pray for guidance as we look for ways to effectively work with God's people here in Central America and the Caribbean.

May you all be granted the grace and peace of our Lord God.

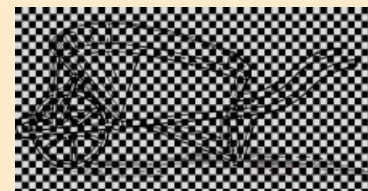
Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, September 15 @ 9:15 am Weekly Prayer Meeting
@ 10:00 am Worship Service
@ 12:00 pm Fall Family Potluck
@ 6:00 pm All Worship Gathering
@ 7:30 pm **Sunday School Workshop (Mentoring)**

Tuesday, September 17 Monthly Council Meeting

Sunday, September 22 @ 9:15 am Weekly Prayer Meeting
@ 10:00 am Worship Service
@ 7:30 pm **Sunday School Workshop (Storytelling)**

TONIGHT - ALL WORSHIP GATHERING: WORSHIP LEADERS AND ALL INTERESTED PERSONS, please plan to gather here tonight from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. 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. Bring your instrument or voice so that we can make a joyful noise together!



ANNUAL POTATO HARVEST - You are invited to come out on Saturday, September 28 @ 11:00 p.m. and join the gardeners harvest the foodbank plots and potatoes! A light lunch will be served after the harvest (12:30 ish)

LOST AND FOUND Please check the Lost and Found table. Unclaimed items will be donated in October. Thank you!

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: DAYS FOR GIRLS - Every girl and woman has inherent worth and dignity. Days for Girls celebrates this by providing sustainable feminine hygiene solutions and health education. When girls and women have health, education, and opportunity, communities and our world are stronger. What if lack of feminine hygiene kept you in your room for days? No school for days. No income for days. We can change that! Days for Girls Canada works with the founding organization, Days for Girls International, towards the goal of every woman in the world having access to feminine hygiene. We make washable feminine hygiene kits for distribution to girls and women in need, Feminine hygiene education for the girls and women receiving kits, training for girls and women in need to sew washable feminine hygiene kits. For more information go to <https://www.daysforgirls.org/>

Next Week: SAFE CHURCH MINISTRY

Denominational News

COMMUNAL GATHERING: On Sept 22, at 7 p.m. (after 'coffee' at 6:45), West End CRC together with the Classis Alberta North sub-committee formed to look at matters of sexuality, is hosting an evening of information and discussion with Dr. Jeffrey Weima. The evening will include a brief overview of the sub-committees work and goals along with an introduction to the context in which these discussions come; an address by Dr. Weima on "Same-Sex Sex: What Does the New Testament Say?" and round table discussion asking what we are hearing and understanding, and what do we need in looking ahead. Dr. Weima is Professor of New Testament at Calvin Theological Seminary and Co-chair of the synodical committee on "A Biblical Theology of Human Sexuality". The committees interim report is available on line at https://www.crcna.org/sites/default/files/human_sexuality_interim_report_2019.pdf

KINGS ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY BANQUET | SEPTEMBER 28: Purchase tickets for our 40 Anniversary Community Banquet. Look forward to an evening of live entertainment, silent auction, fantastic food, and reflecting on our history of being blessed by God's goodness.

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

Thank You To Our Volunteers!

Ushers: Luke K, Andrew V

Next Week: Mike D, Dennis V

Greeters: Dennis & Ineke V

Next Week: Roy & Teena V

Welcome Centre: Wendy T

Next Week: Charlene V

Coffee Duty: Gord & Jan W, Tony & Monique T, Mike & Jenna D

Next Week: Tim & Bev C, Ed & Grace B, Roger & Barb G

Serving Elder: Gord W

Next Week: Herman B

Worship Team: Alice V

Next Week: Sandy V

Projection & Audio: Pete V/Wes V

Next Week: Mike R/Nicole V

Nursery Supervisor - Glen H

Inf: Glen H, Susan B, Emily M, Clara D

Tod: Alinda B, Petro K, Kevin B

Next Week: Nursery Supervisor - Linda K

Inf: Linda K, Graeme B, Mennie S, Lyon D

Tod: Alex B, Kaija M, Daniel Bo



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 [ebenzercrc.com](http://www.ebenzercrc.com).

EDMONTON CLIMATE VIGIL: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 Join us for this family-friendly evening of prayer, mourning, song and community at 6:30pm, September 22 on the Legislature grounds. We will come together during the biggest global week of climate action in order to show support for the youth-led climate justice march in Edmonton on Sept. 27th. Details at: edmontonclimatestrike.org