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# Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to our Thanksgiving service. God is always worthy of our thanks and praise but we set aside this service to focus on Thanksgiving in a special way. Both in good times and challenging times it is right and good to give thanks to the Lord. We thank Him for the physical bread that He provides for our tables and we thank Him for providing the Bread of Life that endures forever. -Pastor Jason

## WELCOME & PRAYER

SONG — *Forever*

## GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

SONG — *Now Thank We All Our God*

## LITANY

SONG - *God Is So Good*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

### THANK OFFERING

1 - Ebenezer Ministries      2 - Deaconate

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*(children ages 3 - Grade 3 leave for Sunday School)*

SONG — *Once Again*

SCRIPTURE READING — *John 6:16-40*

SERMON — *The Bread of Life*

SONG — *All Who Are Hungry, Gather Gladly*

### LORD'S SUPPER

PARTING BLESSING & CLOSING SONG — *Let All Things Now Living*

## Church Family

**Dick O'** surgery went well, and he is recuperating at home. They would like to thank everyone for all their cards and prayers.

Prayer Request from **Luke & Alyse K:** We have the privilege to go to Guatemala this October to build a house and distribute 150 wheelchairs. We will work with a team of 14 men and women and will also deliver hygiene and Days for Girls packs, Solar panels and Spanish Children's Bibles. We have been asked to provide treatment and education for folks with mobility and pressure sore issues. We ask for prayer support for our travels and during our stay in Guatemala. As we serve, Luke and Alyse.

For more information, see poster in the Foyer.

*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 VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES:** Dear congregation, thank you for volunteering to serve on Sunday mornings! This is a tangible way YOU fulfill the command to "serve one another in love" Ephesians 5:13.

Look for the new schedules online at [ebenezercrc.com](http://ebenezercrc.com) (scroll down to the bottom of the Homepage and click "Volunteer Schedules") Also, a paper copy of the Master Schedule, October 2019 - January 2020, is in your mailbox.

As always, if you need help finding a replacement, contact the office. Thank you!

## Support Rehoboth Christian Ministries

**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 in your mail slot or from your canvasser ([Margaret I](#)). Just fill in the information on the form and place it with your membership fee and/or donation (cheques can be made payable to Rehoboth Christian Ministries) and put them in the envelope provided and place it in [mailbox #131](#) or [place it in the basket at the welcome centre](#). Please make sure your name is on the outside of the envelope. Payment can also be made on line at [Rehoboth.ab.ca](http://Rehoboth.ab.ca). Read the Flourish Newsletter to learn more about Rehoboth.

**THE FISH ARE COMING!** In three weeks, we will be observing World Hunger Sunday and taking a collection on behalf of World Renew's work with hungry people worldwide. Look for Peter Fish banks **and devotional books for both children and adults** next Sunday.

## Community Events

**VICTORY OVER SEXUAL SIN:** McKernan Baptist Church will be hosting the second annual Victory Conference on **October 18-19**. This conference is designed to equip Christians to fight sexual temptation. For more information either speak with Jonathan Prins or visit [victoryconference.ca](http://victoryconference.ca)

**ADULT EDUCATION DISCUSSION:** Please join us for a presentation and discussion on the current debate in the CRCNA and in Classis Alberta North on the question of how the CRC relates to its LGBTQ2+ communities. **Inglewood Christian Reformed Church**, 12330 – 113 Avenue, Edmonton. Date and Time: **Tuesday October 15, 2019, at 7:00 pm**. We will be led by Revs. Neil deKoning, emeritas and Peter Rockhold of New Life Fellowship CRC in Red Deer, both of whom are on the Classis Alberta North Ad hoc Committee on LGBTQ2+ issues. Come one and all.

**MEET THE EXCEPTION**, featuring Rebecca Kiessling, on **Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**. Many who are otherwise against abortion still believe it is acceptable in cases of sexual abuse. Rebecca, who was conceived during a violent assault, disagrees completely. As the Director of *Save the 1* she educates the public on the worth of every human being, regardless of the circumstances of their conception. See poster on Bulletin Board for details.

**WITNESS for WOMEN** All women and men are invited to an evening of reflection and mutual support as we approach the 25th anniversary, in 2020, of synod's decision to allow women's ordination. This marked the beginning of wider use of women's gifts in the CRC. Denise Posie, director of leadership development in Grand Rapids, will be our guest. Denise is excited to come to Edmonton to "listen, share and imagine with this gathering." Guest panel discussion included. Refreshments will be served. **Thursday, October 24**, at 7:00 pm at St. Albert CRC. RSVP: Edith Sinnema: [edith.sinnema@gmail.com](mailto:edith.sinnema@gmail.com)

**AN EVENING OF ART, FILM, AND MUSIC:** On **Tuesday, Oc 29<sup>th</sup>**, join the Keiskamma Canada Foundation and The King's Micah Centre in a screening of the short documentary "Keiskamma: A Love Story" about art and social change in a small community in South Africa. A short Q&A will follow, as well as refreshments, music from the King's music faculty, and the opportunity to view "Imbumba", a tapestry sale/exhibit by the artisans of The Keiskamma Trust in South Africa. **7 pm at The King's University**. Free Admission; donations are welcome.

**ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE STUDION** The Studion offers a two-year, part-time program in spiritual direction. If you have ever considered becoming a spiritual director or are looking for a way to nurture your own spiritual life, come to a one-hour, online information session to learn more. **Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2019, at 8:00 p.m.** To register email [thestudionschool@gmail.com](mailto:thestudionschool@gmail.com). For more information about The Studion visit [thestudionschool.com](http://thestudionschool.com)

## Coming Up @ Ebenezer

<b>Sunday, October 13</b>	@	<b>9:15 am</b>	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	@	<b>10:00 am</b>	Worship Service (Lord's Supper)
<b>Tuesday, October 15</b>	@	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Monthly Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday, October 16</b>	@	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
	@	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Cadets</b>
<b>Sunday, October 20</b>	@	<b>9:15 am</b>	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	@	<b>10:00 am</b>	Worship Service with the Joyful Noise Children's Choir
<b>Monday, October 21</b>	@	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Friendship Begins!</b>
<b>Sunday, October 27</b>	@	<b>10:00 am</b>	Reformation Sunday
		<b>11:45 am</b>	Catechism Class

## Ebenezer Events

**THE JOYFUL NOISE CHILDREN'S CHOIR**, ambassadors for Rehoboth Christian Ministries, will be joining us for worship next Sunday (Oct. 20). The 63 children, ages 7-13, come together from 19 churches in the Edmonton region to train as a worship chorus and celebrate the work of Rehoboth for those who live with developmental disabilities.

**FRIENDSHIP NEWS:** We begin our new year on **October 21<sup>st</sup>, 7-8:30 pm**. Please be a few minutes early to greet your Friend, they will be excited to see you!

You are cordially invited to an evening of learning and sharing from Friendship staff and each other. This evening is a great opportunity to hone your skills whether you are experienced or new, a story teller, a musician, snack helper, mentor or group leader. Shellie Power (chairperson of FMC) and Heather DeBoer, (Canadian staff), plan to give you tips to keep your cherished group fresh and current. We'll have some music and craft ideas, a time to learn about our new curriculum, 'Together', how to engage and listen to our Friends. Won't you join us? Come and meet with others who love this program as you do. October 23, 5-9 pm (or whenever you can make it) here at the church. We will welcome groups from Camrose, Wetaskiwin, Edmonton and Stony Plain. Dinner will be provided. Please let Wendy know by October 17th if you plan to attend.

**DAYS FOR GIRLS:** Save the Date, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, for our next Days for Girls Work Bee.

## Deacon's Corner

**1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offering: Deaconate or Offering of Choice** - This offering is designated for either the Deaconate or for any other offering of your choice. If you would like to designate your offering to any specific church ministry or other charity, please use one of the envelopes in the pews, or indicate your preference on the cheque.

**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: Disability Concerns**

## Denominational News

**DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT UPDATE:** Workshop details and presenter information is available! The full brochure is available now at [www.classisalbertanorth.ca/nadc](http://www.classisalbertanorth.ca/nadc) where you can see and download it. Or email [yournadc@gmail.com](mailto:yournadc@gmail.com) and I will send it to you as an attachment. Register at [www.regonline.ca/doesedmonton2019](http://www.regonline.ca/doesedmonton2019)

**NADC is seeking members** to be on the executive committee that guides the work of the ministry. Have you experienced the work of the church and the care provided by those with a diaconal heart? Might you be interested in sharing your experience and passion by joining the NADC executive committee? Committee members do not have to be current deacons but more importantly are interested in leadership and the overall picture of deacon work. Contact [yournadc@gmail.com](mailto:yournadc@gmail.com) for more details.

**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:** Tim & Bev C

**Next Week:** Luke K, Andrew V

**Greeters:** Luke & Alyse K

**Next Week:** Gerard & Wendy B

**Welcome Centre:** Marco D

**Next Week:** Jen F

**Coffee Duty:** Jim & Margaret T, Bram & Anneke V, Harry & Karen D

**Next Week:** Jan & Gea T, Matt & Jamie B, Samantha C

**Serving Elder:** Jordan S

**Next Week:** Henk S

**Worship Team:** Alice V

**Next Week:** Joyful Noise Children's Choir

**Projection & Audio:** Pete V/ Wes V

**Next Week:** Mike R/ Nicole V

**Nursery Supervisor -** Alesha S

Inf: Alesha S, Kristy I, Charlene V, Bethany Gr

Tod: Dan H, Christina V, Kiera D

**Next Week: Nursery Supervisor -** Carol W

Inf: Carol W, Emma H, Jay A, Cheyenne H

Tod: Brett L, Edith B, Levi H



*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).*

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