

Office Information & Contacts

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Welcome

Ebenezer is now livestreaming our church services. To access the Livestream, visit our website: <https://www.ebenezercrc.com> and click on the Livestream button that appears at the top of the page.

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG — *Behold Our God*

Blessed Be Your Name

GOD'S GREETING

SONG — *Like a River Glorious*

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

SONG — *Receive the Glory*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THANK OFFERING

1 - Ebenezer Ministries 2 - Resonate Global Missions

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE — **JOHN 10: 22-42**

SERMON — *Believe the Works*

SONG — *Never Once*

PARTING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG — *Be Thou My Vision*

LORD'S SUPPER NEXT WEEK!

We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper for the first time in a long time on January 10!! For those of you who will be attending that service in person, we will have new protocols in place in order to ensure the safe administration of the elements. For those of you participating from home, please be prepared with bread and wine or juice so that we can all partake of the elements together. Also, set aside some time before the service to prepare your heart to celebrate this blessed sacrament.

Church Family

Congratulations to **Ted & Joanne K** who celebrate 45 years of marriage today! We praise God for you and thank him for this gift of covenant faithfulness. Many blessings in the years to come.

Update from **Alyse K** - positive healing continues on my arm and the cast is scheduled to come off on January 12. We are thankful for the prayers and support from our church community!

Thank-you to everyone for the prayers and notes when Kaija was in the hospital. We so appreciate the support of our church family in those initial shocking and challenging days! Kaija's spirits are good and she is adjusting well to her new routine. We praise God for you and your care, as well as for hospitals and medicine that bring health.

Emily M and family

A thank you to Ebenezer for all the expressions of sympathy in the passing of my Mom. It was good to be with her in her final days even though it was difficult to see her fading each day. **John and Carol W**

A Big Thank You! Just want to say thank you for all the support I received during my recent injury. So many prayers, texts, phone calls, meals, snow clearing, and offers of help. What a blessing to know that help is only a phone call away! I am grateful for my Ebenezer family.

Liz D

*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.

Deacon's Corner

1st Offering: EBENEZER MINISTRIES - This offering is used to cover 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 CRC Denomination.

2nd Offering - RESONATE GLOBAL MISSIONS - Resonate Global Missions educates and supports missional leaders, guides new churches and forges partnerships to proclaim and live out the good news of Jesus Christ worldwide!

This work also includes sending missionaries overseas, and building partnerships with national churches to discover God's plan for churches, communities and life. For more information see resonateglobalmission.org.

NEXT WEEK - THEREFORE GO (FORMERLY YOUTH UNLIMITED)

Therefore Go is a non-denominational, non-profit ministry with the focus to assisting the church and many local congregations in their outreach to youth. Therefore Go is part of the Dynamic Youth Ministries that is a Co-ed outreach focusing on high school youth. For information about this work see www.youthunlimited.org.

NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS It is time to begin the process of installing new elders and deacons. We have 4 elders and 2 deacons who have faithfully completed their 3 year terms of service. In fact, they've now served 6 months beyond their 3 year terms! So we would like to invite the congregation to prayerfully consider if you would like to suggest someone in our congregation who is qualified and called to serve in one of those positions.

The biblical qualifications for those offices can be found in the following passages: For elders--1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:7-9; 1 Peter 5:1-3; For deacons--1 Timothy 3:8-13.

Suggestions for nominations to these offices will be considered by council at our council meeting on January 5. Thank you.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, Jan 3 @ **10:00 am** **Worship Service**
In-person or Livestream

@ **1-2:00 pm** GEMS Drive In
(resource pick-up)

Wednesday, Jan 6 @ **7:00 pm** GEMS Online

Sunday, Jan 10 @ **10:00 am** **Worship Service**
In-person or Livestream

Normal Office Hours Resume

The church office will reopen this week on Tuesday, Jan 5th. Our office hours are **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.**

Our Volunteers

WORSHIP TEAM: Jason/Jordan

NEXT WEEK: Grace

PROJECTION & AUDIO: Dan/Ted

NEXT WEEK: Matt/Jamie

Denominational News & Resources

CAMPUS MINISTER NEEDED The Christian Reformed Church's northern Alberta churches are seeking a part-time campus minister for the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) to joyfully serve the NAIT community as a visible presence of the CRC church and God's kingdom. The job description is available on the Classis Alberta North website. Questions and applications can be directed to Jonathan Nicolai-deKoning (jonathan.nicolai-dekoning@kingsu.ca), co-chair of the classis Campus Ministry Committee.

CALVIN UNIVERSITY JANUARY SERIES – Coming this January for the 34th year, Calvin University presents the 2021 January Series – the award winning free liberal arts education delivered in 15 weekly, lunchtime lectures. This year the series begins on January 6 and continues weekdays through January 26 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. EST with topics ranging from the future of the Supreme Court, climate change, the era of intelligent technology, civil discourse, racial tensions, the arts as a healing balm and so much more by top experts in their fields. And access to the award-winning lecture series will be easier than ever. This year, due to the realities of COVID-19, the January Series will have a completely virtual audience. Attendees will be able to watch and listen to the 15 presentations on their own personal devices, in their own locations, or gather at small remote sites available across the continent. For more information about the speakers, topics, remote sites and to register for personal viewing, visit our website at www.calvin.edu/january

JUSTICE AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT VIRTUAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE - The Justice and Global Relationships Virtual Experience is being offered in partnership between World Renew and The King's University. This 9-session virtual learning experience is open to all Canadians who are committed to learning about and promoting justice and advocacy.

Contact ibuisman@worldrenew.ca or Jonathan.Nicolai-deKoning@kingsu.ca for more information. Register by Dec. 31, 2020.

Denominational News & Resources

HYMNARY.ORG - Hymnary.org announces next-generation mobile hymnal apps for iOS and Android, including Lift Up Your Hearts. The apps are free, and no purchase is necessary to access a number of features, including the full score of all public domain hymns, audio recordings of most hymns, and more. More info, including links, at hymnary.org/node/42126

ONLINE WORSHIP LEARNING - You are warmly invited to register for a free online learning experience held January 6-26, 2021, on key themes in worship and the Christian life. Register for free at worship.calvin.edu/symposium/. This experience is designed for all kinds of learners: students, artists, musicians, pastors, scholars, teachers, worship leaders and planners, and all worshipers around the globe. Sponsored by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and the Center for Excellence in Preaching.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE (ebenezercrc.com) for a **LINKS** page where you can find links to News, Resources and Announcements for our Classis (AB North), CRCNA, CRC Network, World Renew, the Today Devotional, The Banner and many other resources.

The January/February Today Devotionals are available and can be picked up at the registration table

Please update your church directory with the following address change
NEW ADDRESS
Frank D