

April 25, 2021

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EBENEZER

Christian Reformed Church

Glorifying God & Loving All People

Welcome to our Service

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer either in person or livestream. Today is Friendship Sunday and we welcome Pastor Frank DeBoer to our pulpit.

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG — *How Great Thou Art*

GOD'S GREETING

SONG — *You Are Mine*

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE :LITANY "WE COME TO YOU"

SONG — *He Knows My Name*

FRIENDSHIP MINISTRY UPDATE

SONG — *I've Got The Joy, Joy, Joy*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL & OFFERING PRAYER

THANK OFFERING 1 - Ebenezer Ministries

2 - Rehoboth Christian Ministries

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Children ages 3-5 are released for Sunday School*

SCRIPTURE — **Romans 12:12**

SERMON — **Serving The Lord And His People Joyfully, Patiently and Faithfully**

SONG — *That's Why We Praise Him*

PARTING BLESSING & CLOSING SONGS — *Go Now In Peace*

Shalom

Church Family

CONGRATULATIONS to **Evelyn T, Per S & Bernice S**, all who will be celebrating their 89th birthday this week. We praise God for all of you and we thank Him for His faithfulness through the years.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Sarah & Mario G (daughter of Fia & Lieuwe B)** on the arrival of their daughter (and granddaughter) Isadora. Both mom and baby are doing well

Konrad B, has recently been diagnosed with bone cancer. Doctors are trying a new medication from the US. Please keep Conrad, Edith and family in your prayers as they go thru this difficult time.

Please continue to keep **Margaret & Jim T** and **Abigail C & her family** in your prayers.

*If you are experiencing physical or emotional difficulties,
please speak to your district Elder, a Deacon or contact the church office.
We want to support you on your journey.*

Council Highlights

Council held an additional meeting on Tuesday to continue to explore together how to best serve the congregation through this time while Pastor Jason is on leave. This is a big change for Council and the congregation and we are committed to growing and learning together.

We have felt supported by the guidance and direction we received from Anita Velthuisen-Stomp and Cecil Van Niejenhuis from the Healthy Church Relations Task Force, who attended this zoom meeting with us. We explored the role of the primary contact person who will funnel all the communication between Pastor Jason and the congregation. We realize that some of you are wanting to communicate with Pastor Jason and this will allow Pastor Jason to plan his communication with you. We are working to set this up as soon as possible. We also clarified the role that Healthy Church Relations Task Force will have with our council and the resources available for our congregation.

Several letters from congregational members were discussed and will be followed up on. It is important for everyone to have the opportunity to express themselves if they feel they need to. If you wish to provide a letter to Council, we encourage to also connect with your elder and then your elder will forward it to Council on your behalf.

Preparations were made for the upcoming congregational meeting on April 29, 2021 which will be livestreamed.

As we journey together through these times of change, let us continue to support each other with respect and kindness, listening to each other, and being the love of Christ to one another in our service.

REFUGEE CORNER



LEARN – Did you know that the current COVID-19 pandemic has impacted refugees? Refugee Travel is NOT classified as essential by the Canadian Government. Read this article to understand how you can advocate and use your voice to change this policy: <https://worldrenew.ca/our-stories/life-in-limbo-refugees-wait-to-make-canada-their-home>

ACT – What can we do to help?

1. Send an email to your member of Parliament using the link above. Pray that God would use the Christian community to effect change.
2. **Participate** in our upcoming fundraisers to help our Refugee family reach their goal:
 - **Big Box of Cards - 33 Greeting Cards:** : \$33 for 33 cards! View the Individual Cards at the church or online - <https://www.bigboxfundraising.com/product/>. Use this online form to place your order: [Greeting Cards Order Form](#) or stop by the church to fill in the paper form. Contact: Leanne K
 - **Save the date for our Mother's Day Plant Sale - May 7 & 8: 8** Contact: Grace D. Can't wait for the sale? There are a limited number of tomato plants available at the church office for purchase! Stop by to get them while they last!
 - **Stand With Refugees Silent Auction - DATES: Online auction - May 12 - May 17; deadline to submit donations - May 7th** Submit your donations with this form: [Auction Donation Form](#). Contact: Nicole V.
3. Prepare for **Refugee Sunday - May 2:** Ebenezer will be devoting our Sunday Service on May 2 to Learning about and supporting refugees. There will be an opportunity to donate directly to our Refugee Family during our Thankoffering.

WORSHIP TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to be part of the Worship Team for May 2 and May 30. If you are available and can help out please contact Wilbur Hofstra. Thank you.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

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| Sunday, Apr 25 | @ | 10:00 am | Worship Service (Friendship Sunday) In-person or Livestream |
| Wednesday, April 28 | @ | 7:30 pm | Coffee Break |
| Sunday, May 2 | @ | 10:00 am | Worship Service In-person or Livestream |
| | @ | 1—2 pm | GEMS Drive-through |

COFFEE BREAK 2021 - Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm. We meet weekly for fellowship and great conversation. We ask that you come prepared to wear a mask and observe social distancing.

This has been a very different year for us in Coffee Break, but we hope you have been encouraged through it. Our season will be wrapping up the end of April but we are hoping to get together throughout the summer somewhat regularly. Stay tuned for details! If you have any questions please contact Alex A or Alicia B.

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 MAY/JUNE TODAY DEVOTIONALS are available and can be picked up at the registration table. **THE APRIL BANNER** is available and can be picked up at the registration table. If you normally get the large print books, you will find a copy in your church mailbox. Please contact the church office if you would like a copy of either of these publications put into your church mailbox.

Thank You To Our Volunteers

WORSHIP TEAM: Friendship Team

PROJECTION & AUDIO: Volunteers

NURSERY: Niki U, Janette G, Jachin H

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Petro K

NEXT WEEK: Volunteer Team

NEXT WEEK: Volunteers

NEXT WEEK: Lauren T, Christine H, Lily H

NEXT WEEK: Kennedie H, Klaret K

NOTE FROM DEACONS: Our congregation and local community are noticing the impact of Covid-19 restraints. The Deacons are scheduling additional collections in the next few months to meet anticipated needs. We look forward to your continued financial and prayerful support.

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 - REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES was formed in 1976 by members of the Christian community to offer services to individuals with disabilities and their families in Alberta. The fundamental premise of the ministry is equity for all people regardless of their level of functioning, physical appearance or abilities. For more information see rehoboth.ab.ca

NEXT WEEK 2nd Offering - SYRIAN REFUGEE SUPPORT What a blessing it is to support a refugee family! Please check with the refugee support committee how you might support the work they are doing and the progress that has been made so far!

E-transfer Information: to send a donation via e-transfer, please use Jen F's email—jen@ebenezercrc.com. Thank you!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2021

Please join us for our Congregational Meeting on Thursday, April 29th starting at 7:30pm. Please note that the meeting will only be held via Livestreaming.

The Financial Update will be provided along with updates from various ministries that are finishing their current season. If you are a Ministry leader and would like to provide an update to the congregation, please connect with Birgit M.

We will also have a question and answer period and we look forward to you joining the meeting. ECRC Council

THE CHURCH HAS A NEW MAILING ADDRESS

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Denominational News & Resources

EDMONTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS 28th Annual Auction – We are excited to be hosting our annual auction again this year. Shop from the comfort of your home and support Edmonton Christian Schools. We hope you can join us. The Online Auction will be held May 5 – 12, 2021 More information can be found here: <https://www.edmchristian.org/auction2021/>. Click this link to view auction items: <https://www.32auctions.com/ecs2021>.

GOT BIG QUESTIONS ON BIG ISSUES? - Join one of ICS's remote summer courses to think them through: "The Soul of Soulless Conditions: Marxists on Christianity, Christians on Marxism" with Dean Dettloff (Apr 20 - May 27, Tues & Thurs, 7-9pm EDT). For 6 weeks, we will read several Marxists on Christianity and several Christians on Marxism to better understand where these communities found points of agreement and disagreement. First-time auditors can join this course for only \$425 (registration incl.). To learn more about this and our other online summer courses, visit www.icscanada.edu/summer-courses or email Eizabet Aras at academic-registrar@icscanada.edu with questions or to register by April 12th.

EASTER VICTORY FROM SHAMEFUL DEFEAT? - Join CRC campus ministers Rick Mast (University of Alberta) and Mike Wagenman (Western University) for a timely discussion for the post-Easter season: what can we as Western Christians learn from the long history of theological reflection in the East? There are not only racial and economic divisions in our world that we're addressing in this year's online book club - but also our divisions as Christians. Join us on Sunday, April 25 (8pm ET | 7pm CT | 6pm MT | 5pm PT) as we engage Dr. James Payton's new book, *The Victory of the Cross: Salvation in Eastern Orthodoxy*. Payton taught church history for many years at Redeemer University (Ontario) and will share some of the insights he's drawn from a long study of Eastern Christianity. Register at www.WesternCampusMinistry.ca!

REHOBOTH FLOURISH—The next edition of Rehoboth Christian Ministries Flourish newsletter is now available online at www.rcmflourish.ca or this direct link; https://www.rcmflourish.ca/uploads/source/newsletters/April_2021_Flourish_Newsletter_Final.pdf A limited amount of hard copies are available at your church. If you would like to receive future Flourish newsletter directly to your email address, please register on the website.

EMMANUEL HOME, MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Emmanuel Home's [annual membership drive](http://www.emmanuelhome.ca/annual-membership-drive) is underway. This is your chance to renew or begin your membership in support of our mission to provide housing and care for seniors in a supportive and vibrant Christian community. Membership packages are available in the church foyer or go to our website to make an online donation: www.emmanuelhome.ca/donate . Thank you for your support!

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP SERVICES Go to <http://www.csservices.ca/events.php> to visit our events page and register for more of our complimentary webinars.