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November 12, 2017



**EBENEZER**  
Christian Reformed Church

Restoring all people  
to God's living truth  
and equipping them  
to passionately  
live it out!

# Good Morning and Welcome to Ebenezer!

Thank you for joining us. Today is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. We join our prayers together with more than half a million churches in 150 countries to pray for suffering believers. May the Lord grant strength, endurance and even joy to those who are suffering for the name of Jesus. May the church be a faithful witness to the love of God in all circumstances. Please join us for refreshments and a time of fellowship after the service!

## Lord's Day 2

*Q. How do you come to know  
your misery?*

*A. The law of God tells me.*

*Q. What does God's law  
require of us?*

*A. Christ teaches us this in  
summary in Matthew 22:37-40:*

*"You shall love the Lord your  
God with all your heart, and  
with all your soul, and with all  
your mind." This is the  
greatest and first  
commandment.*

*"And a second is like it:  
'You shall love your neighbor  
as yourself.'*

*"On these two commandments  
hang all the law and the  
prophets."*

*Q. Can you live up to all this  
perfectly?*

*A. No. I have a natural  
tendency to hate God  
and my neighbor.*

## Welcome and Prayer

**Song: O Worship the King**

## Greeting

**Song: Praise is Rising**

## Time of Confession

**Song: Lord I Come**

## Prayer of Assurance

**Song: Power of Your Love**

## Children's Message

## Announcements

## Congregational Prayer

## Thank Offering:

**1 - Ebenezer Ministries**

**2 - Back to God Ministries**

*(Children ages 3 - Grade 3 leave for Children's Church)*

**Scripture: Matthew 22:37-40**

**Song: Speak O Lord**

**Message: The Law of Love**

**Song: Renewing, Reforming the Church**

## Parting Blessing

**Song: Shine on Us**

## Church Family

Congratulations to **Evan & Susan Schuurman** who celebrate their **35th Wedding Anniversary** today! We rejoice with you and your family in this special milestone!

**LET'S EAT CAKE!** - It's important to celebrate the good things in life – good advice that we don't always follow. In light of that, we invite you to have a piece of cake and a cup of coffee with us after church today as we celebrate our 35th wedding anniversary! **Evan & Susan Schuurman**

Please remember in prayer those who are struggling with illness or injury, are recovering from surgery, or who are grieving. We pray God's peace, comfort, and healing for you all.

**WIDOWED LUNCH BUNCH** - Meets today at the home of Clarence and Tiny Muizelaar.

**ALL WORSHIP TEAMS GATHERING** - For anyone who currently serves on a worship team or would like to join a team, we will be having a meeting on Sunday November 12 from 6:00-8:00 PM in the church sanctuary. We will be discussing the upcoming Advent season and learning a few new songs together. All worship team members are encouraged to come and anyone else is invited.

**FRIENDSHIP** - Please note that there will not be Friendship on Monday Nov.13. Because of Remembrance Day the buses are not running and our friends have the day off. See you on November 20th for our Camp fun night.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** - Our annual Congregational Meeting will be held Thursday November 23 @ 7:30pm. Attached to the agenda in your mailbox is the proposed 2018 budget. Hope to see you all there!

**3RD QUARTER GIVING REPORTS** - are in your mailboxes. Thank you for faithfully giving!

**PETER FISH** - Last week was World Hunger Sunday. If you still have peter fish banks at home, please bring them to the office asap. Thank you for your help in changing the story for people and communities around the world!



**LOST AND FOUND** - There are many items on our lost and found table, please take a glance and see if anything needs to be brought home! There are a few items in the office that were too delicate to put on the table, reading glasses and a ladies' ring with a coloured stone. Please call the office about these items so they can be returned!

**IT'S POINSETTIA TIME!** - Your GEMS club is selling poinsettia plants again this year! This fundraiser will be used to raise money for club expenses, craft supplies and special events such as our campout. If you would like to place an order please talk to a GEM or use the form that's in your mailbox. Orders can be given to Leanne Klooster or placed in the box in the foyer. All orders are due by November 19th and the plants will be available for pick up at the congregational meeting on November 23rd. Thank you for your support of our club!



**DAYS FOR GIRLS** - We will be having our next Days for Girls Work Bee on Saturday, November 25th! We will be sewing and assembling kits and would welcome anyone (12 years old and up) who is able to help out with a variety of tasks including pinning, cutting, ironing, putting in snaps, sewing, etc. We will start at 9:00 am and finish by about 4 pm (lunch will be provided). Our target is to complete 75 kits at our Work Bee. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact the church office or signup on the Days for Girls Work Bee sheet on the sign-in table in the foyer. If you have any questions please contact Linda Hofstra (780-387-5456) or Freda Molenkamp-Oudman (780-986-6643)



**CAMP GUATEMALA PREPARATIONS** - The washcloth project has been wonderfully successful. Thanks to the many ladies contributing to this hygiene effort - the staff, campers and their families appreciate each gift. We are looking for the following items to complete our packing: Extra strength Tylenol or Advil (Ibuprofen), Immodium or Loperamide, Pepto Bismol tablets, Cough and cold meds, Triple antibiotic ointment, Nystatin ointment, Benadryl - Adult and Children formulas, Multi vitamins - Adult and Children formulas, Gravol in pill or liquid form, Tums, Bars of soap, Paper tape for dressings, Wipes, Ziplock bags (large and small). We appreciate prayer support as we plan: also for the campers, their families and staff as they prepare for their camp experience. With grateful thanks and joy in serving, Ted Koopmans, Luke and Alyse Kwantes

**LADIES CHRISTMAS CRAFT** – Saturday, December 2nd at 2:00pm at Ebenezer Church. \$45 includes your choice of craft and refreshments. Registration and payment required by Sunday, Nov 26. This event is hosted by your GEMS Counsellors (Leadership Training Fundraiser)

## 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 - BACK TO GOD MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL** - We exist to share the Gospel in communities worldwide using radio, the Internet and other technology. Our goal hasn't changed for more than 70 years: seeing people's hearts transformed by God's grace. Back to God Ministries International envisions a world where media is being used effectively to proclaim the good news that brings spiritual rebirth, grows discipleship, and transforms communities. For more info see [backtogod.org](http://backtogod.org)

**Next Week - CHAPLAINCY AND CARE** - The Office of Chaplaincy and Care Ministry supports and develops chaplaincy by: -recruiting and assisting prospective candidates through their specialized training -endorsing chaplains and their ministry -supporting chaplains and their families maintaining links between chaplain and the church through conferences and newsletters -promoting chaplaincy ministry in the church and community -participating in national/state/provincial chaplaincy organizations -educating the church about institutional ministry issues

## Coming Up @ Ebenezer

<b>Tonight</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	All Worship Teams Gathering
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Coffee Break
	<b>6:45 pm</b>	GEMS
<b>Sunday (Nov 19)</b>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Weekly Prayer Meeting in Library
	<b>10:00 am</b>	Worship Service

**Nov 23** - Congregational Meeting

**Nov 25** - Days for Girls Work Bee

**REHOBOTH MEMBERSHIP REMINDER** - Thanks to you that have handed in your membership or donated on line. Reminder November 19 is the last day to hand them in. you can put them in my mailbox #99. Any questions contact Margaret TeVelde.

**ADVANCE NOTICE** - Mustard Seed Christmas Dinner will be held on Sat. Dec 16. If you would like to help contact Joyce Debbink, Mennie Siderius or Margaret TeVelde. A special at-the-door collection to help cover our cost will be held in Dec.

**CHURCH GROWTH AND FACILITY USAGE THINK TANK** - God has blessed us with a wonderful church building. He has also blessed us with a steadily growing church family. As a result we are starting to feel a little crowded in our nursery and parking lot and may soon feel the pinch in other areas as well. The purpose of this think tank is to think creatively and proactively about how to maximize our facility to meet the needs of our growing church family. If you would like to be part of this creative think tank please let Pastor Jason know.

**SMALL GROUP MINISTRY** - Our small group ministry has been on hold this ministry year due to unexpected events in the lives of those who form the small group committee. We are now ready to resume our small group ministry. We believe that it is an important part of the ministry that takes place here at Ebenezer and we're excited for the year to come. We are still looking for six more facilitators to lead these groups. Please give this prayerful consideration and contact either Pastor Jason or Dennis and Ineke Van Beek if you are interested. Facilitators are invited to a once a month training session led by Pastor Jason beginning in November.

**THE LEDUC & DISTRICT GROWING PROJECT** - for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank is hosting an Appreciation Dinner on December 6, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Rollyview Hall. Everyone is welcome. For more information, see the Poster in the Foyer.

**THE ANNUAL FALL MEETING** - for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2017. The doors will open at 5:00 pm and Dinner and Fellowship begins at 6:00 pm. The meeting will again be held at Living Stones Church, 2020 – 40th Ave, Red Deer. Please RSVP as soon as possible to Terence Barg; email [alberta@foodgrainsbank.ca](mailto:alberta@foodgrainsbank.ca) or phone 780-621-6767.



## Community and Denominational Announcements

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE & SILENT AUCTION** - to support residents of Emmanuel Home will be held on Saturday, November 25, 2017, 9:30 am-2:00 pm. at Trinity CRC (13429-57 St). Enjoy a festive time of craft sales, Dutch food, interesting auction items and great fellowship! For more information contact Aria at [aria@emmanuelhome.ca](mailto:aria@emmanuelhome.ca), 780-822-1274.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITY** - Business Banking Assistant (Maternity Leave) for Christian Credit Union, Edmonton Branch. Christian Credit Union is currently seeking a dynamic, service-orientated individual to join our team to cover a maternity leave in the capacity of a Personal Banking Assistant. The preferred start date is January 15, 2018 and will be through March 31, 2019 with the possibility of extension. For more information, visit [www.christiancu.ca](http://www.christiancu.ca).

**FREE ADVENT DEVOTIONAL** - "Immanuel, Incarnate" is an email devotional series that features reflections from CRC ministries around the world during Advent 2017. World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice will explore the Incarnation of Christ and His presence in our lives as we prepare to celebrate His birth. Each devotion will be delivered to your email inbox every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, starting December 4, 2017, through Christmas Day. Go to [crcna.org/advent](http://crcna.org/advent) to sign up today!

**JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR'S CHORAL COFFEEHOUSE** - Rehoboth Christian Ministries invites you to join the 55 members of the Joyful Noise Choir for an evening of fellowship and music at West End Christian Reformed Church on Saturday, November 18 at 6:30 pm. in support of Camp Rehoboth. Tickets for the Coffeehouse (featuring dessert and refreshments) are \$10 and can be prepaid and held at the door by calling Rein Selles (780-458-0698) or the Rehoboth office at 780-963-4044. Following the Coffeehouse at 7:30, the Concert portion (held in the sanctuary) will feature some of the choir's new performance pieces and a sing-along of new hymns by Irish composers, Keith and Kristyn Getty. No ticket is required for the Concert portion but donations for Rehoboth Camp are appreciated.

**EDMONTON CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA PROGRAM** - is excited to present The Diviners by Jim Leonard Jr. on November 30, December 1 and 2 at the Cite Francophone Theatre, 8627 91 street, at 7:30 p.m. The Diviners is set in the homes, fields and businesses of the mythical southern Indiana town of Zion, population forty. Zion is the home of Buddy, a diviner -- a young boy who has a sense and feel for water. And into Buddy's life, and the life of the people of Zion, comes C.C. Showers, a "backslidin' preacher" who, inadvertently and unintentionally, is also a "diviner" of sorts. We invite you into the hearts and homes of Zion, doubters and believers both -- people just like you and me. Adults \$15, Seniors and Students \$10. Call (780) 408-7945 for tickets.

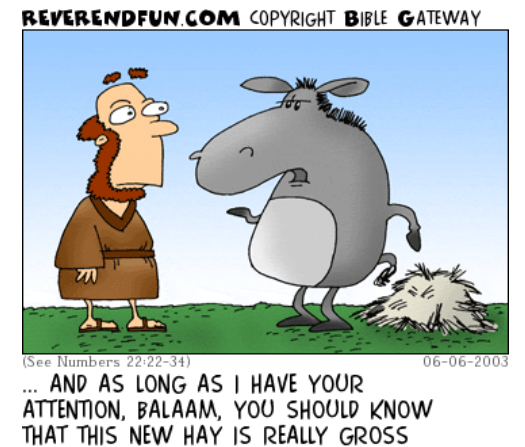
**CHOOSE THE ONE, TRUE GOD** - Every day we encounter challenges from culture and other religions that force us to define and explain God. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Kings 18 to see how God answers these challenges and challenges us to stop compromising and choose the one, true God. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**FAMILY FIRE** - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at [familyfire.com](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

**AN EVENING IN BETHLEHEM** - Come with us to the night when Jesus was born. Immerse yourself in the people, place, and activities of that time in history when God became man. Live animals and actors playing their parts will remind you of what it was like in Bethlehem on that amazing night. Calvary Baptist Church in Wetaskiwin presents "An Evening In Bethlehem" December 1 - 3, 2017. Doors open from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Bring a non-perishable donation for the Wetaskiwin FoodBank. Located at 4910 Northmount Drive, Wetaskiwin (1/4 mile west of the hospital) 780-352-3818 [www.wetaskiwincalvarybaptist.com](http://www.wetaskiwincalvarybaptist.com)

**CAMPUS MINISTRY POSITION OPENING** - The Classis Alberta North of the Christian Reformed Church is hiring a full-time campus minister to serve at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. Someone who is passionate about helping others grow in their faith, committed to and knowledgeable about the Reformed tradition, has experience working with young adults in a ministry setting, is able to work collaboratively with people of other faith traditions, and shows initiative and leadership. An MDiv or similar degree is preferred. For a detailed job description, please email: [campusministrycommittee@gmail.com](mailto:campusministrycommittee@gmail.com). Applications will be accepted until Nov. 17, 2017, but the position will remain open until a successful candidate has been hired. To apply, submit a letter of application, resume, and the names and contact information of three references to: [campusministrycommittee@gmail.com](mailto:campusministrycommittee@gmail.com).

**A VERY GOOD DAY** - In this brand new episode Grandpa and Liz follow treasure hunt clues left behind by a childhood friend of Grandpa. What's the next clue? What's the treasure hidden somewhere in Terrene? Check out KC's Gifts of Kindness Advent Calendar and Devotional and invite your whole family to join you in giving daily gifts of kindness. [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net)



## Thank You to Our Volunteers

**Ushers:** Dennis V, Tim C, Bev C

**Greeters:** Fred & Linda K

**Coffee Duties:** Alex P, Derek & Jackie D, Clarence & Tiny M

**Next Week:** Colin & Kara B, Chelsea D, Wim & Jenny R

**Worship Team:** Grace & Team

**Projection & Audio:** Jamie & Matt

**Serving Elder:** Grace Boender

**Nursery: Supervisor** - Kelly H

**Infants:** Sadie H, Carrie B, Petro K

**Toddlers:** Jay A, Julie S, Wikus K

**Next Week:** John T, Howard O, Ted K

**Next Week:** Henk & Mennie S

**Next Week:** Youth Team

**Next Week:** Ted & Dan

**Next Week:** Norm Haayema

**Next Week: Supervisor** - Janette G

**Infants:** Janette G, Francine K, Naomi G

**Toddlers:** Derrick M, Joyce D, Lane T

