

Ministry Information & Contacts

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I will give thanks to you,

Lord,

with all my heart;

*I will tell of all
your wonderful deeds.*

-Psalm 9:1



EBENEZER

Christian Reformed Church

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

Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer. Today we get to celebrate together yet another baptism as Case H receives this sign of the New Covenant. This morning we also have the opportunity to think together about what it means to live by faith as Pastor Jason delivers his New Testament candidating sermon. May the Lord speak directly to our hearts as we meditate on His Word. Please join us after the service for coffee, tea, juice and a time of fellowship!

Welcome and Prayer

Song: Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah

God's Greeting

Song: Come As You Are

Scripture Reading: Mathew 11:28-30

Song: Just as I Am

Baptism of Case H

Song: Ten Thousand Reasons

Thank Offering: **1 - Ebenezer Ministries**

2 - Disability Concerns Ministry

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

Scripture: **Galatians 3:10-14**

Message: **By Faith Or Under Law**

Song: He Will Hold Me Fast

Parting Blessing

Song: Let All Things Now Living



Church Family

Ineke V is continuing to recover in hospital. She has been able to come home on day passes. It is hoped that she will be able to come home from the hospital soon. We continue to pray for her healing.

From the D Family: As Dick's wife, sons, daughters and grandchildren, we continue to grieve our loss of Dick. At the same time, we know that he is in heaven and that God will help us get through this, one day at a time. We would like to thank the Ebenezer Church Family for your love and continuing support for our family. You have blessed us with so many meals, flowers, prayers, cards, texts, phone calls, kind words and hugs. And what a beautiful coffin made with loving hands. The help we received in the days leading up to and on the day of Dick's funeral from the office, detailed planning and organizing, setting out chairs, parking attendants, ushers, nursery, Dick's worship team, the kitchen team and the overwhelming amount of baking was unbelievable! We have felt loved and cared for. Ebenezer, you have embodied what God's Church is meant to be. You have truly blessed us. May God bless you all. Love Carolyn, Derek & Jackie and family, Marco & Jason and family, Nathan & Sonja and family, and Maia & Brian and family.

Please remember **Bev C**, **Leona H**, and **Andy & Shirley L**, in prayer and others 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.

ITS BUDGET TIME! - Check out the table by the mailboxes for the 2018 budget forms! All ministries are required to fill out their request for funds for the year. Please make sure to return them to Herman B's mailbox NO LATER than Sunday, October 22



FRIENDSHIP MINISTRY - We begin tomorrow evening, October 16, 2017. We are looking forward to our 10th year and have made plans to make it a special year. This year we are studying stories from the Old Testament and are excited to reinforce the foundation of God's love for all his people. All volunteers please arrive by 6:45 and meet in the library. Another year of blessings begin!

BABY, BABY, BABY! - Our Coffee Break Nursery is in need of additional volunteers during Coffee Break on Wednesday mornings. If you are willing to help out regularly or occasionally, please talk to Leanne K or Alesha S



THANK YOU! - Case H and his parents would like to thank our church family for the warm welcome at the church shower. The gifts are so appreciated! We feel so blessed to be part of this community!

WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY - World Renew invites you to join us in changing the story for communities around the world. Through daily devotions and activities over the next three weeks, you can gather with your family to learn how God is moving families beyond poverty, hunger, and oppression, and equipping them with skills to succeed. Then join us on November 5 for this year's World Hunger Sunday! Devotionals can be found in your mailboxes and on the Children's Church sign-in table. Peter fish banks can be found by the table too!



CAMP GUATEMALA FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS - Volunteers going to



Camp Guatemala (November 27 - December 1, 2017) would like some help with making the wash mitts handed out to camp participants when they register for camp. The wash mitts are used to store a bar of soap for use during camp and for teaching the children accompanying the campers good hygiene and hand washing. If you enjoy knitting and would like to make some please check out the pattern and samples in the foyer. If you have questions please contact Alyse K.

REHOBOTH MEMBERSHIP MONTH - As designated by the Board of Directors, October is "MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN MONTH" for Rehoboth Christian Ministries. As you read about membership in the Rehoboth "Flourish" Newsletter you will find the associated membership return envelope form in the middle portion of the newsletter. The Membership fee of \$10.00 (per person) and supporting donations, insures the continuance of worthy benefits to allow our individuals to Flourish.

Your liaison with Rehoboth is Margaret T and she will distribute a newsletter to your mail slot. If you are missed by Margaret please call her. Please return your tax deductible membership/donation contributions to Margaret's mailbox (#99) or to: Rehoboth Christian Ministries, 3920 - 49 Ave., Stony Plain, AB, T7Z 2J7. Remember to include your full name, address, postal code, and the name of the church you attend, for our records.

Thank you for your faithful support of Rehoboth Christian Ministries.



DISHES - Please check out the table in the entrance and bring home your dishes! Thank you for your generosity!

THE LORD'S SUPPER - We hope to celebrate the Lord's Supper together during the service next week, October 22. (DV)

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 - DISABILITY CONCERNS - Everybody Belongs. Everybody Serves. Disability Concerns helps churches become healthier communities that intentionally seek to end the isolation and disconnectedness of persons with disabilities and their families, to nurture the spiritual lives of people with disabilities so that they become professing and active members of their churches, and to encourage the gifts of people with disabilities so that they can serve God fully in their churches. For more info see crcna.org/disability

Next Week - NADC - The Northern Alberta Diaconal Conference (NADC) includes the diaconal bodies of all the 30+ Christian Reformed Church (CRC) churches of northern Alberta. They meet regularly to discuss joys and concerns in their churches and use these meetings to grow in faith and love. NADC funds projects around the world which help improve quality of life and spread the word of God.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Monday	10:00 am	Friendship Ministry Begins!
Wednesday	10:00 am 6:45 pm	Coffee Break GEMS
Sunday (Oct 22)	9:15 am 10:00 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting in Library Worship Service and Communion

October 27-28 - Craft Retreat

ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS! - We will be holding our first crafting retreat of the season starting at 4:00 pm on Friday, October 27th and running until 4:00 pm on Saturday, October 28th. Please join us for a fun-filled time working on your favorite craft projects. We will have a soup and buns supper on Friday night and a potluck lunch on Saturday (please bring along an item for the potluck lunch). Please remember to bring along your extension cords and all your crafting supplies. Large cutting mats and irons/ironing boards will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Jan W, Wendy T, or Freda MO



REFORMATION CELEBRATION, 500TH ANNIVERSARY - Join the CRC and RCA church community in the Edmonton area for a special worship celebration. We are gathering at West End CRC (10015 149 Street) at 3PM on Sunday, October 29, 2017. Join together in worship as we give thanks to the Lord for helping His Church recover the biblical doctrines we have come to know and live by as Protestants--salvation by grace alone, through faith alone in Christ alone.

Nursery will be available for young children, up to 3 years old. Joyful Noise Children's Choir will be singing and gifted musicians leading the congregational singing. Father Philip Speranza, an Orthodox priest, and a "new to the reformed faith" pastor, Dr. Jason Dahlman of Ebenezer CRC in Leduc, will share the preaching to give us a view of the Reformation from two very different perspectives, looking back and looking forward. The offering will be for the Edmonton Native Healing Centre.



Volunteers are needed for Coffee Prep and Clean-Up and Safe Church Volunteers are needed for Nursery. Please call or email the church office if you would be interested in helping with this

For more information, call 780-475-2662 or go online at <http://www.classisalbertanorth.ca> and look for the Reformation Celebration announcement.

COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2017

August	This Month	So Far, This Year
Ebenezer Ministries	\$24,754.95	\$217,056.16
Covenant -Tuition Relief	1,153.40	1,153.40
Faith Formation	664.40	664.40
Pastor Church Relations	495.70	495.70
Rehoboth	1,052.75	1,052.75
September		
Ebenezer Ministries	\$27,494.36	\$244,550.52
Calvin Seminary	707.50	1,268.30
Missionaries	854.90	1,929.75
Safe Church in NA	685.80	685.80
World Missions	781.70	1,422.65

DID YOU KNOW???

There are many ways you can give your donations - e-transfer, monthly or bimonthly interact deposits, coupons, cash or cheque! For more information please talk to Jen @ the church office.

Thank-you for your faithful giving!

Community and Denominational Announcements

YOUTH FOR CHRIST WETASKIWIN - Dessert night with Panic Squad at Wetaskiwin Youth Centre (Wetaskiwin Mall). November 4 @7pm, tickets \$20 available at the YFC office and The Justice Cafe. Check out the poster on the bulletin board or contact their office 780-361-0270 for more information!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - From September 27 through November 5, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. If you'd like more information please contact :Edmonton Prolife <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/edmonton/>



DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT - This year for the first time, the DOE will feature an Art Exhibit by local artists. We have come along side the Mustard Seed art program in order to display art pieces made by the people in their community. The Auditorium space at the King's University where the DOE takes place will be adorned with the beautiful art work for our enjoyment and to purchase if so moved. Any questions, contact NADC by email at yournadc@gmail.com and register now at www.regonline.ca/DOE2017Edmonton

ATTENTION RUNNERS - Are you doing a race this fall? Dedicate your run to help Hurricane survivors! For more details visit www.myworldrenew.net/grmarathon

THROUGH CHRIST ALONE - Our salvation comes in and through Jesus Christ, the only mediator we have to reconcile us with God. Join Groundwork as we explore 1Timothy 2:1-7 and 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 to explore the source of this Reformation teaching and recognize how our own thoughts and behaviors threaten to undermine it even today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

GEISTERFER UPDATE - Beloved Ministry Partners, today is Canadian Thanksgiving Day. As a Canadian, I am thankful, especially this year, that I have a new name. Now you can call me Opa and Leanne Oma (or Grandpa and Grandma, although we much prefer Opa and Oma). God has blessed our son Reuben and his wife, Malysa, with a son on Sept 27. Odin Jean Michel Geisterfer.

In our newsletter I had written that I suffered a fall last July. I was at a meeting with pastors, when the chair I was seated upon, gave way, and I fell backwards. I experienced a lot of pain, and relief was not applied as I needed to get back home, and to my doctor. A CT Scan revealed that the vertebra and spinal cord were compressed. My doctor prescribed eight weeks of no travel within Honduras, with the exception of Tegucigalpa. I could still go to the office, grocery store, etc. This travel restriction was later extended until November.

Since July, I have worked solely from my office. The pain has reduced significantly, but not completely. According to the doctors I have consulted with, this will most likely be a permanent way of life for me. Currently, I am looking for an engineer of sorts to design and build me an Air Glide seat. These are made for heavy equipment and some trucks, but not available for my truck. There is reason to believe that such a seat will make it possible to drive on rough roads without causing further damage to my spinal column.

My prayer request is that I will be sufficiently healed, or find an Air Glide seat, so that I may resume my work in places like Mangulile. Second, I ask for your prayers for the churches on the south Coast of Honduras. My fall happened in one of their churches, and they have assumed responsibility. This is not the case. It is a reality that the churches I work with do not have sufficient funds to continually replace old furniture. Pray that these churches overcome their feelings of shame.

Thank you very much. We have a God who listens. Caspar Geisterfer, Ministry Consultant RGM - Honduras 011-504-9711-1124 resonateglobalmission.org

Thank You to Our Volunteers

Ushers: Dennis V, Tim C, Bev C

Next Week: John T, Howard O, Ted K

Greeters: Gerard & Wendy B

Next Week: Luke & Alyse K

Coffee Duties: Mike & Jenna D, Harry & Karen D, Norm & Grace H

Next Week: John & Joyce D, Graeme & Susan B, Matt & Kendra F

Worship Team: Grace & Team

Next Week: Alice & Team

Projection & Audio: Jamie & Matt

Next Week: Wes & Pete

Serving Elder: Frank V

Next Week: Pete V

Nursery: Supervisor - Tammy M

Next Week: Supervisor - Glen H

Infants: Monica V, Grace B, Sophie C

Infants: Brett L, Gea T, Anke K

Toddlers: Johan M, Janna P, Grace C

Toddlers: Glen H, Jenny F, Shane K

