Sunday, JANUARY 8, RESTORING ALL PEOPLE TO GOD'S LIVING TRUTH AND EQUIPPING THEM TO PASSIONATELY LIVE IT OUT! Ministry Contacts: Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9am-3pm Phone: 780-986-4119 Email: ebenezer@xplornet.com Website: www.ebenezercrc.com **Bulletin Deadline:** 12pm Thursdays Council Clerk Email: clerk@ebenezercrc.com Pastor: Jason Dahlman EBENEZER CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Welcome to Ebenezer!

This morning we are returning to the second half of our sermon series in Ephesians which we began last Fall. In the second half of Ephesians Paul provides instructions for how we should live out the good news of the gospel together as a local church. I look forward to growing with you as we pursue God's will for our church.

Welcome and Prayer

Songs: Ah Lord God

Hosanna (I See the King of Glory)

God's Greeting

Song: What Can I Do

Time of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Song: I Am Persuaded

Children's Message

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering: 1 - Ebenezer Ministries

2 - Native Healing Center

Scripture: **Ephesians 4:1-6**

Message: Pursue Unity

Prayer of Application

Song: In Christ Alone

Parting Blessing

Song: Oh How Good It is



Church Family

Bev C's father, **Aren B**, has been diagnosed with cancer. He lives in BC. Please pray for him and their family.

Jody K's mom, **Jennie K**, fell and broke her hip last Tuesday. She is doing well and does not require surgery so far. Their family appreciates your prayers for her continued healing.

Please remember in prayer those who are struggling with illness, those who are recovering from surgery, those who are grieving, and *Mrs. Jane P* in Extendicare, Leduc. We pray God's peace, comfort, and healing for you all.

THE LORD'S SUPPER - Lord willing, next Sunday, January 15, we hope to celebrate the Lord's supper together.

GENESIS BIBLE STUDY - Will resume on Sunday, January 8 at 7pm here at the church. We will be doing the last half of lesson 7. Anyone is welcome to join us. Please contact Fia B or Beth N

CADET CALENDAR - Cadet Congregational Birthday and Anniversary Calendars were in your mailbox last week! The suggested donation for the calendar is \$15. All donations can be placed in the attached envelopes and placed in the collection bag. If you use a different envelope, please write your name and "Cadet Calendar" on the envelope, thank you. All donations will be used to help reduce the cost of travel and registration fees of the International Camporee in South Dakota this July for the attending Cadets and Counselors.

We have one correction for the sponsors, Evelyn V has moved so the correct contact information for VanG Manufacturing Ltd is: Thank you!



4TH ANNUAL CHILLI COOK-OFF! - Last year's winner of the Golden Spoon and title "Grand Chili Master" was Teena Horneman—so the challenge is on to see if your chili can woo the taste buds of our esteemed and eclectic judging panel this year! Set aside Sunday, January 22nd and bring your finest chili and stick around for a meal after the service! IF you are entering your chili in the contest, please fill in the registration form (on table in foyer) and submit it to box 118 before the service on January 22nd. Families with last names A-M, please bring chili and dessert to share. Families with last names N-T, please bring chili and buns to share. Families with last names U-Z, please bring chili and a salad to share.

PROFESSION OF FAITH CLASSES - Profession of Faith Classes--Pastor Jason will be leading "Profession of Faith" groups in the new year. The younger group is for grades 6-8 and the older group includes grades 9-12. We will also have a group for people who are beyond high school age. Our first meeting will include all the groups and will be on Sunday, January 22nd during the potluck lunch. The meeting will include lunch and parents are encouraged to attend. After this initial meeting the groups will meet separately. If you or your child is interested or if you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jason.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS - On February 5th we will begin our New Members Class. The class will run for 8 weeks and will meet on Sunday mornings before our church service from 8:45-9:45. Childcare will be provided. This class is for anyone who is new to Ebenezer and is considering membership here. It is also for anyone who has been here at Ebenezer for any length of time but has not yet taken the step of membership. The class will explain what we believe, how we do ministry here and how you can get involved. It will provide an opportunity for you to meet new people and to get acquainted with Pastor Jason and the rest of the leadership team. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - We would like to have childcare during our new members class on Sunday mornings, Feb 5 - March 26. We are looking for adults and helpers to take care of a few children in the nursery before the service 8:45 - 9:45. Please contact the church office to let us know what days you can help! Thank you!

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.

 2^{nd} Offering - YOUTH UNLIMITED - a non-denominational, non-profit ministry organization with the focus of assisting the Church and its many local congregations with their ministry to our youth. We are blessed by encouraging, supporting, equipping and partnering with congregations across North America to reach this generation for Jesus Christ! Youth Unlimited is a co-ed ministry for high school youth. For more info see www.youthunlimited.org

Next Week - NATIVE HEALING CENTER - Our goal is to journey alongside the urban Aboriginal population and help reconnect people to culture and ceremony. We firmly believe that our world belongs to God the Creator and through this window of opportunity we can show and teach that the ceremonies of old can be redeemed in Christ. By presenting Christ as the centre of our culture and ceremonies new life is breathed into our old ways. For more info see e-nhc.org

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Tonight 7:00 pm Genesis Bible Study

Monday 7:00 pm Friendship

Tuesday 7:30 pm Council Meeting

Wednesday 10:00 am Coffee Break and Story Hour

6:45 pm GEMS

Sunday (Jan 15) 9:15 am Weekly Prayer Meeting

10:00 am Worship Service with Communion

Sunday, January 22 - 4th Annual Chili Cook-off and Potluck Monday, February 20 - Annual Family Day Tobogganing Party Saturday, March 4 - KubKar Races Sunday, April 23 - Taste of Italy Potluck

UPDATED DIRECTORY - A new contact sheet will be coming out at the end of January. Please call or email the office with any additions, changes or corrections you would like to have included. Newcomers would like us to include physical addresses and emails, please contact us to give permission to publish that as well. Thank you!

REFUGEE UPDATE - Samaan and Rima A, the couple we are sponsoring from Syria, very much enjoyed worshiping with us, and would like to do this more often, as well as getting to know some people in our community. We are looking for people who would like to host them for Sunday lunch. The A's know some English, so the language is not much of a barrier. The D's are willing to pick them up before church, and hope you could run them home. They live just off 41st Ave. on Edmonton's extreme south side. If you would enjoy to host them, please let Grace D know.

TEACH ENGLISH IN ASIA - Teach English and share Bible stories with children in Asia! From August 11-30, you can lead games, crafts, and other activities that help children learn English and grow in their relationship with Christ. Visit crwm.org/EnglishCamp for more information or to apply.

TRAVEL TO THE HOLY LAND THIS SUMMER - You are invited to a 10 day tour of the Holy Land from August 8-18. Come see where Jesus walked and explore ways that His people are still working here today. Visit crwm.org/HolyLand if you are interested.

AVAILABLE FREE IN THE DIGITAL LIBRARY - "Signs & Wonders" is available free to all in the CRC through the Digital Library (crcna.org/Library). This book reexamines biblical teaching on the work of the Holy Spirit, particularly with respect to such gifts as speaking in tongues, miraculous healing, and spiritual warfare.

HELP ANOTHER NATION DEVELOP SCHOOLS — A HANDS-on opportunity to serve and learn with EduDeo Ministries. Would you like to travel to another part of the world, experience a different culture, and meet others serving Christ? Bernie Kolkman, from Lacombe Alberta, is hoping to lead a team to the Dominican Republic March 3 – 12, 2017. There is still room for you to experience this exciting opportunity. By assisting with a school construction project, you'll be able to learn from and serve with indigenous workers, teachers and students in the Dominican Republic. To discuss this opportunity and find out more details contact Bernie Kolkman at 403.357.6853 or e-mail him at kolkman@telus.net. Learn more about EduDeo Ministries at www.edudeo.com

THE STUDION SCHOOL FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTION PRESENTS: CURL UP WITH THE CLASSICS - Do Friday differently. Curl up with a Christian spiritual classic. Hear a bit about the historical setting in which the spiritual classic was written, hear about the author (maybe watch a video), read, listen and prayerfully reflect on what these Classics have to say to us today. Facilitator: Pastor Ron Klok. 7 pm Fri to 12 noon Sat. Live-in: \$100. Commute: \$45. Jan 27 & 28: Augustine, Confessions. Mar 24 & 25: Thomas a Kempis, The Imitation of Christ. Star of the North Retreat Centre, 3A St. Vital Ave. St. Albert. Register at: 780-459-5511 OR: reception@starofthenorth.ca

THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST - Who is Jesus? It's a simple question, yet Christians and non-Christians alike ask it seeking clarification and understanding. Join the conversation on Colossians 1:9-17 to find out more about the existence, nature, and person of Jesus Christ. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

Thank You to Our Volunteers

Ushers: Dennis P, Ruby P, John T

Next Week: Dennis V, Andy Z, Marilyn Z

Greeters: John & Wendy T

Next Week: Hank & Henny Groenewold

Coffee Duties: Dan & Emily M, Brad & Lauren T, Aaron & Heather L

Next Week: Jordan & Alesha S, Darrin & Scarlett H, Dale & Karen H

Worship Team: Marianne & Team Next Week: Grace & Team Projection & Audio: Nicole & Mike Next Week: Jamie & Matt

Serving Elder: Dick D Next Week: Norm H

Nursery: Supervisor – Linda K

Infants: Linda K, Ed V, Susan V Toddlers: Angellica G, Julie S, Sam K

Next Week: Supervisor - Linda K

Infants: Rikki L, Yoka T, Mercedes L Toddlers: Michelle K, Joe D, Owen V



Kid's Sermon Notes

What was your favourite song?



Who is preaching?

What is the main Bible passage? Book:

Chapter:

Verse:

Draw a picture of something you heard today, either from a song or from the sermon.

What Can we learn from this passage?

What would you like to pray about?



List some words you heard but don't understand:

