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EBENEZER

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good Morning! It was once said of Richard Sibbes that "heaven was in him before he was in heaven." I believe that can be true of all of us. Although the fullness of the joys of heaven will only be ours when we depart from this world and go to be with the Lord forever, we don't need to wait until we die to begin experiencing the blessing of heaven right here on earth. One of the ways that we begin to experience that is by using our words to build one another up. That's our theme this morning. May the Lord train our tongues that they may be messengers of His grace to one another. Please stay after the service for coffee, tea, juice, and fellowship!

Welcome and Prayer

Song: *Ten Thousand Reasons*

God's Greeting

Song: *God is Here*

Time of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Song: *Come As You Are*

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Song: *Behold Our God*

Thank Offering: 1 - Ebenezer Ministries

2 - World Renew Disaster Response Services

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

Scripture: **Ephesians 4:25-32**

Message: **The Power of Words**

Song: *May the Words of My Mouth*

Parting Blessing

Song: *Oh How Good It Is*



Church Family

Congratulations to **Jordan and Caroline V** on the birth of their son, **Jesse Lee V!** A little brother for Bodie, Brock and Maverick. We rejoice with you and your family in this special blessing!

Baby Gabrielle continues to do well every day, thanks to God. Vennichar and her family have been enjoying meals community members have brought them and are very thankful for rides provided. She has enough rides for this coming week, but please contact Beth Nederlof (780-986-4997 or nederlof@telus.net) for ideas on how to help. Vennichar's husband grew up with an uninvolved church as is overwhelmed that a church family (let alone a church they don't belong to!) would so willingly help them out. Thank you, once again, Ebenezer, for answering God's call to minister in our community.

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.

FILL OUR FREEZER - As a church family we often give meals to individuals and families who are going through a tough time or who need a little encouragement. We will have a meal making day February 2, starting at 10:30am, and hope to fill the freezer together. Please contact the church office if you can help, or if you can donate ingredients for the meals such as ground beef, chicken breasts, cheddar cheese, butter, or check the list on the bulletin board. Please have items at church by Wednesday afternoon. For more info call Jenny at the church office.



COFFEE WITH PASTOR JASON - Pastor Jason will be hosting coffee mornings on the first Thursday of each month beginning February 2. Everyone is welcome to join between 9:30am - 11:00 am in the church Library. See you then!

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!

NEW MEMBERS CLASS - Next Sunday, 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.

EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN - We would like to get a list of volunteers willing to receive prayer requests through email. There would be no need to pass the request on, just take some time to pray for those in need. Contact the church office or talk to Teena V if you would like to be added to this email list or for more information.

NEW VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES - Were in your mailboxes last week. Please make note of the dates you are scheduled and be sure to find a replacement if you are unable to be here. On the back of the schedules is a password to access the schedules online. Please contact the church office if you would like to be added to our Nursery, Greeters, or Coffee Volunteer lists. Thank you for serving our congregation and visitors!

CATERING HELP NEEDED - Classis has asked Ebenezer to cater lunch for a workshop they are holding here Saturday, February 11. We will need a few volunteers that morning and early afternoon. Please contact the church office if you can help.



YOUNG LADIES WINE & CHEESE NIGHT- an ongoing casual gathering of Christian women (ages 20-30) where we share and support each other in our growing faith. Our next evenings will be held Sunday, February 12th and Sunday, March 5th at Kristy I's house. For more information contact Chelsea D or Kristy I.

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 - WORLD RENEW'S DISASTER RESPONSE SERVICES - volunteers give of their time and talents to help clear debris, assess needs, and rebuild homes after disasters strike. Their mission statement is three-fold: to show God's love and bring hope to disaster-impacted communities in North America by restoring the homes and lives of those who are most vulnerable; to help communities build their capacity to prepare for and recover from disaster, and; to provide opportunities for Christians to honor the Lord by using their time, talents and financial resources in service to others. For more information, go to worldrenew.net/disaster-response-services

Next Week - OPEN DOORS - For almost 60 years Open Doors has worked in the world's most oppressive and restrictive countries, strengthening Christians to stand strong in the face of persecution and equipping them to shine Christ's light in these places. Open Doors empowers persecuted Christians by supplying Bibles and Christian literature, training Christian leaders, facilitating social/economic projects and uniting believers in the West in prayer for Christians, who are the most persecuted religious group in the world and are oppressed in at least 60 countries. For more information, go to www.opendoorsca.org

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Tonight	7:00 pm	Genesis Bible Study Lesson 10
Monday	7:00 pm	Friendship
Wednesday	10:00 am	Coffee Break and Story Hour
	7:00 pm	Cadets
Thursday	9:30 - 11 am	Coffee with Pastor Jason
		Freezer Meal Making Day
	7:00 pm	NADC Meeting
Saturday	9am - 3pm	Classis Prayer Retreat
	10am - 3pm	Council Retreat
Sunday (Feb 5)	9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	10:00 am	Worship Service

February 14 - Senior's Games Day

Monday, February 20 - Annual Family Day Tobogganing Party

Saturday, March 4 - KubKar Races

Sunday, April 23 - Freindship Sunday & Taste of Italy Potluck

Sunday, April 30 - GEMS Sunday

SENIORS GAMES DAY - Our next Senior's Games Day will be on February 14. Coffee will be on at 10 and everyone is welcome to join us, bring your favourite game! A light lunch will be served at noon. Contact the church office if you would like to help.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE - Would you like to host the WIDOWED LUNCH BUNCH for a light lunch on the third Sunday of any month this coming year? If so, please contact me, Beth N, and I will put your name on my list. This ministry to the 6 widowed ladies in the church has been deeply appreciated over the last year. Thank you so very much for welcoming us into your homes!

ENSEMBLE GROUP - We plan to practice every Tuesday evening from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the church beginning February 7th. Our goal is to enjoy making music together while becoming better skilled at playing our particular instruments. As well, we hope to learn some pieces for Lent & Easter worship services. If you would like to join us, or would like more information, please contact Grace D.



YC - Kelly L will be ordering tickets to YC soon. Youth who are interested in going this spring should contact her. She will have more information within a few weeks.

Community and Denominational Announcements

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT TO HELP SYRIAN REFUGEES - The Syrian conflict has entered its sixth year and, according to World Vision, at least 250,000 people have been killed, among them up to 19,000 children, and approximately 11 million people have been forced from their homes. We, the grade five class at Covenant Christian School, are not okay with this and have decided to raise funds in order to help refugees. We want to live God's story by being Justice-Seekers, Community-Builders, Servant-Workers, and Image-Reflectors. As a result, we have chosen to hold a volleyball tournament again this year! It will



be held at Covenant Christian School on Saturday, February 4, 2017 starting at 9:00. The cost of entering a team of 6-8 people is \$80 (you are allowed to contribute more than \$80, if you'd like). For safety reasons, we ask that all team members be 10 years old, or older. There are registration forms available from the office, or you can ask a grade 5 student to get one for you. There will be a concession available in order for you to keep your energy levels up. We encourage you to make use of it as all of the profits from the concession will be going to help refugees as well. So gather a few friends, make a team and join us as we seek justice and build community.

HEARTS AND HEROS FUNDRAISER IN SUPPORT OF LINX - Leduc LINX Connect Centre is celebrating with their annual Hearts and Heroes fundraiser in about 3 weeks on February 11, 2017. Join us for an evening of entertainment, dinner and a silent auction, with proceeds going to help LINX, a local not for profit agency serving the disabled in our local communities. Tickets are \$50.00 and are available from the LINX Connect Centre office or Ed B. New silent auction items are also very welcome!

BALLROOM DANCE - Put a spring in your step as you waltz, jive, salsa and two step your way across the floor. Come out and enjoy beginner ballroom dance class at Trinity CRC on Saturday February 25, March 4, 11 & 18 from 7-8:30 pm for a cost of \$50.00/ couple. Please contact Carolyn Van Boom at 587-784-4235 or email at fcvanboom@gmail.com to register. Babysitting is available upon request. Hope to see you there.

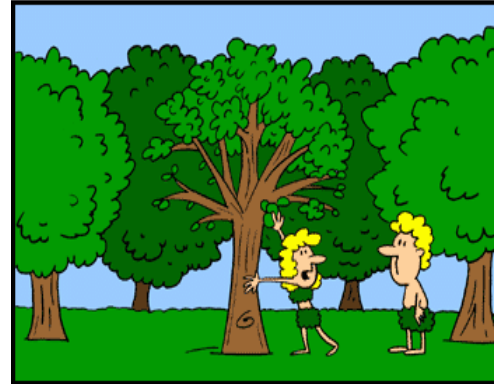
MISSIONS FEST 2017 - February 24-26 at West Edmonton Christian Assembly. Youth and young adults will be impacted by activities all weekend and have the opportunity to visit over 100 local, national, & international mission organizations, Bible colleges & camps, as well as feature areas in the Exhibit Hall. See the poster on the bulletin board for more info.

HELP ANOTHER NATION DEVELOP SCHOOLS - A hands-on opportunity to serve and learn with EduDeo Ministries. Bernie Kolkman from Lacombe Alberta is hoping to lead a team to the D.R. from March 3 - 12, 2017 to assist with a school construction project. You'll be able to learn from and serve with indigenous workers, teachers and students in the Dominican Republic. For more details contact Bernie Kolkman at 403.357.6853 or e-mail him at kolkman@telus.net.

DAYS FOR GIRLS WORK BEE - We will be having our next Days for Girls Work Bee on Saturday, February 18th so if you are interested in being part of this fun day, please mark your calendars accordingly. 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 Linda H and/or sign up on the Days for Girls Work Bee sheet which will be at the back of the church.



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WHAT DO YOU MEAN I SHOULD TRY
SHOPPING SOMEWHERE ELSE FOR A CHANGE?

CHRIST THROUGHOUT HISTORY - Why is Jesus Christ's life the most important life ever lived? Why do people believe different things about him and where is the evidence in scripture? Join the conversation on passages like Colossians 1:15-20 and more, as Han-luen Kantzer Komline joins us again to continue our study of Jesus Christ. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER - Join members of the Christian Reformed Church nearby and around the world in prayer on Wednesday, March 8, the denominational Annual Day of Prayer. Gather with your church family or pray individually, asking God's blessing upon the world, our nations, crops and industry, and the church worldwide.

Thank You to Our Volunteers

Ushers: Dennis P, Ruby P, Ted K

Next Week: Dennis V, Andy Z, Marilyn Z

Greeters: Gerard & Wendy B

Next Week: James & Cindy H

Coffee Duties: Matt & Jamie B, Charlene V, Jim & Margaret T

Next Week: Glen & Christine H, Elly M, Barry & Kelly H

Worship Team: Alice & Team

Next Week: Marianne & Team

Projection & Audio: Wes & Pete

Next Week: Nicole & Mike

Serving Elder: Harold Hofstra

Next Week: Evan Schuurman

Nursery: Supervisor - Janette G

Next Week: Supervisor - Jenny F

Infants: Derrick M, Karen H, Kaija M

Infants: Jenny F, Alesha S, Petro K

Toddlers: Emily Mu, Jay A, Levi M

Toddlers: Alex B, Carrie B, Damien B

