

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

Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the Lord has helped us." -1 Samuel 7:12

October 30, 2016

Good Morning and Happy Reformation Sunday! Today Pastor Jason will be pausing the sermon series in Ephesians in order for us to focus on and celebrate the work of God in the history of the Church. We are glad you are here and we invite you to join us after the service for coffee, juice and fellowship.

Order Of Worship

Welcome and Prayer

Songs: A Mighty Fortress is our God
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Greeting

Song: Oh How Good it Is

Time of Confession and Assurance

Song: In Christ Alone

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Children's Message

Song: Lord, I Need You

Thank Offering: 1 - Ebenezer Ministries

2 - Home Missions

(Children ages 3 - Grade 6 leave for Children's Church)

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Message: Learning Our Roots and Knowing Our Identity

Song: *By Faith* Parting Blessing

Song: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Church Family

Brendan B and Alicia K invite the congregation to their wedding ceremony, November 5, 2016 at 1:30 pm here at Ebenezer. They are looking forward to sharing this special day with their church family!

Our heartfelt condolences go out to Scott & Jody K and their family on the passing of Scott's grandmother, Johanna L. We pray that God surrounds you all with His comfort and peace.

Please remember in prayer those in our congregation who are recovering from surgery or illness. We pray for a comfortable recovery, complete healing, and renewed strength.

Please remember in prayer *Mrs. Jane P* in Extendicare, Leduc.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME - Ends this Saturday! This means we get to "sleep in" an extra hour before church next week! Please remember to set your clocks accordingly, otherwise you will be plenty early to help prepare coffee before church!

Thank You Ebenezer! - We have met our \$10,000.00 goal for refugee support! The funds were instrumental in helping with start-up costs such as damage deposit etc. The Abiad's arrived on Wednesday to an emotional reunion with in-laws, and very grateful to have a bed and shower waiting for them! Thanks to all who donated items and helped set up the apartment in Edmonton south side. It looks lovely. We will keep in touch with the committee in Edmonton regarding future tasks, and we look forward to having the Abiad's visit our congregation some day. - Ebenezer Deacons & Refugee Committee.

WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY - Our individual stories are only a small part of God's great story. Please continue to join with your families and churches across North America in "Changing the Story" this week as you read in your devotional about God's work in Bible times and around the world today. Then bring your Peter fish banks to church next week as we celebrate world Hunger Sunday

Ebenezer (Announcements

SENIOR'S GAMES MORNING - We will be having a Senior's Games Morning November 1! Please join us for a fun morning and bring along your favourite card or board game! Coffee will be on and ready at 10 am and lunch will be provided! All seniors, seniors in practice, and anyone who loves to spend time with our special seniors are all invited! Contact Jenny at the church office if you would like to help out. See you there!



LADIES WINTER CLOTHES NEEDED - There is need for gently used ladies winter clothing for two ladies known to the deacons. Sweaters and pants size large-1xl and size medium. Winter boots size 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -8 and size 9. Contact Tiny M if you have any to donate, thanks!

LOST AND FOUND - the Lost & Found table is set up by the office, please have a look through and take your items home! Anything left on the table November 7 will be donated to Second Glance.

BIBLE STUDY - the book of beginnings! You are invited to come learn with us the amazing truths in the book of Genesis. We are using Stonecroft Bible study booklets and will be meeting every Sunday night at 7 pm at the church. Anyone is welcome to come. Please talk to Fia B or Beth N for more info.

STAMPPOT SUPPER - Thank you to all who organized and helped prepare and clean up the stamppot supper! Thank you also to everyone who came enjoyed a great time and great food! About \$1200 was raised for the Abiads, who came from Syria on Wednesday!

REHOBOTH MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN - October is Rehoboth Membership Month! Why not join thousands across Alberta as a Rehoboth member to support the ministry of supporting persons with developmental disabilities? Membership fees are just \$10 each, and donations of any amount are also greatly appreciated. Look for the Member Month postcard in your mailbox or from your canvasser, Margaret T. Next Sunday will be the last day to contact Margaret about membership. If you have any questions, call Margaret or visit rehoboth.ab.ca thank you!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES - Are ready to take. Please consider filling a shoebox for an overseas child in need. Read the instructions in the pamphlet on how to label the box and for ideas on what to fill it with. Please have all boxes returned by November 13. Thank you!

DAYS FOR GIRLS WORK BEE - If you would like to be part of our next Days for Girls Work Bee, please mark your calendar for Saturday, November 26th. 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, assembling kits 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. We will also have a signup sheet at the back of the church.



COFFEEBREAK - All ladies are invited to join us for fellowship and Bible study every Wednesday morning from 10-11am. Childcare is provided for babies 2 and under and we have a Storyhour program for children 3-5!

Coffee Break

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 - HOME MISSIONS - The Spirit of God is moving through North America, delivering the power of the gospel to small towns and major cities. Christian Reformed Home Missions is following God's lead as the gospel moves across the United States and Canada. Together with our partners, we are planting churches and campus ministries and cultivating missional ministry leaders to serve as agents of renewal in God's redeeming work. God is using these leaders to reNEW COMMUNITIES TOGETHER by catalyzing gospel movements! For more info see crhm.org

Next Week - WORLD RENEW (World Hunger) - In many parts of the world, people's stories begin in a place of hardship, illiteracy, and inadequate health care. Hunger and poverty are a regular part of life. Through God's grace, people's hard work, and support like yours, many of these men, women, and children are taking steps to improve their lives. World Renew seeks to help people in need, working through churches and Christian partners in communities around the world to tackle poverty, disaster, and injustice. For more information go to http://worldrenew.net/worldhunger

LIVING THE 8TH FIRE - Circle 2: exploring the issues of stereotypes and prejudices and how building relationships encourages true understanding. Come join us tomorrow night, Oct 31st, 7 pm at the Edmonton Native Healing Centre (11813 -123 St). For further info please contact Jesse Edgington at yournadc@gmail.com or Lucinda Klapwyk at Iklapwyk@yahoo.ca

GRACE, FAITH AND BECOMING HOLY - Salvation by grace through faith is one of the most crucial beliefs at the heart of Christianity. Join Groundwork in studying Genesis 15, Romans 4 and Galatians 2 to discover the biblical foundations for this belief and why it's not a 'get out of jail free card', but a call to holiness. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Community Announcements

REFORMATION WORSHIP SERVICE - Join Maranatha, First and Trinity CRCs at Trinity (13427 57St) for a worship service tonight at 6:30pm celebrating the 499th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing the 95th thesis on the church door in Wittenburg, considered the start of the Reformation of the Church. All are welcome, Nursery available.

ORGAN CONCERT - Duo Majoya, Marnie Giesbrecht and Joachim Segger, in concert on Friday, Nov. 4 at 7:30 pm at West End CRC. Admission is \$25/\$20 at the door. For more information, see www.rccoedmonton.ca

BENEFIT CONCERT & SILENT AUCTION - Featuring Winnipeg's Jaylene Johnson and two live painters: Saturday November 5th at Trinity Christian Reformed Church (13427 - 57 st). Silent Auction 6pm, Concert 7pm. Enjoy an intimate, acoustic concert featuring stories and songs from Jaylene's new album "Potter & Clay". Concert to support Embrace Charity's three chosen children charities: Hope Mission's Brightwood Ranch, Watoto and cbm Canada. Tickets start at \$10 and are available at www.embracecharity.eventbrite.ca For more information or to donate to the silent auction, please contact info@embracecharity.ca or 780.200.9935. To listen to Jaylene's Music, search "Jaylene Johnson Edmonton" on Youtube to listen to all 31 of her songs. Accolades for "Potter & Clay" Album: "By the time the first chorus of the opening song played I said to myself 'Oh my - this is seriously good!'. 'Let The Silence Speak' moved me to tears." ~ Brian Doerksen. "The songs are beautifully crafted and performed— the sort that draw you into that liminal space where newness and insight are sometimes found" ~ Steve Bell

CHRISTMAS GIFT SALE - You are invited to attend the annual King's University Gift Sale on November 19, 2016, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m at The King's University: 9125 - 50 Street. Admission: \$2.00. Children and students free! Information: vickyv@telus.net

EMMANUEL HOME BAZAAR! - Emmanuel Home is hosting its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 26 from 9:30am-2:00pm. Bring your family and join us for some fun, fellowship, and your favourite Dutch food! In order to accommodate everyone, the bazaar activities will be held across the parking lot in Trinity CRC. A variety of businesses and services that are connected to the Emmanuel Home community will have tables set up, selling baked goods, crafts, knitting, books, and other great items! There will also be a silent auction, with all proceeds going to fund the Recreation program. If you would like more information, or would like to donate to the silent auction, please contact us at 780-478-2051. We are looking forward to a great day!

GOD IS UP TO SOMETHING IN NORTH AMERICA - God is up to something in North America - and we are called to join him. Home Missions is committed to answering God's call – together with you, we're working to start and strengthen churches and campus ministries that bring transformation and new life. On October 30, Reformation Sunday, Christian Reformed churches across North America will take offerings and spend time in prayer for Home Missions – please prayerfully consider giving through this church offering. Learn more at crhm.org/reformation.

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What was your favourite song?		Who is preaching?
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What is the main Bible passage?		Draw a picture of something you heard today either from a song or from the sermon.
Book:		or from the sermon.
Chapter: Verse:		
What can we learn from this passage?		
What you would like to pray about:		Words you heard but don't understand:

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Tonight 7:00 pm Genesis Bible Study

Monday 7:00 pm Friendship

Tuesday 10:00 am Senior's Games Morning

7:30 pm Council Meeting

Wednesday 10:00 am CoffeeBreak & Storyhour

7:00 pm Cadets

Thursday 9:30-11:30am Coffee with Pastor Jason

1:00, 2:00 pm Safe Church Training

Friday 5:00 pm Private Function

Saturday 1:00 pm Brendan and Alicia's Wedding

Sunday (Nov 6) 9:15 am Weekly Prayer Meeting

10:00 am Worship Service



SOLOMON'S WISDOM PUT TO THE TEST

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING - Imagine driving over a long bridge with deep drop offs on either side and no guard rails or traffic lines. How will you drive? Probably very nervously and as straight as possible down the middle! Now imagine that same bridge with proper guardrails and traffic lines. How do you drive now? Probably quite normally, feeling secure within marked parameters, you will have an easier time sharing the road with others and concentrating on getting to your destination.

Safe Church Training and requirements work the same way as those guardrails and traffic lines, they help us define our practices so we can be more productive and able to concentrate on our ministry goals. Our ministry leaders have had a lot of input into how we can apply Safe Church guidelines and so volunteers find the training very practical. All volunteers are welcome to share ideas and suggestions on how we can improve, it is Ebenezer's Safe Church Policy, and we get to form our policy and practices according to our ministry needs!

Everyone who has been volunteering for Children's Church, GEMS, Cadets, Youth, Friendship, Nursery, Story Hour, Ushers, Deacons, and Council Members, and either hasn't taken or hasn't updated their Safe Church Training MUST come to one of these sessions:

<u>Thursday, November 3</u> - 1 pm Orientation, 2 pm Refresher; <u>Wednesday, November 9</u> - 7 pm Orientation, 8 pm Refresher; <u>Saturday, November 19</u> - 10 am Orientation, 11 am Refresher

An orientation session is only 2 hours long and is for those who have not attended Safe Church Training within the last 2 years. Refresher sessions (1 hour), for those who have already attended an orientation within the last two years, and are required yearly for volunteers in any of the listed ministries. *I really try to make Safe Church sessions as convenient as possible for all our volunteers, this is why we have several dates to choose from in the spring and fall. I have already held 6 sessions this fall, so these will be the last sessions until next spring. Please come to one of these remaining sessions, thank you. Please call or email Monica at the church office to let her know which session you will be able to attend. Thank you!*

We really appreciate the work that you do in these ministries, our church wouldn't be the same without you!

Thank You to Our Volunteers

<u>Ushers</u>: Dennis V, Andy Z, Marilyn Z

Next Week: Ted K, Andrew V, Howard O

Greeters: Hank & Henny Groenewold **Next Week:** Gary & Jenny Fiebich

Coffee Duties: John & Joyce D, Josh & Michelle K, Johan & Tammy M
Next Week: Dick & Judy O, Wilbur & Linda H, Jordan & Caroline V

Worship Team: Alice & Team
Projection & Audio: Wes & Pete

Next Week: Marianne & Team
Next Week: Nicole & Mike

<u>Serving Elder:</u> Pete Vlieg

<u>Nursery:</u> Supervisor – Jenny F

Next Week: Grace Boender

<u>Next Week:</u> Supervisor - Kelly L

Infants: Josh K, Leanne K, Andrea K
Toddlers: Glen H, Birgit M, Shane K
Toddlers: Julie S, Henk S, Sam K

Ministry Contacts: Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9am-3pm Phone: 780-986-4119