

# Changing the Story

**"THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, THE NEW CREATION HAS COME: THE OLD HAS GONE, THE NEW IS HERE!" —2 Corinthians 5:17**

What's your story? In many parts of the world, people's stories begin in a place of hardship. Illiteracy, poor healthcare, hunger, and poverty are a regular part of life. Through God's grace, people's hard work, and support like yours, however, many of these men, women and children are taking steps to improve their lives.

Every day, World Renew sees people rewriting their stories:

- From poverty to plenty
- From illiterate to educated
- From victims of disaster to empowered survivors

This change is not just a material one. Jesus is the greatest story changer of all. He turned fishermen into disciples, fallen women into followers, and persecutors into missionaries.

That's why, as World Renew seeks to help people in need, we work through churches and Christian partners in communities around the

world to tackle poverty, disaster and injustice.

Many men and women around the world have been shaped by stories about their poverty. They may believe that poverty is their destiny, that rights and justice don't apply to them, or that their dreams and aspirations are not important.

As people begin to accept their value as children of God, however, they recognize their God-given talents and abilities, tap into their potential as God's image bearers, and become equipped to change their own stories for the long-term.

**This year, World Renew invites you to join us in changing the story. On World Hunger Sunday, please give generously of your time, prayers, talents and financial gifts to bless others. World Renew will use your gifts to combat poverty, disaster, and injustice around the world in Jesus' name.**

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World Hunger  
Campaign

November 6, 2016

**EBENEZER CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**



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## *Welcome to Our Service*

Good morning! Today Pastor Jason is continuing his sermon series in Ephesians, "Being the Body of Christ Together." We are glad you are here and invite you to join us after the service for coffee, juice, and fellowship.

Welcome and Prayer

**Songs: *Shout to the Lord*  
*My Saviour, My God***

Greeting

**Song: *Lord Most High***

Confession and Assurance

**Song: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace***

Children's Message

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering: **1 - Ebenezer Ministries**

**2 - World Hunger Sunday**

Offertory Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: **Ephesians 3: 14-21**

Message: **The Infinite Dimensions of God's Love**

Prayer of Application

**Song: *The Love of God***

Parting Blessing

**Closing Song: *My Tribute***



## *Church Family*

Congratulations to **Brendan and Alicia B** who were married here yesterday! We rejoice with you and your families and ask for God's blessing for you as you build your life together!

**Dave & Marilyn** and their family are pleased to share with you the announcement of a beautiful baby girl born to **Sadie** this past Monday. Her name is **Adaline Rose**.

We are so thankful for all the prayers from our church family for all of us but especially for Sadie. Some of her struggles continue but overall she has come a long way and is very excited to start this journey of motherhood. Our family feels very strongly that with loving support Sadie and Adaline have a wonderful future ahead. Unfortunately, some of Sadie's past relationships and experiences continue to try to be a hindrance in her life and try to impact her negatively and because of Sadie's circumstances we would again ask for the prayers of our friends and church family for God's divine hands to be in control and for strength, courage and peace for Sadie.

We ask as well that people be sensitive to the fact that Sadie is a very private person and respect her privacy. Sadie and Addy are living at home with our family and we thank God for the truly wonderful gift of a sweet little baby girl. Thank you.

**William H** is one of our Friendship friends who has been also attending our church for a while. His grandmother, **Martha B**, passed away recently and her funeral will be held here at Ebenezer tomorrow, November 7, at 1pm. Please remember their family in your prayers. If you can help prepare, serve, or clean up the luncheon, please talk to Jenny after church.

**Luke and Alice K** will be leaving on November 18th for a short-term missions trip to Guatemala and would appreciate prayers for the trip. For more information, please see the bulletin insert, they will also be giving a brief slide presentation during the service.

**Jay A** had a serious infection. He had changed from IV to oral antibiotics and continues to improve. Please pray for patience during his recovery.

**Jan W's** brother, **John V**, was laid to rest last Monday. Please continue to remember their family in your prayers.

**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 and Little Lambs programs for children 3-5! Please contact Leanne K if you can help with the little Lambs Program.

**REHOBOTH MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN** - October was Rehoboth Membership Month! This is the last week to get a membership for just \$10 each. Donations of any amount are also greatly appreciated. Please talk to Margaret T. If you have any questions, call Margaret or visit rehoboth.ab.ca thank you!

**LIVING THE 8TH FIRE: CIRCLE 3** - Truth Telling and what a whole and unified history of Canada should look like. When we give the opportunity for people to tell their history it completes our own. Come join us tomorrow night, Nov. 7th at 7 pm at the Edmonton Native Healing Centre (11813 -123 St). For further info please contact Jesse Edgington at [journadc@gmail.com](mailto:journadc@gmail.com) or Lucinda Klapwyk at [lklapwyk@yahoo.ca](mailto:lklapwyk@yahoo.ca)

**THE KINGDOM OF GOD** - What is life in God’s kingdom like? When will it finally be reality? Let’s study Matthew 5, Luke 17 and Revelation 4 to discover what life looks like in God’s kingdom, why Christians believe it’s both already here and not yet fully realized, and how we live as kingdom citizens now. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**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](mailto: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!



Thanks to Dad Hengerveld 11-11-1998  
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, PAL, BUT I  
COULD SURE GO FOR SOME CARIBOU RIGHT  
ABOUT NOW ... I DON'T KNOW WHY IT'S  
ALWAYS GOTTA BE RABBIT, RABBIT,  
RABBIT



**REMEMBRANCE DAY** - Terrene’s celebration of Remembrance Day prompts Grandpa to tell a story of his war experience as Private Anole. Subscribe for free at [getkidscorner.com](http://getkidscorner.com). Check out KC's special Advent Paper Chain Calendar craft at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net).

**HOLY LAND LEARNING TOUR** - Come and meet Christians whose ancestors have lived in the Holy Land since the time of Christ. On this 11-day trip, you will not only explore the sites you've read about in the Bible, but also meet the people who are ministering, living, and struggling in this part of the world today. If you are interested, visit [crwm.org/holyland](http://crwm.org/holyland) for more information or to sign up.

**PRAYER IS POWERFUL! JOIN THE PRAYER SAFARI** - Missionaries and local church leaders in Uganda invite you to the Global Prayer Safari, a time to learn and serve through prayer. The safari will take place from February 2-13. Visit [crwm.org/safari](http://crwm.org/safari) for more information.

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**Thank You to Our Volunteers**

<b>Ushers:</b> Ted K, Andrew V, Howard O	<b>Next Week:</b> Dennis P, Ruby P, John T
<b>Greeters:</b> Gary & Jeny F	<b>Next Week:</b> Gerard & Wendy B
<b>Coffee Duties:</b> Dick & Judy O, Wilbur & Linda H, Jordan & Caroline V	
<b>Next Week:</b> Jon & Rikki L, Luke & Alyse K, Mike & Jenna D	
<b>Worship Team:</b> Marianne & Team	<b>Next Week:</b> Youth Team
<b>Projection &amp; Audio:</b> Nicole & Mike	<b>Next Week:</b> Ted & Josh
<b>Serving Elder:</b> Grace B	<b>Next Week:</b> Dick D
<b>Nursery: Supervisor – Kelly L</b>	<b>Next Week: Supervisor – Kelly L</b>
<b>Infants:</b> Brett L, Mennie S, Mercedes L	<b>Infants:</b> Warren T, Kathleen M, Susan V
<b>Toddlers:</b> Julie S, Henk S, Sam K	<b>Toddlers:</b> Kelly L, Ben M, Jolene V



**CHILDREN’S CHURCH TEACHERS’ MEETING** - We will be having a teacher’s meeting on Tuesday, November 15 at 7:15 pm to 8:30 pm. We would like to hear from you on how things are going so far and give you some information on Christmas lessons and plans!



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES** - Are ready to take home and fill. 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 nest Sunday, November 13. Thank you!

**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 ½-8 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 14 will be donated to Second Glance.

*Coming Up @ Ebenezer*

<b>Tonight</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Genesis Bible Study
<b>Monday</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	Funeral for Martha Babniak
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Friendship
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	Youth
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Coffee Break and Story Hour
	<b>6:45 pm</b>	GEMS
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Safe Church Orientation Training
	<b>8:00 pm</b>	Safe Church Refresher Training
<b>Sunday (Nov 13)</b>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	<b>10:00 am</b>	Central Alberta Cadet Sunday Service
<b>Saturday (Nov 19)</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Safe Church Orientation Training
	<b>11:00 am</b>	Safe Church Refresher Training

**Upcoming Safe Church Training** - All Children’s Church, Storyhour, GEMS, Cadets, Friendship, and Nursery volunteers, Ushers, Deacons and Elders must attend one of the upcoming sessions on November 9 or 19 unless you have attended a session within the last 12 months. Thank you.

*The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.* -Lamentations 3:25,26

*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 - WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY** - today we bring our offerings and trust that God, the Author of all our stories, will use them through the work of World Renew to equip people around the world to change their stories for the better. To learn more about how your gifts will be used, or to find additional ways to be involved, visit [worldrenew.net](http://worldrenew.net)

**Next Week - DAYS FOR GIRLS LEDUC TEAM** - The Days for Girls mission is simple: creating a more free, dignified and educated world through access to lasting feminine hygiene products. We help girls gain access to quality sustainable feminine hygiene, vital health knowledge, and income-generation opportunities. All of this is possible thanks to a global alliance of 670+ chapters and teams, companies, governments, NGOs, and passionate people just like you. So far we've reached 400,000+ girls in 100+ nations. You can help us reach the rest. For more information go to [daysforgirls.org](http://daysforgirls.org)



**CRAFTING WEEKEND**

- Thank you to everyone who joined us for our last Crafting Weekend – we made progress on our projects, spent some time getting to know each other better, and had a lot of fun and laughter! Our next Crafting Weekend won't

be on a weekend; it will actually be on a Thursday and Friday during the Christmas Break. The dates are December 29th and 30th and we will be crafting from 9 am – 9 pm on both days. More details will be made available as we get closer to the date. In the meantime, though, If you have any questions or would like to help in any way, please contact Freda MO.

**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 can help 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.

