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**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. Thank you for joining us to worship God together. This morning we are reminded that the spiritual realm is just as real as the physical world and creation consists of far more than we can see and observe with our eyes. The cosmos is more amazing than we can imagine! Please join us after the service for coffee, tea, juice, cake and a time of fellowship!

Welcome and Prayer

**Songs: This is The Day**

**Hosanna**

Greeting

**Song: Psalm 121 (I Lift My Eyes Up)**

Baptism of **Wacey Lorraine** and **Finley Anne**

**Song: You Are My All in All**

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering: **1 - Ebenezer Ministries**  
**2 -**

Children's Message

*(Children ages 3 & 4 leave for Children's Church)*

**Scripture: Daniel 10**

**Message: What's Really Real?**

**Song: God and God Alone**

Parting Blessing

**Closing Song: Oh How Good It Is**



## *Church Family*

Three of our super seniors have celebrated their birthdays in the past few weeks, **Jenny V**, **Joyce D**, and **Albert T** (who's birthday is today!). Today we are celebrating with cake after the service. We are so thankful for all our seniors and wish each of you God's blessing all year through!

Congratulations to **James & Cindy H** on the birth of their first child, **Case Ferdinand**! We rejoice with you and your families in this special blessing.

Congratulations also to **Derrick & Kimberly M** who celebrate their **10th Wedding Anniversary**!

**Dick D** had an angiogram at the Royal Alex on Monday during which they found 70 % blockage in his stent from 2003. The doctor inserted a stent into the old stent. It went well and he could feel the difference almost right away. He is home now and doing well. Praise God! Dick and Carolyn are so thankful for excellent care by the doctors and nurses and they'd like to thank everyone for your prayers. Dick said he could feel the love and support from Ebenezer.

**Candice P** had surgery recently to reset bones in her foot that had healed improperly after she broke them this June. She will have to be off her foot for another 3 months (to a total of 5 months!). We remember her in prayer, asking for complete and quick healing!

**Roger G** is doing really well after hip surgery. He & Barb are thankful for all your prayers!

**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC** - Don't forget your **lawn chairs** next **Sunday, September 10th!**

We're kicking off a new season of ministry in conjunction with the annual Church Picnic! Here's what you can expect!

- Fabulous Food! Families with last names **A-M, please bring a dessert to share. N-Z, please bring a salad to share.** Church Life is supplying the burgers and hotdogs!
- Ministry Fair! Ministries will have "booths" set up—find out what they're doing, when they're doing it, and how YOU can get involved!
- Fun & Games! You should bring a lawn chair, but don't expect to sit in it all day! There will be fun and games to get involved in, or laugh yourself silly watching. On that note: **PLEASE BRING AN "ODD AND/OR UNUSUAL" ITEM OF CLOTHING** along with your lawn chair! Don't expect to bring it home with you though. . .
- We'll have a **baseball game at 3:30 p.m.** and start a fire shortly after to wrap up the day!

The following families have been assigned to set up/clean up for this event:

**D**, Jason & Marco; **B**, Herman & Alice; **A**, Jay & Laura; **A**, Kim; **B**, Alex & Alinda; **B**, Bruce & Carrie; **C**, Teddy; **D**, Joyce; **D**, Tamara; **F**, Gary & Jenny; **F**, Matt & Kendra; **G**, Shane & Angelica; **G**, Rudy & Karen; **G**, Wendy; **G**, Hank & Henny; **H**, Beth; **H**, Kurtis; **N**, Beth; **O**, Dick & Judy; **T**, Tony & Monique; **T**, Warren & Carrie; **V**, Jane; **V**, Jenny; **V**, Alida; **W**, John & Carol



**SAFE CHURCH VOLUNTEER TRAINING** - We are gearing up for another terrific ministry year! This fall there will be THREE (3!) training sessions.

**All those who volunteer for Nursery, Children's Church, GEMS, Cadets, Youth, Friendship, Fellowship Care Group Leaders, Ushers, Deacons and Elders MUST come** to either a **2 hour Orientation** (if you have not previously done Safe Church training here) or a **1 hour Annual Refresher** Training (for youth helpers and those who have already done the Orientation)

The first **Refresher Session** will be held **Sunday, September 17 12:30-1:30pm**, (Soup and buns provided for a light lunch after the service. Please sign up on the pink sheet at the office if you are planning to come so I can make enough!). And then I will be holding **Orientation and Refresher Sessions Wednesday, September 20 and Monday, September 25 (Orientation 7-9pm and Refresher 8-9pm each evening).**

Childcare is NOT provided for any of the sessions, please arrange your own, thank you. If you have any questions please contact Monica at the church office!

**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!!** - Everyone is looking for volunteers with their programs and that includes the Children's Church. So ... check out the poster board and write your name beside the grade you would be interested in teaching this year. On behalf of the kids in the church, Thank you, Alice Vand Carrie T

**CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS** - **Beginning September 5 the church office will begin regular hours, Tuesdays - Fridays 9 am - 3 pm.** You can also send an email to the church office or leave a phone message anytime!

*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 - OUR MISSIONARIES** - One of the missionary families we support in our church are the Geisterfers, based in Honduras. Each year we commit to giving \$3000.00 towards their ministry work. For more info about their missions, please visit the Christian Reformed World Missions website.

**Next Week - CALVIN SEMINARY (Distance Education)** - Calvin Theological Seminary exists to serve the Christian Reformed Church in North America and wider constituencies by preparing persons for biblically faithful and contextually effective ministry of the Word and by offering Reformed theological scholarship and counsel. Calvin's distance learning program is designed to fit into students' life circumstances—whether that means an existing ministry, family life or a full-time job. For more info see [www.calvinseminary.edu/academics/distance-learning/](http://www.calvinseminary.edu/academics/distance-learning/)

*Coming Up @ Ebenezer*

**Tuesday 7:30 pm** Council Meeting  
**Thursday 9:30 - 11:00 am** Coffee with Pastor Jason  
**Sunday (Sept 10) 9:15 am** Weekly Prayer Meeting in Library  
**10:00 am** Ministry Kick-Off Service and Church Picnic

**Sept 16 (Saturday) - Potato Harvest**  
**Sept 17 (Sunday) 12:30-1:30pm - Safe Church Refresher Training (Refresher ONLY)**  
**Sept 20 (Wednesday) 7-9pm - Safe Church Orientation & Refresher Training**  
**Sept 25 (Monday) 7-9pm - Safe Church Orientation & Refresher Training**

**JR. HIGH CATECHISM CLASS** - Catechism class for grades 7-9 will begin starting September 24th. We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month right after church from 11:45-1:15. We will be studying the Heidelberg Catechism together. If you have a child in grade 7-9 who is interested in participating please talk to Pastor Jason.

**ADULT NEW MEMBERS/PROFESSION OF FAITH CLASS** - Are you new to Ebenezer? Or have you been around a while but have never taken the step of becoming a member? Or would you just like to know more about the Christian faith? If you answered "yes" to any of those questions then please speak to pastor Jason about participating in a new members class this fall. Details on the class will be forthcoming.

**UPCOMING CRAFT RETREATS** - Are you interested in spending time together doing your favorite craft or hobby (sew, quilt, knit, crochet, embroider, scrapbook, etc)? We are once again going to hold some crafting days/weekends over the next several months so, if you are interested, please book your calendar accordingly. The dates that we currently have planned are: **October 27 & 28, 2017; December 28 & 29, 2017; January 26 & 27, 2018; March 2 & 3, 2018; April 20 & 21, 2018.** More details will follow as we get closer to these dates. If you are interested in helping to organize any of these crafting times, please do not hesitate to contact Freda MO

**THANK YOU** - Thank you to everyone who donated ingredients and who helped make meals for our freezer last week. We made over 40 meals to bless people in our church and greater community. A heartfelt thank you from those who have received them this past year too!

**POTATO HARVEST** - Please bring a friend and join us as we harvest the potatoes that have been growing in the church garden for the Foodbank and people of our community! Come for a Hot Dog between 11am- 1pm, Saturday, September 16. If you have extra garden produce, please bring it that day to share with those who visit!





## Community and Denominational Announcements

**SUPER EARLY BIRD FOR THE DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT** - ends August 31st. Register now and save at [www.regonline.ca/DOE2017Edmonton](http://www.regonline.ca/DOE2017Edmonton) Full brochures are available on the NADC facebook page, the DMC website, or by email. Contact [yournadc@gmail.com](mailto:yournadc@gmail.com).



**CHEW ON THIS!** - Plans are underway for the 5th annual Chew on This! event, organized by Citizens for Public Justice and the Dignity for All campaign. Each year, volunteers go out to their communities on October 17, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, to hand out Chew on This! lunch bags, containing a food item, a magnet, and a postcard directed to the federal government. This year, Chew on This! will focus on making sure the federal government has heard the voices of people calling for a comprehensive national strategy following on consultations for the Canadian Poverty Reduction Strategy. To organize a Chew on This! event or for more information, go to [dignityforall.ca/chew-on-this](http://dignityforall.ca/chew-on-this) or contact Darlene O'Leary at [darlene@cpj.ca](mailto:darlene@cpj.ca).



**CHRISTIAN CREDIT UNION - SHRED FEST!** - Please join us on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 8:30am to 10:30am. Enjoy FREE paper shredding, Dutch pancakes (Poffertjes), activities and prizes. There will also be the opportunity to give feedback on the Board's proposal to expand our membership. See you there!

**JOIN THE EDMONTON CHRISTIAN MALE CHOIR FOR THEIR 31ST SEASON** - Edmonton Christian Male Choir is a non-audition ministry choir and we're inviting you to sing with us. Rehearsals start on Monday, September 11 at 7:25 p.m. at the Orthodox Reformed Church of Edmonton. Find out more about ECMC at [www.facebook.com/ECMChoir](http://www.facebook.com/ECMChoir)

**DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION** - Inglewood CRC is hosting a dinner and silent auction on Friday, September 22, 2017 at West End CRC. Along with supporting Samaan and Rima, we are awaiting the arrival of three more refugees, currently in a Burundi refugee camp. We would appreciate your support by buying tickets which are \$75 with a partial charitable tax receipt of \$40. Please contact Martine Ooms ([martineooms@gmail.com](mailto:martineooms@gmail.com) or 780-760-6950). Sincerely, Inglewood CRC Refugee Sponsorship Committee

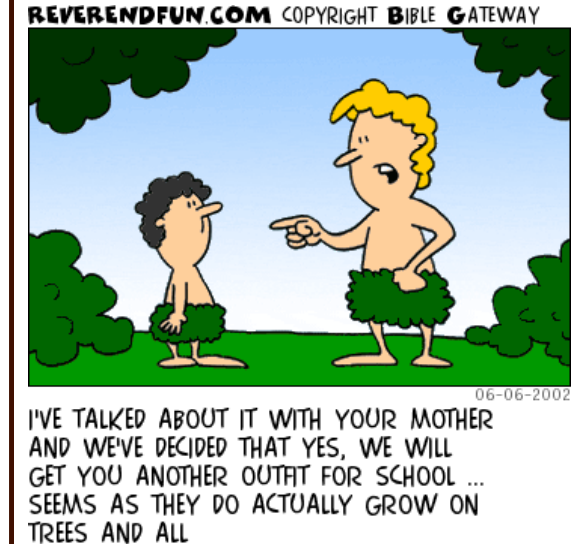
**URGENT NEED FOR HURRICANE HARVEY RECOVERY** - After a week of unrelenting rain, World Renew Disaster Response Services is preparing to respond to catastrophic flooding in Texas from Hurricane Harvey. You can help homeowners who are struggling to return home, now and in the weeks and years to come, with your financial donation for World Renew DRS Hurricane Harvey response. Please give generously today online at [worldrenew.net/donate](http://worldrenew.net/donate), call 1.800.730.3490, or mail your cheque, designated Hurricane Harvey 2017, to World Renew, 3475 Mainway, STN LCD 1, Burlington, Ont., L7R 3Y8.



**ARPA CANADA FALL TOUR 2017** - The Supreme Court will hear a case to decide whether they have the power to overturn a church discipline decision. Laws continue to be introduced limiting how parents can educate, discipline and raise their children. How should we respond? Join us as we together strive to honour Christ's authority over all. The Association for Reformed Political Action (ARPA) will be on tour across Canada from September 25 to October 20, with presentations in Lacombe (Redeemer URC) and Edmonton (Immanuel Canadian Reformed Church) on October 18 and 19th. In order to better anticipate how many people to expect, we have added our events to Eventbrite which allows you to pre-register and bring your ticket to the event to skip the line. More information and registration can be found at [www.arpacanada.ca](http://www.arpacanada.ca).

**EDMONTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS GOLF TOURNAMENT** - is on Saturday, September 9th at the Sandpiper Golf & Country Club in St. Albert. We still have spots available for golfers and foursomes. All proceeds go toward Christian curriculum development at our schools. Registration forms are available on our website: [www.edmchristian.org](http://www.edmchristian.org) or call 780-408-7933.

**THE TEN VIRGINS** - When will the world come to an end? It's a question every generation asks. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 25 and discuss ancient cultural wedding practices to better understand what Jesus wanted us to know about salvation and what it means to wait for his return. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com)



## Thank You to Our Volunteers

**Ushers:** John T, Andrew V, Howard O

**Next Week:** Dennis P, Ruby P, Ted K

**Greeters:** Dick & Judy O

**Next Week:** Dennis & Ineke V

**Coffee Duties:** Derrick & Kimberly M, Dave & Marilyn H, Dan & Natasha D

**Next Week:** Bryan & Michelle T, Gresham & Deborah V, Ben & Sandy M

**Worship Team:** Marianne & Team

**Next Week:** Grace & Team

**Projection & Audio:** Nicole & Mike

**Next Week:** Jamie & Matt

**Serving Elder:** Grace B

**Next Week:** Herman B

**Nursery: Supervisor** - Christine H

**Next Week: Supervisor** - Lisa K

**Infants:** Carrie T, Birgit M, Petro K

**Infants:** Sadie H, Charlene V, Anke K

**Toddlers:** Glen H, Rikki L, Wikus K

**Toddlers:** Lisa K, Jordan S, Edson V

**Children's Church:** Alex & Alinda B

**Next Week:** Glen & Christine H

