

Ministry Information & Contacts

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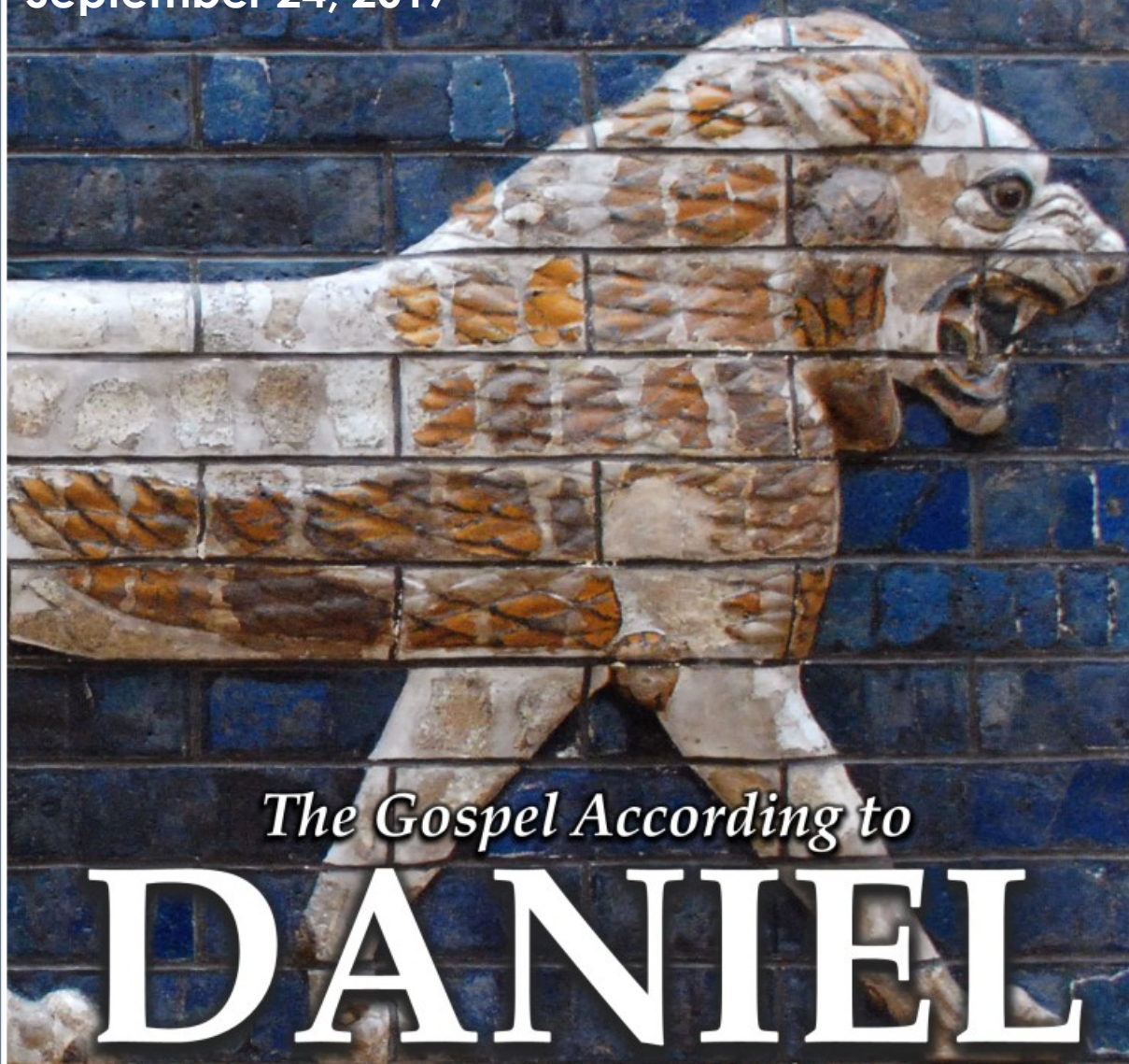
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The Gospel According to

DANIEL

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



EBENEZER
Christian Reformed Church

Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer. Thank you for joining us to worship God this morning. The Christian life is often filled with paradox. Tears and sadness often mix with laughter and joy. It's possible to mourn and celebrate at the same time. This morning our hearts are heavy with the loss of one of our beloved members. And at the very same time we rejoice at the baptism of three little ones who are just beginning their journey on earth. This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it! Please join us after the service for coffee, tea, juice and a time of fellowship!

Welcome and Prayer

Song: Be Unto Your Name/Holy, Holy, Holy

Greeting

**Songs: Be Still for the Presence of the Lord
Faithful One**

Baptism of **Paisley & Everly B and Riley M**

Song: He Knows My Name

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering: **1 - Ebenezer Ministries**

2 - CRCNA Safe Church Ministry

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

Scripture: **Daniel 12:5-13**

Message: **Faith that Perseveres and Endures**

Song: All is Well

Parting Blessing

Song: Oh How Good It Is



Church Family

Dick D passed to his heavenly father last week Monday after a heart attack. Please keep Carolyn, Derek & Jackie, Marco & Jason, Nathan & Sonja, Maia & Brian and their children in prayer. The DeKlerk family will be hosting a viewing here at church tonight at 7:00-8:30 PM. We will gather together tomorrow, September 25th at 1:30 PM here at church to worship God and celebrate Dick's life. Childcare will be available during the service. If you have brought baking to share, please leave it in the kitchen today. Thank you.

We are excited to announce that God has brought our son **Wes V and Candice N** together in matrimony yesterday in a quiet family ceremony. May God richly bless them in their new lives together. - Roy and Teena Van Boom.

Please pray for the 6 **GEMS Counsellors** away for training at a GEMS Leadership Retreat this weekend!

Please remember **Ineke V** in prayer as she will be having surgery Wednesday to remove a tumor that has been growing within the left side of her face. We pray she will have strength in preparation for the surgery, a smooth recovery, and complete healing.

Please remember **Bev C, Leona H, and Andy & Shirley L** in prayer and others who are struggling with illness or injury, are recovering from surgery, or who are grieving. We pray God's peace, comfort, and healing for you all.

FUNERAL HELPERS - All kitchen helpers are asked to meet in Jenny's office after the service for a short meeting

CHILDREN'S CHURCH BEGINS TODAY! - Children's Church this year is for all kids age 3, up to and including grade 3. Classes begin today! Please note that due to limited classroom space we will not have classes for grades 4,5,6. Children in those grades are welcome to be part of GEMS and Cadets for further Bible learning!

JR. HIGH CATECHISM CLASS BEGINS TODAY! - Catechism class for grades 7-9 will begin today! 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.



SAFE CHURCH TRAINING - Our last session will be postponed until next week Monday, Oct 2. We have 61 Volunteers who still need training, 65 who need updated crim checks, and 54 who need to finish their application forms. Lets get this done!

2ND ANNUAL BBQ AT PASTOR JASON'S HOUSE! - Everyone is invited to come and enjoy food and fellowship on Sunday October 1st from 3:00-5:00 PM at Jason and Marco's house. No need to bring anything but yourself and a healthy appetite for smoked meat!



THANKSGIVING SERVICE - Our Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, October 8, 2017 this year. There will be no service on the holiday Monday.

WOMEN OF ALL AGES - You are invited to join us for Coffee Break this year! We are a group of women who desire to grow in our relationship with God and each other. We will be meeting every Wednesday morning at the church, 10 - 11:30 am beginning this week! Childcare provided for children ages 0-5.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY! - Story Hour and Little Lambs are looking for teachers and helpers to volunteer for 1 ½ hours on Wednesday mornings this year. Are you able to help every week or even once a month? We will work with your schedule! If you have any questions about volunteering or about Coffee Break, please call Leanne K, Marco D, or Alesha S

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - The Worship Ministry Team is looking for a few new members to assist with worship ministry. The Team meets 3 or 4 times a year to plan special seasons such as Christmas and Easter, to share worship planning ideas and liturgy and to evaluate services and receive feedback from the congregation. You do not have to be involved in Sunday morning worship leading to be a part of this team. If you are passionate about worship at Ebenezer and love to share thoughts and ideas, please let Frank Vknow.

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 holding some crafting weekends over the next several months; **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 contact Freda MO.



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 - SAFE CHURCH MINISTRY - A resource for churches to prevent abuse, and to respond where it has occurred with compassion and justice. Synod has encouraged each classis to have a Safe Church Team made up of representatives from each church. The Safe Church Team acts as a resource to the churches, fulfilling three important mandates: awareness and education, support, and an advisory panel process. For more info see crcna.org/safechurch

Next Week - TBA

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Today 11:45 pm Junior High Catechism Class
Wednesday 10:00 am Coffee Break Begins
Sunday (Oct 1) 9:15 am Weekly Prayer Meeting in Library
10:00 am Worship Service
3:00 - 5:00 pm BBQ at Pastor Jason's House

October 2 (Monday) @ 7-9pm - Safe Church Orientation & Refresher Training

October 4 @ 6:45 - 8:30 pm - GEMS Ministry Begins

October 5 @ 7:30 pm - Annual Church Baby Shower

FRIENDSHIP MINISTRIES - . We have a few extra activities planned to celebrate our 10th (wow, 10th!!!) year of Friendship. We are having a Christmas dinner, on December 4th, for all involved in the ministry as well as extending an invitation to family and caregivers with help from the congregation for cooking, set up, serving and clean up. Our first night is Monday, October 16th from 7:00pm. We still need mentors and story tellers so if you have been thinking of becoming involved and would like to come and see what Friendship is all about please feel free to do so. Any questions call Wendy B, Carolyn D or Ineke V

NEW DEACONS - Christina Prins and Gerard Benckhuysen have let their names stand to fill two vacant positions for deacon. Please talk to Norm Haayema or Joe Deunk if you have any concerns or questions. As they are the only two nominees, they may become deacons by acclamation. An installation service will be announced at a later date.



GEMS - Girls Everywhere meeting the savior - Your GEMS counsellors are busy planning for the upcoming season! If you are a girl in grades 4 - 8, we'd love to have you join us! GEMS will run every other Wednesday evening from 6:45 - 8:30 starting on October 4! If you have any questions or need more information please call Leanne K

OH BABY, BABY! - This year our church family has been blessed with a number of first born babies! Our tradition is to host a shower to celebrate with these new moms and their babies. Ladies, on Thursday, October 5 @7:30, you are invited to support and fellowship with our youngest members and their moms. Our five guests of honour are; Hayden, daughter of Francine & Jay K, Wacey daughter of Kendra & Matt F, Jacob, son of Emma & Dan H, Finley, daughter of Kristy & Jordan I, and Case, son of Cindy and James H. If you wish to donate to our group gift please put it in the marked box on the Church School sign up table. Suggested donation is \$3-\$5 per baby. For our time of fellowship, we ask that you bring a plate of food to share. We do our best to include everyone but if we have accidentally missed a new mom please contact the church office so she and her baby may be part of the fun.



Community and Denominational Announcements

LEDUC FOODBANK - Our major food drive coming up the first Monday in October again this year. As the region continues to grow more and more volunteers are needed to collect all the food that night. Please consider helping out this year! More information will be available soon!

The Foodbank started a Kitchen Learning Center about 15 months ago and have had some amazing success as the clients learn and grow. We have had a wonderful opportunity to move into a large location and could really use some volunteers and support with the move. We have 15 days to move into the new location and could really use volunteers that have electrical & plumbing certification. We will need volunteers to help paint and move. If you are interested in helping with this please contact Gert at the food bank as soon as you can, we need this done quickly! Thank you for your support.

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD! - On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther began the Protestant Reformation when he nailed his 95 theses to the doors of the Wittenberg Church. What does this mean for the Christian Reformed Church 500 years later? Classis Alberta North invites you to reflect with us how the Reformation in the past has shaped who we are today, and how as an ever-reforming Church we face the challenges of the future secure in God's faithfulness. Join us in a special commemorative session at 7:30 p.m. on October 11 at Trinity Christian Reformed Church (13427 – 57 St., Edmonton). Our guest speaker will be Dr. Lyle Bierma, Professor of the History of Christianity at Calvin Seminary.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - From September 27 through November 5, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Public right-of-way outside Women's Health Options 12409 109A Avenue Edmonton, Alberta, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact :Edmonton Prolife <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/edmonton/>

FINANCIAL PLANNING SEMINAR - Are you a young person/family wanting to begin a financial plan built on a solid foundation? Do you wonder whether your current financial plan is right for you? Is using Socially Responsible Investments in your financial plan important to you? Come check out "Building a Financial Strategy" at Christian Credit Union, Edmonton Branch (13504 – 142 Street NW) on Thursday, October 12, from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm. For more information, visit www.christiancu.ca. To RSVP, contact Eileen Turner at eturner@christiancu.ca or call 780.784.3173.

DROP-IN TO KING'S FALL OPEN HOUSE - on October 14 and see how students pursue a better world at The King's University. Take a tour of our campus. Talk with an admissions counsellor. Meet professors, current students, and Admissions staff who are ready to answer your questions and discover how Christian university is exciting, different, and an amazing investment in your future. Your application fee is waived when you apply at the event. Enter to win \$1,000 tuition rebate.

CRC DIRECTORY 2018/19 – The new 2018-2019 Christian Reformed Church Directory of Greater Edmonton (biannual production) is underway once again and ready for you to place your advertisement. Don't miss out. Please call Brenda Paszek at 780.479.0738 or email at: dbpaszek@telusplanet.net for information. Advertising deadline: Oct 31, 2017. Thank you.

REFORMATION HYMN FESTIVAL - First Presbyterian Church and Choir is presenting a Reformation Hymn Festival on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 1:30 pm to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Join us in Congregational singing of Hymns, Genevan Psalms and Lutheran Chorales with Organ and Brass Ensemble. 10025-105 street. Free will offering.

DEVOTIONS FOR THE REFORMATION - Celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation with Today devotional. Recapture the significance of the Reformation for your personal faith. Get "The Reformation for Today" when you subscribe to Today devotional at todaydevotional.com/reformation.

THE WAY OF WISDOM - People deemed "wise" by worldly standards are not always wise by biblical standards. Discover the characteristics of godly wisdom by joining our conversation studying Proverbs 9, and together we'll learn how we can cultivate wisdom that meets God's standards. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

FAMILY FIRE - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.



Thank You to Our Volunteers

Ushers: John T, Andrew V, Howard O

Greeters: John & Joyce D

Coffee Duties: Alex & Alinda B, Art & Linda T, Jan & Gea T

Next Week: Daniel V, Luke & Alyse K, Brett & Kelly L

Worship Team: Alice & Team

Projection & Audio: Wes & Pete

Serving Elder: Norm H

Nursery: Supervisor - Tammy M

Infants: Carol W, Francine K, Kaija M

Toddlers: Dan M, Emily Me, Levi M

Next Week: Dennis P, Ruby P, Ted K

Next Week: Andrew V, Andy Z, Marilyn Z

Next Week: Marianne & Team

Next Week: Nicole & Mike

Next Week: Jordan S

Next Week: Supervisor - Carol W

Infants: Laura A, Mike D, Lois D

Toddlers: John W, Michelle O, Damien B

