



EBENEZER

Christian Reformed Church

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

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Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to the first Sunday of the Lenten season. As we watch creation come alive again with the arrival of spring we will prepare our hearts to celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. This season we will be focusing on drawing near to God through deepening our prayer life as we journey towards the cross. May each one of us draw nearer to Christ and encounter Him afresh during this special season.

Welcome and Prayer

Call to Worship

Song: Shout to the Lord

Greeting

Song: Lord I Need You

Time of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Songs: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Children's Message

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering: **1 - Ebenezer Ministries**

2 - Canadian Foodgrains Bank

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

Song: Psalm 32

Scripture: **Psalm 32**

Message: **The Blessing of Confessing**

Song: You are my King, Amazing Love

Parting Blessing

Song: How Great is Our God



Church Family

Xander H, Darren & Scarlett H's son, will be going in for surgery this Thursday, March 9. He is having his lymph nodes drained as well as tonsils and adenoids removed. He will be in hospital for a few days to recuperate. Please remember him and his family in prayer.

Please remember in prayer those who are struggling with illness and those who are recovering from surgery. We pray God's peace, comfort, and healing for you all.

IMPORTANT NOTE FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE - Our church is a busy place! So anytime you need to use the church (planning a lunch, a practice, a meeting, etc.) please call or email the church office before setting a date and time. We have had several facility use conflicts recently and though everyone has been very gracious, we want to prevent frustration in the future. We value everyone's time and want to help all ministries run smoothly. Thank you!

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS - Brendan & Alicia B's phone number is XXX-7XX-XXXX. Please call or email the church office with any updates or corrections! Thank you for your help in keeping our directory up to date.

CARE GROUP LUNCH - All the members of the K's care group, please join us for lunch and fellowship today after church around 12:30 at the K's residence.

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 tonight at Kristy I's house. For more information contact Chelsea D or Kristy I.

COFFEE WITH PASTOR JASON - Pastor Jason will be having coffee time this Thursday, March 9 9:30 - 11am. See you then!

TAIZE: A SERVICE OF REFLECTION, SILENCE AND PRAYER - We



are holding a prayer service, joining with our denomination and others around the world in prayer Wednesday, March 8, 7:30 - 8:30 pm. We will be bringing our personal, national and global concerns before God and celebrating his faithfulness.

LENTEN SAUSAGE AND CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING

- We will be having a Congregational Meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday March 21st from 6:00-8:00 PM. This meeting will be for the purpose of discussing the new budget, enjoying fellowship with one another, worshipping God and eating sausage. Wait, eating sausage? Why? To celebrate a wonderful moment in church history! At the height of the Reformation a church in Zurich was studying the Scriptures and realized that there are no verses prohibiting eating meat during Lent despite the fact that the Church had been enforcing the law of fasting from meat during Lent. So in order to celebrate their newfound freedom in Christ they gathered together to worship God and eat sausage during Lent!

POWERPOINT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - We would like to get a volunteer or two who would be willing to put together a powerpoint showing photos of our ministry activities each month, or every second month. Please contact the office if this is something that you are interested in!

OLD AND UNUSUAL HYMNBOOKS - Lieuwe B has a hymnbook collection he'd like to downsize. He is offering for free 30 hymnbooks of different denominations from the 1800's to 1960's. Please contact Lieuwe if you are interested in looking at them!

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 - CANADIAN FOODGRAINS BANK - The goal of Canadian Foodgrains Bank is a world without hunger. Canadian Foodgrains Bank is a partnership of 15 church and church-based agencies representing 30 denominations. We collect grain and cash donations, provide expert advice to members and partners, manage the procurement and supply of food commodities, and engage in public policy and education activities related to hunger and food security. Each year, we work to end hunger in about 40 countries around the world. For more info see foodgrainsbank.ca

Next Week - CALVIN SEMINARY - Calvin 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. For more info see calvinseminary.edu

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Today	11:45 am	High School Profession of Faith
	6:00 pm	Adult Profession of Faith Class
Monday	7:00 pm	Friendship
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Celebrate! Musical Practice
Wednesday	10:00 am	Coffee Break and Story Hour
	6:45 pm	GEMS
	7:30 pm	Day of Prayer Service
Sunday (Mar 12)	8:45 am	New Member's Class
	9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:45 am	Pre Profession of Faith Class

Friday - Saturday, March 17-18 - Craft Retreat Weekend

Tuesday, March 21 - Congregational Meeting

Saturday, April 22 - KubKar Races *Note Date Change*

Sunday, April 23 - Friendship Sunday, Celebrate Life! Musical

Sunday, April 30 - GEMS Sunday

ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS! - Our next crafting retreat is Friday, March 17 @ 4 pm - Saturday, March 18@ 4 pm). Please join us for a fun-filled time working on your favorite craft projects. soup and buns supper Friday night and potluck lunch Saturday. Please remember to bring along your extension cords and all your crafting supplies. Large cutting mats and irons/ironing boards will be provided. Contact Freda MO for more info.



5TH ANNUAL EBENEZER CLASSIC - Are you eyeing those golf greens just waiting for the snow to melt? Let us help you scratch your itch because it's time to start planning the 5th Annual Ebenezer Classic Golf Tournament! This event has raised significant funds for the New Church Development Fund, Ebenezer Ministries, and, most recently, RiseUp Society! But it requires a team effort, so we're looking for team members. Volunteer roles include everything from pre-tournament canvassing to tournament day set up, course jobs, and more! You do not have to be a golfer to be involved in this fundraising event (just ask Nicole!). Want to get involved? Plan to attend our first meeting TOMORROW, Monday, March 6th at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Library! Any questions? Give Josh V a call

MISSION TRIP TO KENYA - Wilbur and Linda H are planning to go on a mission trip to Kenya in March. The mission is to distribute the Days for Girls kits, work in an orphanage and build a church. The site where the church is to be built is in desperate need of a water well. At present, they have to get the water from several miles away. This is a job that is mostly done by women and children who face many dangers along the way. The water quality is very poor. To drill a well it will cost \$12,000 to \$16,000 depending how deep they need to drill. We would like to raise the funds needed to get these people clean drinking water. If anyone is interested in making a tax deductible donation to help cover the cost of drilling a well please contact us for more information



CELEBRATE LIFE! MUSICAL - It's not too late to join us! We are a group of enthusiastic worshipping folks, learning the songs from this energetic musical. Come and learn with us as we prepare to put together a celebration performance the week after Easter, April 23. No previous experience or expertise required! Please bring along a water bottle for yourself. Practices are at the church, Tuesdays from 6-8 pm.

Community and Denominational Announcements

IDESIA AND THE HUB - Check out our new office at 5010 50 Ave (west side entrance), we welcome all to visit. A reminder that our annual "Seeds of Hope" fundraiser that we count on each year for the majority of our funding is April 22 at the Executive Royal Inn. Amazing meal, excellent entertainment, abundant silent auction and fun filled live dessert auction. Tickets \$40 Available at our office or Coldwell Banker!

GEMS CAMP 2017 - registration forms are now available from your GEMS Head Counsellor. Please note that although the deadline for registration is May 1, 2017, camp does fill up quickly as there are only 50 spots available, get your registration in soon!

PROMISE KEEPERS - March 17 - 18, 2017 - 7:00 pm - 5:00 pm @West Edmonton Christian Assembly (6315 199 Street NW Edmonton). Often our day-to-day routine feels like more like wandering, than a journey with a destination. It is time to check our location, stock up and head out again. The Quest Men's Conferences will equip and encourage; helping you make a Godly impact that lasts. If you are interested in attending, please go to the website for registration details. <http://m.promisekeepers.ca/events/quest-edmonton/>

FOCUS ON THE CROSS - Receive a free Today Devotional series to help you refresh, refocus, and renew your faith during Lent. Subscribe at todaydevotional.com/lent.

YOUTH MISSIONS TRAINING - Hey everyone, I (Irene T) am going to Discipleship Training School in September in Lynden, Washington for 6 months. It costs \$5000USD (\$6550CAD) and I am required to fundraise that money. So if you need your house cleaned or if recyclable bottles are collecting dust or you need a photo session; let me know! If you have any more questions about YWAM or my missions or how you can help, contact me. I look forward to hearing from you!

EDMONTON CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA - "Remember My Name" by Joanna Halpert Kraus, tells of a young girl's survival in war-time France. This show is more than entertainment. It will do your heart and soul some good. Wednesday night, March 15: Opening Night Gala. Meet the cast and crew and enjoy refreshments after the show. Friday night, March 17: Date Night! Visit "La Bicyclette," a fine French restaurant (with amazing poutine and classic onion soup) before the show to get into the French mood. Reservations recommended. Saturday night, March 18: Dinner and Theatre. Come early to enjoy traditional Auvergne cabbage soup, rustic French bread, and almond cake (with real sugar!) before the show. Call 780-408-7945 for details. Appropriate for all audiences. Performances are at the Cite Francophone Theatre, located at 8627-91st Street (rue Anne-Marie-Gaboury) at 7:30 p.m.

Thank You to Our Volunteers

Ushers: Ted K, Andrew V, Howard O

Next Week: Dennis P, Ruby P, John T

Greeters: Henk & Mennie S

Next Week: Dick & Judy O

Coffee Duties: Andy & Arja T, Derrick & Kim M, Lieuwe & Fia B

Next Week: Dan & Natasha D, Bryan & Michelle T,
Dave & Marilyn H

Worship Team: Marianne & Team

Next Week: Grace & Team

Projection & Audio: Nicole & Mike

Next Week: Jamie & Matt

Serving Elder: Grace Boender

Next Week: Dick DeKlerk

Nursery: Supervisor - Laura A

Infants: Jordan S, Birgit M, Caylie K

Toddlers: Laura A, Angelica G, Sam K

Next Week: Supervisor - Laura A

Infants: Julie S, Leanne K, Andrea K

Toddlers: Jay A, Michelle K, Shane K

