



EBENEZER

Christian Reformed Church

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Welcome

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

-2 Corinthians 5:17(ESV)

Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer! Thank you for joining us to worship God today. This morning we welcome Pastor Rick Abma, who will be sharing God's word with us while our pastor is away on Classical Appointment. Please join us for coffee, tea, juice, and fellowship after the service!

Welcome and Prayer

Songs: Lord Most High

What the Lord Has Done In Me

Greeting

Song: Open the Eyes of My Heart

Time of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Song: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Children's Message

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering: **1 - Ebenezer Ministries**

2 - Refugee Fund

Scripture Reading: **John 9**

Message:

Prayer of Application

Song: Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone

Parting Blessing

Closing Song: Oh How Good It Is



Church Family

Congratulations to **Hank & Henny G** who celebrate their **59th Wedding Anniversary!** We rejoice with you and your family in this special blessing!

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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - We are created by God and built for a purpose! If you are willing to celebrate God's grand design with our youngest generation come help out at VBS this summer! July 17-21, 9:30am - 12:00pm. Sign up sheet at the back of the church or talk with Kelly L or Christine H for more info.

FIRST QUARTER GIVING REPORTS - In your mailboxes today are your 1st quarter giving reports. Thank you for your generous giving! If you have any questions or would like to know more information on automatic deposit or coupons please call Jenny at the church office or talk to one of the deacons!

COMMUNITY GARDEN - Weather permitting, Monday, May 22 is planting day! We have set aside a few plots for the food bank as well as rows of potatoes. We are looking for volunteers to help with planting, weeding and harvesting! If you enjoy gardening and would like to help out in this community project please call Jenny or Gary F.

DEACON NOMINATIONS - Deacons are accepting nominations of people willing to let their names stand for a three-year term. Please contact one of the deacons listed on the back of the bulletin if you are interested in this or know of someone who may be.

OPENERS AND CLOSERS - Admin is looking for people to be on a monthly rotation for Sunday morning opening and closing responsibilities. Please contact the church office if you have more questions or would like to be involved. Thank you!

LOST & FOUND - Please take a moment to check out the Lost and found tables by the offices. There are a variety of items! All unclaimed items will be donated to second glance on Tuesday, May 23.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! - The annual Church Campout will be taking place August 11-13, at Willey West Campground near Drayton Valley! Church Life will be releasing registration forms shortly!

LANDCAPING TEAM- is wondering if anyone has a 10x10 or bigger shed to donate for the garden equipment, or if someone would like to build one to donate. Please contact Dick D or Dennis P if you can help with this, thank you.



GARAGE & BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER – is in the works for May 16 - 20. As you go through your spring cleaning, keep in mind to save some things for this sale! Also if people have large / heavy items to donate Bea Martens would like to make a picture before the garage sale and try to advertise it on-line beforehand. If you are interested in helping set up, work, or clean up, please contact Bea M. Thank you!



CELEBRATE LIFE! - Thanks very much to each of you who participated in our musical experience of Celebrate Life! I really appreciate the opportunity to work altogether to learn the music, bring out the beauty of those harmonies, and just enjoy the celebration of our gifts. Special thanks to Alice for all the hours of piano refinement and keeping us all on track! Also to our soloists, Petro, Sam and Teena, for sharing your abilities in this special way. And whether you sang, played guitar, did the sound, put the chairs in place each week, organized our little potluck or the PR—each one was invaluable. And it was great to have family and friends come and celebrate by listening to our final effort. Thank you! Joanne K

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 - REFUGEE FUND - Canada is unique among nations that welcome refugees. That's because it is the only country that allows sponsorship of refugees by private organizations. World Renew is one of the Canadian agencies that has been granted a sponsorship agreement by Citizenship and Immigration Canada. World Renew's sponsorship agreement allows CRC congregations in Canada to sponsor refugees and funds collected will help settle other individuals and families in a safe new land, Canada. For more information go to worldrenew.net/sponsor-refugees-canada

Next Week - WORLD RENEW MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH - Hundreds of thousands of women die during pregnancy or childbirth every year, and nearly nine million children die before reaching the age of five. Many of these deaths can be prevented through community-based health promotion, education and nutrition programs. World Renew, together with our partner organizations trains volunteer health workers and birth attendants in ante-natal care, safe delivery, post-partum and newborn care, They also teach health volunteers to counsel new mothers about nutrition, breastfeeding, hygiene, family planning, immunizations, and disease prevention, and addresses harmful traditional practices. For more information go to worldrenew.net/mother-child

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Tonight	7:00 pm	Evening Speaker, Henry Matarrita <i>Jerusalem Missionary</i>
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday	6:45 pm	GEMS
Thursday	6:30 pm	Piatta Forma Choir Practice
Friday	7:00 pm	Piatta Forma Choir Concert
Sunday (May 14)	9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	10:00 am	Worship Service with Profession of Faith

May 16-20 - Church Garage Sale Fundraiser

Saturday, June 24 - Ebenezer Classic Golf Tourney

August 11 - 13 - Annual Church Campout

SUMMER CHILDREN'S CHURCH - At the end of May, our Children's Church program



comes to a close for the season. As is the custom with our three and four year old Children's Church, in the summer months when there is no Children's Church, the parents would still like a program for these little ones to attend. As such, we have established that the parents will each take a Sunday to teach a lesson or develop activities for this age group. Therefore, I have assigned each parent a Sunday, and if the date is inconvenient

for you, I will expect you to find a replacement for yourself. Of course, you are free to ask myself any questions or for any assistance I may be able to give. Please note your day, and mark it on your calendars. The return to Church School in the fall date has not yet been established, so the Sept schedule may not be required. As the fall draws near, dates may change. A schedule has been given to each parent or put in mailboxes, if you need it reprinted, please call the office and we will make one up for you again! -Alice V

VOLUNTEER FOR FORT MCMURRAY HOME RECONSTRUCTION - World Renew is happy to announce that volunteers are welcome from May13-September 2., to help rebuild homes for families who suffered through last year's wildfire in Fort McMurray, Alberta. For details and to sign up to volunteer, visit worldrenew.net/albertafires or call 1-800-848-5818.



ROOM NEEDED - A 23-year-old, single, Christian lady, working on dairy farms in the Calmar/Thorsby area is currently in need of a place to live as soon as possible. If you know of any room and board, suite rental or roommate opportunities please contact Jessica Prins via cell: 403 704 7541 or, email: jessicaprins2011@hotmail.com

Community and Denominational Announcements

EMMANUEL HOME - You are invited to the Annual General Meeting on Thursday, May 18, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity CRC, 13427 57 St, Edmonton. Become a member of the Society so you can participate in shaping the future of seniors' living in a Christian environment in our community. For more information or to sign up, go online: www.emmanuelhome.ca/invest/society.html or contact Darren Sinke dsinke@emmanuelhome.ca, Phone: 780-478-2051.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, CLOSE TO HOME! - Camp Rehoboth provides a one-week camp experience for people with developmental disabilities near Lacombe, AB. For one week you can leave the busyness of life behind you and be a special friend to a child or adult, and show them the love of Christ. Our camper spots are getting filled, and we are hoping our volunteer list gets filled as well. For more information, check out our website: www.rehoboth.ab.ca/camps, or send us an email at: camp@rehoboth.ab.ca. With your help, we can "FLOURISH in the land."

BETTER TOGETHER - We are pleased to announce that Mosaic Centre and The Mustard Seed are celebrating the joining together of two like-minded poverty serving organizations. By capitalizing on the unique strengths of each ministry we are becoming 'better together.' Combining our ministries will: Expand the programs and services for the Mosaic Centre community, Provide shared infrastructure, Maintain all current Mosaic Centre programming, staff and volunteers, Ensure donations designated to Mosaic stay at Mosaic Centre

EAGLES SUMMER VOLLEYBALL CAMP - This August, girls aged 10-13 and 14-16 are invited to develop their passion and volleyball skills alongside The King's University Women's Volleyball team and coaching staff. Registration is just \$60/student and space is limited. Please visit EaglesVolleyball.eventbrite.ca for more details and to register your child today!

WHEN CHRIST RETURNS - Will there be rapture when Christ returns? What does "a new heaven and a new earth" mean? Will earth as we recognize it cease to exist? Join our Groundwork discussion on 2 Peter 3 and Revelation 21 as we explore the biblical description of the kingdom Christ will usher in when he returns. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

GROW THE CHURCH - Growing the Church is a conference from Dunamis Fellowship Canada, primarily aimed at pastors and those in church leadership, but open to all who wish to attend. Our goal is to equip pastors and church leaders to cooperate with the work the Spirit is already doing in their congregations. This is an approach for doing ministry, not a new program and it is not meant to replace any other valuable initiatives you may have going on. It takes place in Edmonton at the Providence Renewal Centre from Tuesday May 23 - Friday May 26. For further info contact Jane - graffje@gmail.com or the DFC office dfc@dunamisfellowshipcanada.org Registration - www.dunamisfellowshipcanada.org.

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. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

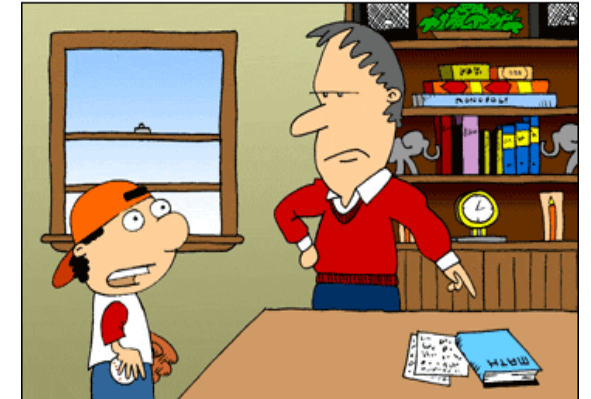
OVER 18 - Hosted by The River Community Church, Over 18 is a documentary about pornography and its effects on children and youth who are getting addicted to it on May 29 at 7-9pm (doors open at 6:30) at 11520 Ellerslie Road SW. You can view the trailer for the documentary at www.over18doc.com.

AVAILABLE FREE IN THE DIGITAL LIBRARY - "Daylight: 366 Daily Devotional Readings" is available free to all in the CRC through the Digital Library (crcna.org/Library). In this popular devotional, Andrew Kuyvenhoven explores biblical books and themes in a full year of devotional reading that will challenge your mind and inspire your heart.

BOWL FOR BALANCE - This year, Cornerstone Counselling Centre is celebrating its 40th year of making mental health care readily accessible to those in need. Celebrate with us at the Bowl for Balance Lawn Bowl Tournament on Saturday, June 3, 11:30am-6pm at Commonwealth Lawn Bowling Club (11420-139 St)! Further info (c/w "Lawn Bowling 101") can be found at www.cornerstonecounselling.com/lawn-bowl

CHAMY'S CATASTROPHE - Brand New Episode. Chamy's parents' divorce is final on Friday. Chamy doesn't believe it - surely there's something that she can do to bring her parents back together! Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. At www.kidscorner.net, download the new free resource Power Tools: Taking a Stand Against Bullying.

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Thanks to Jonathan Sim (See Ecclesiastes 12:12) 06-05-2002

**BUT FATHER ... ECCLESIASTES 12:12
CLEARLY STATES "OF MAKING BOOKS THERE
IS NO END, AND MUCH STUDY IS A
WEARINESS OF THE FLESH"**

Thank You to Our Volunteers

Ushers: Dennis P, Ruby P, John T

Next Week: Dennis V, Andy Z, Marilyn Z

Greeters: Ed & Monica V

Next Week: Fred & Linda K

Coffee Duties: Jon & Rikki L, Luke & Alyse K, Mike & Jenna D

Next Week: Gord & Jan W, Bram & Anneke V, Roger & Barb G

Worship Team: Marianne & Team

Next Week: Alice & Team

Projection & Audio: Nicole & Mike

Next Week: Wes & Pete

Serving Elder: Glen H

Next Week: Frank V

Nursery: Supervisor - Jenny F

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Infants: Jenny F, Jon P, Kaija M

Infants: Josh K, Gea T, Josh M

Toddlers: Michelle K, Dale H, Isaac M

Toddlers: Gary F, Laura A, Levi M

