



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 fourth Sunday of the Lenten season. This season we are focusing on drawing near to God through deepening our prayer life as we journey towards the cross and the empty tomb. This morning we're meditating on the comfort and blessing of resting in the refuge of God Almighty. May each one of us learn to rest in God and find comfort in His care. Please join us for coffee, tea, juice and fellowship after the service!

Welcome and Prayer

Call to Worship

**Songs: Be Unto Your Name/Holy, Holy, Holy
Psalm 121 – I Lift My Eyes Up**

God's Greeting

Song: Man of Sorrows

Time of Confession, Assurance of Pardon and Prayer

Song: Abba, Father

Announcements

Thank Offering: 1 - Ebenezer Ministries

2 - EduDeo Ministries

Song: Psalm 91

Scripture: **Psalm 91**

Message: **The Comfort of Resting**

Song: My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone

Parting Blessing

Song: Go Now in Peace, Never Be Afraid



Church Family

Congratulations to **Joel & Candice P** who were married in BC! We wish you God's blessing as you build your life together.

Congratulations to **Gerard & Christel W** who celebrate their **15th Wedding Anniversary!** And Congratulations to **Albert & Evelyn T** who celebrate their **62 Wedding Anniversary!** We rejoice with you and your families in these special blessings!

Happy Birthday to **Joyce H** who will be celebrating her birthday. We wish you God's blessing on your special day and all year through!

Andy L is home and doing well. He and Shirley would like to thank the congregation for their prayers and support while he was in the hospital.

Please be in prayer for **Mrs. Jane P** and her whole family as she transitions from life here on earth to being in the presence of her Lord and Saviour. We praise God for her long and faithful life and that she may now enter into her reward.

Our Christian condolences go out to **Beth N** as her brother-in-law, **Henry K**, from Red Deer passed away last week. His funeral service will be on Tuesday in Red Deer. We pray God surround you and your family with His comfort and peace.

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

SUNDAY EVENING SPEAKER - Caspar Geisterfer will be speaking here at Ebenezer on April 2 at 7:30pm. He will be explaining more about his ministry in Honduras. Please join us for a casual coffee and fellowship evening and bring a plate of goodies to share!

A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE - The church office will be closed this Friday, March 31. If you need something that day feel free to call Monica on her cell, 780-983-4818. Thank you!

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 evening will be held Sunday, April 9th at Kristy Irving's Leduc. For more information contact Chelsea D or Kristy I.

KING'S GUILD MALL SALE - The Kings Guild is having a Mall Sale on April 6 and 7, from 10 AM to 3:30 PM at the Northgate Mall (97 St. and 137 Ave.). We are selling lots of gifts for baby showers, sweaters and hoodies for toddlers, sewn treasures, and lots of other interesting items. Other stalls are selling baking and more fun things.

SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS AT KING'S - Do you want to share your knowledge or skill in a great subject area, and earn a little extra money? Previous or current teaching or workshop leading experience helpful, but not necessary. The King's University is looking for instructors and courses for a pilot project in Continuing Education launching in September 2017, with a variety of non-credit courses of various lengths to be offered to the people of Edmonton on evenings and weekends. Pitch your proposal if you possess expertise and experience in any subject area---cooking, music, history, first aid, personal finance, creative writing, nutrition, crafts, photography - anything at all. Courses can be one-day events or a multi-evening course. You do not need to be an instructor or professor already, but you do need solid experience and understanding of your proposed topic, whether that be a subject area or hobby or craft. For more information and to obtain an application form, contact Dan VanKeeken at dan.vankeeken@kingsu.ca by April 5.

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 - EDUDEO MINISTRIES - A Canadian, Christian, mission organization serving children in developing countries with quality education rooted in a Biblical worldview. At EduDeo, our goal is to take this incredibly effective tool of education one extraordinary step further and combine it with the transforming message of the Gospel. For more information, go to edudeo.com

Next Week - HONDURAS MISSIONS - CASPAR & LEANNE GEISTERFER - The CRC's ministry work in Honduras began with one small church in 1972. Since then Christian Reformed World Missions (CRWM) has been sending missionaries to work alongside a rapidly growing denomination. Today this church of about 80 congregations works to be a shining light in a wilderness of corruption, violence, and poverty.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Monday	7:00 pm	Friendship
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Celebrate! Musical Practice
Friday		Church Office Closed
Sunday (Apr 2)	9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:45 am	High School Profession of Faith Class
	6:00 pm	Adult Profession of Faith Class
	7:00 pm	Evening with Caspar Geisterfer

Saturday, April 22 - KubKar Races *Note Date Change*
Sunday, April 23 - Friendship Sunday, Celebrate Life! Musical
Sunday, April 30 - GEMS Sunday

MILL WOODS ASSEMBLY PRESENTS - "What if You're Right?" a musical passion play with a costumed cast of over 140, gifted musicians, and even live animals that bring the story of Jesus to life. This powerful 90 minute theatrical production is bright, colorful and contemporary in musical style. There will be 5 Performances: Saturday, April 1 @ 3:00pm and 6:00pm; Sunday, April 2 @ 3:00pm; Monday, April 3 @ 7:30pm; Tuesday, April 4 @ 7:30pm FREE ADMISSION. Child Care Available for Children under 2 Doors open 60 min before the performance. For more information: 780-462-1515 or visit our website at www.mwpa.com



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? Any questions? Give Josh V a call.



Community and Denominational Announcements

KARUNIA COURSE - Anger for Men, a 6-week course held Wednesdays, April 19 to May 24, 2017 7:30pm to 9:00pm. See our website for more info: <http://www.karunia.ca/courses/>

THE KING'S UNIVERSITY SPRING CHOIR CONCERT - We invite you to their upcoming concert: "Let All the World . . . Sing!" on Friday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m. at West End Christian Reformed Church (10015-149 Street). Tickets available at Eventbrite (Kingsmusic.eventbrite.ca), the King's Bookstore (780) 465-8306, or at the door (\$20/adults; \$15/seniors, alumni, and non-King's students; \$5/children under 12; King's students Free with ID). For more info: www.kingsu.ca or contact Andrew Blimke: andrew.blimke@kingsu.ca

LDESA 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!

LEDUC VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BANQUET - April 27, 2017 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm at the Leduc Recreation Centre. Theme: Volunteers Make Us Happy Campers! Dress: Plaid is the New Black! Business Casual Attire. Tickets available at www.eventbrite.com

AVAILABLE FREE IN THE DIGITAL LIBRARY - "I Believe: Getting Ready to Profess My Faith" is available free to all in the CRC through the Digital Library (crcna.org/Library). This study guide is for teens who are preparing to make public profession of faith. Through discussion, action, and relationship-building with a mentor, they will learn to express what they believe and grow in their walk with God.

KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING! - The Banner is delivered free of charge to every household in the Christian Reformed Church in print and online. To keep the conversation going look for the annual appeal in your mailbox or give online now at www.thebanner.org/donate.

TRY OUT THE NEW BANNER APP - Available for iPhone and Android, this new app gives you quick access to all the latest Banner news and features. You can also use the app to locate churches and browse the latest content on The Network, CRC News, Think Christian, Today daily devotions, and more. Search "CRCNA Banner" in your phone's app store.

WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME? - "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me!?" might be the most famous of Jesus' words from the cross. Join Groundwork as we study Mark 15:33-39 to unearth the meaning of these words, what was happening in this moment of Jesus' agony, and what it means for us yet today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

GROWING THE CHURCH IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - This conference is sponsored by Dunamis Fellowship Canada. The event will provide leaders and churches the opportunity to explore practical ways to be nurtured and sustained in the process of cooperating with the Holy Spirit. Taught from a Reformed perspective, this conference is designed to encourage, refresh and challenge all who attend. It will be held from May 23 -26, 2017 at Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton, Alberta. For more info and to register, visit www.dunamisfellowshipcanada.org.

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Thank You to Our Volunteers

Ushers: Ted K, Andrew V, Howard O

Next Week: Dennis P, Ruby P, John T

Greeters: Dennis & Ineke V

Next Week: John & Joyce D

Coffee Duties: Andy & Marilyn Z, Alex & Alinda B, Art & Linda T

Next Week: Gary & Jenny F, Tim & Bev C, Jan & Gea T

Worship Team: Alice & Team

Next Week: Marianne & Team

Projection & Audio: Wes & Pete

Next Week: Nicole & Mike

Serving Elder: Glen H

Next Week: TBA

Nursery: Supervisor - Carol W

Infants: Josh K, Charlene V, Jolene

Toddlers: John W, Rikki L, Mercedes L

Next Week: Supervisor - Tammy M

Infants: Alinda B, Elizabeth D, Lois D

Toddlers: Tammy M, Ben M, Owen V

