

Ministry Information & Contacts

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I will give thanks to you,

Lord,

with all my heart;

*I will tell of all
your wonderful deeds.*

-Psalm 9:1



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 thank you for joining us. This morning we have the blessing of feeding our faith through fellowship, worship, preaching and the Lord's Supper. May each one of us eat well and be nourished in our faith. Please join us after the service for coffee, tea, juice and a time of fellowship!

Welcome and Prayer

Songs: Lord Most High (From the Ends of the Earth)

This is My Father's World

Greeting

Song: Wonderful, Merciful Saviour

Communion

Song: How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Installation of Office Bearers

Song: Hear the Call of the Kingdom

Announcements and Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering: **1 - Ebenezer Ministries**

2 - Northern Alberta Diaconal Conference

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

Scripture: **Genesis 1:26-31**

Sermon: **Imago Dei**

Song: Across the Lands

Parting Blessing

Parting Song: Benediction



Church Family

Congratulations to **Josh & Michelle K** on the birth of their son, **Josiah Romke**, and to **Dan & Emily M** on the birth of their daughter, **Kyla Janes**! A new brother for William, Annika, and Noah, and a new sister for Callie and Danica! We rejoice with you and your families in these special blessings!

Ineke V came home from the hospital Friday! She will recuperate at home now on a pureed food diet for a couple of weeks. She has a follow up appointment booked with her surgeon in two weeks and they will evaluate her recovery at that time. Ineke is scheduled to begin 30 days of radiation treatments in 4 - 6 weeks. Thank you to the Ebenezer community for the cards, visits and prayers, they are so appreciated!

Bram V wants to thank Ebenezer church family for all the prayers and visits while he was ill. He is now feeling much better and will be able to return to work Monday. We praise God for his healing!

Thank You all for your prayers and concern in supporting myself and Harold through your prayers as I deal with this infection in my knee. I am feeling pretty well and the infection seems to be gone and we are now in a "wait and see" mode. If the infection doesn't return I will be looking at having further surgery on my knee in the New Year. God has been Good once again even through illness. **-Leona H**

Please remember in prayer those 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.

ITS BUDGET TIME! - Check out the table by the mailboxes for the 2018 budget forms! All ministries are required to fill out their request for funds for the year. Please make sure to return them to Herman B's mailbox TODAY!



WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY - World Renew invites you to join us in changing the story for communities around the world. Through daily devotions and activities, you can gather with your family to learn how God is moving families beyond poverty, hunger, and oppression, and equipping them with skills to succeed. Then join us on November 5 for this year's World Hunger Sunday! Devotionals can be found in your mailboxes and on the Children's Church sign-in table. Peter fish banks can be found by the table too!

ATTENTION SENIORS! - Are you interested in attending the Reformation Celebration at West End CRC next Sunday, but don't want to drive? Our Church has rented a 15 passenger van and Terry V has graciously volunteered to drive! We will leave Ebenezer at 1:30pm, cost is \$15.00/person. If this interests you contact the church office or talk to Jenny by Wednesday!

BABY, BABY, BABY! - Our Coffee Break Nursery is in need of additional volunteers during Coffee Break on Wednesday mornings. If you are willing to help out regularly or occasionally, please talk to Leanne K or Alesha S

DISHES - Please check out the table in the entrance and bring home your dishes! Thank you for your generosity!



ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS! - We will be holding our first crafting retreat of the season starting at 4:00 pm on Friday, October 27th and running until 4:00 pm on Saturday, October 28th. Please join us for a fun-filled time working on your favorite craft projects. We will have a soup and buns supper on Friday night and a potluck lunch on Saturday (please bring along an item for the potluck lunch). Please remember to bring along your extension cords and all your crafting supplies. Large cutting mats and irons/ironing boards will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Jan W, Wendy T or Freda MO

EDMONTON CRC CHURCH DIRECTORY - Every 2 years the Edmonton Area Christian Reformed Churches publish a directory with congregants' names and contact info. This directory can be very useful in shared ministries and even when visiting other churches. I have printed our current directory (with mailing addresses, phone numbers and email addresses) and taped it on the table in front of the bulletin board by the mailboxes. Please check this information for accuracy, making additions and corrections on the paper clearly, thank you! If you would like some info not to be included in the Edmonton directory, please call the church office or send me an email monica@ebenezercrc.com. Thank you for your help with this!

*****Giving/Mailbox Numbers!** - Please be very careful when writing your giving number on your cheques when donating to the church. We have had quite a few members lately mixing their giving number with their mailbox number! If you are unsure what your giving number is, no worries, it is no problem for us at the church office to find it, give us a call!***

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 - NADC - The Northern Alberta Diaconal Conference (NADC) includes the diaconal bodies of all the 30+ Christian Reformed Church (CRC) churches of northern Alberta. They meet regularly to discuss joys and concerns in their churches and use these meetings to grow in faith and love. NADC funds projects around the world which help improve quality of life and spread the word of God.

Next Week - HOME MISSIONS - The Spirit of God is moving through North America, delivering the power of the gospel to small towns and major cities. Christian Reformed Home Missions is following God's lead as the gospel moves across the United States and Canada. Together with our partners, we are planting churches and campus ministries and cultivating missional ministry leaders to serve as agents of renewal in God's redeeming work. God is using these leaders to reNEW COMMUNITIES TOGETHER by catalyzing gospel movements. For more info see crhm.org

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

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| Monday | 10:00 am | Friendship Ministry |
| Wednesday | 10:00 am 7:00 pm | Coffee Break Cadets |
| Friday | 4 pm - Sat 4 pm | Craft Retreat |
| Sunday (Oct 29) | 9:15 am 10:00 am 3:00 pm | Weekly Prayer Meeting in Library Reformation Service Reformation Celebration @ West End CRC |

November 2 - Safe Church Orientation@7pm and Refresher @8pm (final one for 2017 :)

REHOBOTH MEMBERSHIP MONTH - October is MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN MONTH! The membership fee of \$10.00 (per person) and supporting donations, insures the continuance of worthy benefits to allow our individuals to Flourish. Your Rehoboth contact is Margaret T and she has put a newsletter to your mailbox. If you have any questions you can call her. Please return your tax deductible membership/donation contributions to Margaret's mailbox (#99) or to: Rehoboth Christian Ministries, 3920 - 49 Ave., Stony Plain, AB, T7Z 2J7. Remember to include your full name, address, postal code, and the name of the church you attend, for our records. Thank you for your faithful support of Rehoboth Christian Ministries.



REFORMATION CELEBRATION, 500TH ANNIVERSARY - Join the CRC and RCA church community in the Edmonton area for a special worship celebration. We are gathering at West End CRC (10015 149 Street) at 3PM on Sunday, October 29, 2017. Join together in worship as we give thanks to the Lord for helping His Church recover the biblical doctrines we have come to know and live by as Protestants--salvation by grace alone, through faith alone in Christ alone.

Nursery will be available for young children, up to 3 years old. Joyful Noise Children's Choir will be singing and gifted musicians leading the congregational singing. Father Philip Speranza, an Orthodox priest, and a "new to the reformed faith" pastor, Dr. Jason Dahlman of Ebenezer CRC in Leduc, will share the preaching to give us a view of the Reformation from two very different perspectives, looking back and looking forward. The offering will be for the Edmonton Native Healing Centre.

Volunteers are needed for Coffee Prep and Clean-Up and Safe Church. Volunteers are needed for Nursery. Please call or email the church office if you would be interested in helping with this.

For more information, call 780-475-2662 or go online at <http://www.classisalbertanorth.ca> and look for the Reformation Celebration announcement.



Community and Denominational Announcements

RETIREMENT - Pastor Ken Baker, Ebenezer's first pastor, will be retiring and a service of celebration will be held November 5, 2017 in 3rd CRC, Kalamazoo, Michigan. We give praise to God for Pastor Baker's many years of faithful service. If you wish to share pictures, stories or well wishes, please direct them to 3rd CRC, 2400 Winchell Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49008 or email revbaker@3rdcrc.org

INVITATION - With praise and thanksgiving, First CRC Edmonton invites you to join us this Sunday (October 22nd) at a special 3:00 pm service where our church's new pastor, Rev. Brian Dunn, will be ordained. Church location: 10956 – 96 St. Edmonton

REFORMATION HYMN FESTIVAL - Join us at 1:30 pm, on OCTOBER 29th for a special celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. This service will take place in the beautiful environs of the historic First Presbyterian Church, 10025-105st. Choral anthems, congregational singing, organ improvisations, etc. will all be part of the celebration.



REMEMBER NOVEMBER! - Have you been to the DOE in the past? Its approaching quickly and we would love to have you join us again on November 4/17. Also, it would be great to share your experience with someone in your church that does not know what the DOE is so they can come and experience a time of fellowship, learning and encouragement. Any questions, contact NADC by email at yournadc@gmail.com and register now at www.regonline.ca/DOE2017Edmonton

YOUTH FOR CHRIST WETASKIWIN - Dessert night with Panic Squad at Wetaskiwin Youth Centre (Wetaskiwin Mall). November 4 @7pm, tickets \$20 available at the YFC office and The Justice Cafe. Check out the poster on the bulletin board or contact their office 780-361-0270 for more information!

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. If you'd like more information please contact :Edmonton Prolife <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/edmonton/>

ATTENTION RUNNERS - Are you doing a race this fall? Dedicate your run to help Hurricane survivors! For more details visit www.myworldrenew.net/grmarathon

BY GRACE ALONE - It's all about God's grace. This important theme developed out of the Reformation and hammered home the idea that it is only by God's grace that we have faith and are saved through Christ. Join Groundwork as we study Ephesians 2:1-9 and Romans 6:1-4 to better understand this important gospel of grace and discuss what it means for how we live our lives once we receive it. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

THE KING'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE - Will be Saturday, November 18 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The King's University.

GOD'S AGAPE/PROBABILITY DESIGN FOR THE UNIVERSE - Friday, Oct 27 @ 7:30 - 9 PM CAB 243, Central Academic Building, U of A. Is God's design in nature evident from specific biological interventions to bring about humanity? Or is it best to see God at work in the fundamental physics, chemistry, laws, and mathematics behind it all? Come join us for a talk by Chris Barrigar (Ph.D. Philosophy, McGill) based on his recent book, Freedom All The Way Up: God and the Meaning of Life in a Scientific Age. Barrigar finds that traditional accounts of design don't pay enough attention to why God would create a universe with things like randomness, probabilistic physics, thermodynamics, and massively-large numbers (such as numbers of stars or neurons). These things are central to God's great 'freedom system', providing a blend of regularities, laws, probabilities, and randomness 'all the way up'. This is what makes it possible, Chris suggests, for humans to choose, or reject, lives of agape-love toward God and others. Contact: Heather Prior, heather.prior@kingsu.ca More Info: csca.ca/edm

KING'S NOW OFFERS CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES! - Starting the second week of January 2018, King's will offer a variety of non-credit personal enrichment, child care, business, music, and spirituality courses on evenings and weekends. There are no prerequisites, text books, essays, or exams. It's learning and personal development at its most relaxed. Learn about infant development, how to write a book in 40 days, technology strategies for business, and many more! See the full listing on our website: <https://www.kingsu.ca/programs/continuing>



Thank You to Our Volunteers

Ushers: John T, Howard O, Ted K

Greeters: Luke & Alyse K

Coffee Duties: John & Joyce D, Graeme & Susan B, Matt & Kendra F

Next Week: Brendan & Alicia B, Tamara D, Terry & Alice V

Worship Team: Alice & Team

Projection & Audio: Wes & Pete

Serving Elder: Pete V

Nursery: Supervisor - Glen H

Infants: Brett L, Gea T, Anke K

Toddlers: Glen H, Jenny F, Shane K

Next Week: Ruby P, Dennis P, Luke K

Next Week: Tim & Bev C

Next Week: Marianne & Team

Next Week: Nicole & Mike

Next Week: Gord W

Next Week: Supervisor - Glen H

Infants: Kara B, Dale H, Andrea K

Toddlers: Sam G, Kelly L, Kaitlyn M

