



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 second 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. This morning we're meditating on the satisfying experience of seeking after God. May each one of us draw nearer to Christ and encounter Him afresh during this special season. Please join us for coffee, tea, juice and fellowship after the service!

Welcome and Prayer

Call to Worship

Songs: This is the Day

I Will Enter His Gates

God's Greeting

Song: There's No God as Great as You O Lord

Time of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Song: Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Children's Message

Announcements

Thank Offering: **1 - Ebenezer Ministries**

2 - Calvin Seminary

Song: Psalm 34

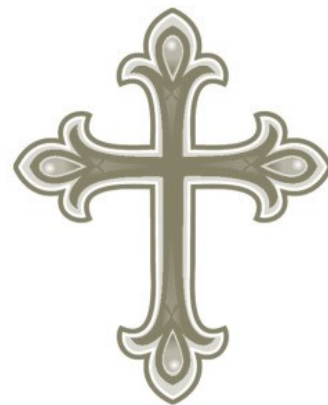
Scripture: **Psalm 34**

Message: **The Satisfaction of Seeking**

Song: Seek Ye First

Parting Blessing

Song: You are My All In All



Church Family

Congratulations to **Dan & Emily M** who are celebrating their 5th wedding anniversary! We wish you God's blessing in this special milestone!

Wim R will be going for surgery to have a defibrillator put in tomorrow. He may stay overnight for observation. We are thankful for this progress and next step in his healing.

Xander H's tonsil and adenoid surgery went so well he was released early and is home and has some pain but is resting. Please continue to pray for his healing and improved health.

Derrick M's mother has been diagnosed with ALS and is told she has 1 - 2 years to live. Please remember his family in prayer, that they may experience God's love and comfort in this difficult time.

Wilbur and Linda H are in Kenya distributing the Days for Girls kits, work in an orphanage and help build a church. Please pray for their safety and that their service there is kingdom building.

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

REVERSE COLLECTION – Next Sunday, March 19, Deacons will be taking a collection of food for the food bank. Today they are handing out papers with items listed that the food bank needs most. Please take a paper, and bring as much of that item as you feel you can donate to church next week. The foodbank will also happily receive monetary donations so they can purchase perishables and other items that are not usually donated. Thank you.

WIDOWED LUNCH BUNCH - we are meeting at the home of Dennis and Ineke V today @ 12:30 pm. See you there!

THANK YOU - Sincere thanks for all of the donations for the Kenya well project. We had an overwhelming response. We also are able to bring 210 days for girls kits along to distribute while we are there. Your prayer support for these projects will be greatly appreciated. - Wilbur and Linda H

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!





NURSERY TEAM MEETING - There will be a meeting for the Nursery Team on Monday, March 20 @ 7:30 pm. We are looking for some new members! If you have a heart for ministering our littlest members please come! If you cannot make it and have some ideas or concerns please call Jenny at the church office.

SENIOR'S GAMES DAY - Our next Senior's Games Day will be Tuesday, March 21. Coffee will be ready at 10 am, bring your favourite game and a friend! A light lunch will be served. If you would like to help that day, please contact the church office.



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 value everyone's time and want to help all ministries run smoothly. Thank you!

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.

YOUTH MISSIONS TRAINING - Hey everyone, I (Irene T) am going to Discipleship Training School in September in Lynden, Washington for 6 months. It costs \$5000 USD (\$6550 CAD) 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!

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 - 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

Next Week - LEDUC AND DISTRICT FOOD BANK - The Leduc Food bank serves a population of approximately 55, 000. Their mission is to promote human dignity, bring surplus food together with people in need, lend support to other agencies that care for those in crisis and develop community awareness, cooperation and education. For more info see leducfoodbank.ca

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Today	11:45 am	Pre 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
	7:00 pm	Cadets
Friday 4pm - Sat. 4pm		Craft Retreat Weekend
Sunday (Mar 19)	8:45 am	New Member's Class
	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

Tuesday, March 21 - Seniors' Games Day, Congregational Meeting

Friday, March 24 - Care Group Leaders' 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 to 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.

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!

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.



Denominational Announcements

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!

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.

JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR REGISTRATION - opens online on April 1-30 for children entering grade 2 through grade 8 in September. Registration forms and information about the choir can be accessed at www.joyfulnoisechoir.ca. This will be the choir's 39th season of joint ministry with Rehoboth Christian Ministries. The program offers children an opportunity to develop and use their gifts in service as ambassadors for those who have developmental disabilities. For further information contact Rein Selles at rein.selles@gmail.com or call 780-458-0698.

LOOKING FOR HANDS TEAM MEMBERS - Interested in an international, short-term mission trip? EduDeo Ministries is looking to fill 14 HANDS teams in Nicaragua, Dominican Republic and Zambia. As a HANDS team member, you will actively participate in God's global work, helping transform a community through the construction of a Christ-centred school. If interested, contact Karla-Maria Ponce, EduDeo's HANDS Coordinator at 905.387.9927, kponce@edudeo.com or visit edudeo.com/hands Many thanks!

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.

A NEW FAMILY - In his second word from the cross Jesus shows deep compassion for his mother. Join our Groundwork conversation on John 19:23-27 to discover what Jesus' great concern for his family shows us about his humanity, and uncover the profound theological implications that arise from this earthly concern. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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.



Community Announcements

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

EDMONTON CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA - "Remember My Name" by Joanna Halpert Kraus, tells of a young girl's survival in wartime 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.

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/>

Thank You to Our Volunteers

Ushers: Dennis P, Ruby P, John T

Next Week: Dennis V, Andy Z, Marilyn Z

Greeters: Dick & Judy O

Next Week: Roy & Teena V

Coffee Duties: Dan & Natasha D, Bryan & Michelle T, Dave & Marilyn H

Next Week: Ben & Sandy M, Fred & Linda K, Brent & Lisa K

Worship Team: Grace & Team

Next Week: Youth

Projection & Audio: Jamie & Matt

Next Week: Ted & Josh

Serving Elder: Dick D

Next Week: Norm H

Nursery: Supervisor - Laura A

Next Week: Supervisor - Carol W

Infants: Julie S, Bryan M, Levi M

Infants: Carol W, Leanne K, Andrea K

Toddlers: Jay A, Michelle K, Josh M

Toddlers: Derrick M, Kathleen M, Shane K

