

September 9, 2018

**Ministry Information & Contacts**

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9am-3pm

Phone: 780-986-4119 Email: [office@ebenezercrc.com](mailto:office@ebenezercrc.com)

Website: [www.ebenezercrc.com](http://www.ebenezercrc.com)

Bulletin Deadline: 10am Thursdays

Council Clerk Email: [clerk@ebenezercrc.com](mailto:clerk@ebenezercrc.com)



**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 welcome to Ebenezer. As we turn our minds and schedules to the fall season we have the opportunity this morning to be reminded that our Heavenly Father is sovereignly in control of all things. Even amidst the busyness of harvest and the start of a new school year and all the other challenges and opportunities that await us, may each one of us learn to rest in God's grace each moment of each day.

## ***Welcome & Prayer***

Songs: A Mighty Fortress is Our God  
Behold Our God

## ***God's Greeting***

Song: Jesus Shall Reign

Song: Before the Throne of God Above

## ***Time of Confession***

## ***Assurance of Pardon***

Song: I Sought the Lord

## ***Announcements & Congregational Prayer***

*Thank Offering:*

1 - Ebenezer Ministries

2 - Calvin Seminary

## ***Children's Message***

(Children ages 3 & 4 leave for Sunday School)

***Scripture: Genesis 45: 4-15***

***Sermon: "It's Okay, God is in Control"***

Song: On Jordan's Stormy Banks

## ***Parting Blessing***

Song: Revelation Song



# Church Family

**Alice V** had surgery this past Tuesday to remove a lump in her arm. Surgery went well. Terry and Alice would like to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers.

**Congratulations to Ed & Monica V** and family with the birth of their grandson, Brantley Alan, on \_to their daughter Maggie. We rejoice with you and your families in this special blessing!

We continue to remember others who are struggling with physical or emotional difficulties. We pray that God will provide you all with peace, comfort and healing.

## **IMPORTANT SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Assistant needed:** we continue to look for someone to assist our Sunday School Director this fall. If you have questions please contact Carrie T.

**Sunday School Signup:** Do you enjoy working with children? Consider investing your energy in the youth of our church! There will be a sign up sheet for volunteers at the back of the church for Sunday School.

## **UPDATE FROM G:**

Dear partners in ministry,

I came to Grand Rapids on Sunday, and yesterday, Tuesday, , I met with a lung specialist. I am happy to say that once again, God has listened to our prayers, and answered them in a tremendous way. I am cancer free, and in fact, it appears that I am doing better than I was two years ago. I am suffering from some fungal issues, but these need to be identified. Blood samples have gone to the lab., and I hope to have results within a month. Most likely, I will be given an antibiotics treatment which I can do from Honduras. I will be returning home to Honduras on ... Thank you for your prayers.

Caspar G

**UPDATED DIRECTORY INFO-** Anyone who has new contact information, including mailing addresses, phone numbers, or emails, please contact the church office by September 14 so the new photo directory can be accurate. Anyone who attends our church and considers us their church family, including newcomers, are welcome to be part of the photo directory. Please contact the church office with your contact information and photo if you'd like to add it too. Thank you!

# Ebenezer Ministry

**CHANGES TO CADETS?** This year, we are hoping to expand our Cadet program with the Junior Cadet Program to include boys to as young as Grade 2's; **BUT**, we can't do this without help from our congregation. Men, young adult to 'old-er', if you feel if you able to help grow our club, please talk to Scott K at the Cadet booth today, or please send an email to [leducca-dets@gmail.com](mailto:leducca-dets@gmail.com) to express your interest in helping put. Meetings are alternate Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm, starting in mid-October.

**GEMS GIRLS CLUB - GIRLS EVERYWHERE MEETING THE SAVIOR.** Our first club meeting will be on September 26, 6:45 - 8:30pm! All girls in grades 4-8 are welcome to join us. We'll be meeting every other Wednesday evening here at the church and we are looking forward to a lot of fun activities. Come bloom and learn to be a blessing! Cost is \$40/girl or \$60/family. If you have any questions or need more information please call Leanne K



**FRIENDSHIP: Needed - 3 mentors (male and female) for our Friendship Program.** Through our Friendship program, we strive to share God's love with adults with developmental disabilities by singing, praying, sharing and telling bible story with a 1 on 1 mentorship program. We meet every Monday from October 15 to April 29 with breaks at Christmas and Easter. Please prayerfully consider joining this joyful rewarding ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn or Wendy

**GREETERS AND USHERS** - Romans 15:7 encourages us to "welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you." If this stirs your heart, contact the church office to begin serving today!

## Denominational News

**THE KING'S UNIVERSITY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM):** Members, those who have made a financial contribution to King's during the past two calendar years, please join us on Saturday, September 29, 2018 from 4:15 to 5:00 p.m. at King's University, in Room N102.

**KINGS UNIVERSITY HARVEST BANQUET & SILENT AUCTION** Join us for our annual Harvest Banquet as King's community celebrates God's goodness. Feast on a full Thanksgiving dinner paired with a guest speaker and striking cords from the evening's musical entertainment as you bid on unique auction items supporting student scholarships on Saturday, September 29, from 5:00 - 9:30 pm. General tickets are \$75.00. For more information or to purchase your tickets you can call the Development office at 780.465.8314.

**WORLD RENEW** Are you interested in learning more about how you can volunteer with World Renew's International Disaster Response team? Do you want to use your project management skills to serve God during your retirement? Please join World Renew's International Disaster Response team at or at the home of Ray and Pauline Prins in Lacombe on Sunday, September 30 @ 7PM to learn more. If you have any questions or plan to attend, please contact Jonathan Self at [jself@worldrenew.net](mailto:jself@worldrenew.net) or 1-800-730-3490.

## Coming Up @ Ebenezer

<b>Sunday, Sept 9 @ 9:15 am</b>	Weekly Prayer Meeting in the Library
<b>@ 10:00 am</b>	Worship Service
<b>Wednesday, Sept 12 @ 9:30 am</b>	CoffeeBreak Park Meet-up
<b>@ 9:30 am</b>	CoffeeBreak Volunteer Meeting
<b>Saturday Sept 15 @ 1:30 pm</b>	Wedding ceremony for Dan & Christina
<b>Tuesday September 18th @ 7:30pm</b>	Church School Teachers' Meeting
<b>Saturday, Sept 29 @ 10:00 am</b>	Foodbank Garden Harvest

## Calendar Announcements

**COFFEE BREAK LADIES!** In anticipation of our official kickoff on October 3, we will be organizing a park meet-up each Wednesday in September! For updates on location check our Coffee Break Facebook page or contact Alesha

**COFFEE BREAK VOLUNTEER MEETING** We are looking forward to the upcoming Coffee Break season! Please join us this Wednesday, September 12 at 9:30 for a meeting at the Church. Questions please contact Cindy

**WEDDING CEREMONY** We would like to extend an invitation to our Ebenezer family to celebrate with us at 1:30pm on Saturday, September 15 at the church building. Thank you, Christina and Dan

**CLASSIS LUNCHEON** On Saturday, Sept 22, we will be serving lunch for the Classis Renewal Labs. Volunteers are needed to help with prep on Friday, and serving and clean up on Saturday. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board or email Jen

**GARDEN HARVEST!** We have been blessed with a bountiful harvest this year! Com and join us, Saturday September 29 as we plan to dig potatoes and clean up the rest of the Foodbank gardens! Harvest will start @10:00 a.m. and lunch will follow.

**FRIENDSHIP VOLUNTEER MEETING** Monday October 1 @ 7:00 pm. We are excited to begin our 11<sup>th</sup> year on Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. We would like to meet with our volunteers on October 1 at 7:00 pm to discuss new plans for the coming year and to share ideas that you may have! We are so thankful for all of you caring volunteers who give of your time!

## 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 (Distance Learning).** Calvin Theological 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 information see [calvinseminary.edu](http://calvinseminary.edu).

### Next Week - Resonate Global Mission

**EBENEZER SUPPORTS A MISSION TRIP TO GUATEMALA!** Luke and Alyse are going on a missions trip to Guatemala on October 13-20, 2018, D.V. They will be part of a team consisting of 10 volunteers with the following goals:

Distribute 100 wheelchairs in 2 different villages. These wheel chairs will give mobility, dignity and hope to the disabled, allowing them to transport themselves to work, school and around their communities.

Constructing 2 homes for extremely poor families. These families will be recommended by a local pastor(s) and typically would be situations where a mother is either widowed or single because of desertion by her husband.

Supplying and installing solar systems to provide lights for the houses since so many families are extremely poor and electricity (when it is available) is prohibitively expensive.

They will also distribute food and clothing hampers (including "Days for Girls" hygiene kits and dresses made by a group of ladies at the Leduc Alliance Church) to the needy families.

We ask for your prayer support for travelling mercies and opportunities to share the hope which we have in Jesus Christ.

We also ask for donations to fund the wheelchairs, building material, food and clothing for distribution. With this opportunity your donation will be directly and fully applied to impact the poor and all donations will receive a charitable tax receipt.

Donations can be given to Luke and Alyse by cash / Cheque or alternatively by donating to <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/hope-haven-canada-ministries/>

## Resources for Encouragement

**GOD'S SALVATION PLAN** God's salvation plan for maintaining his covenant relationship with us is unfathomable by human standards. Join Groundwork in studying Genesis 3:14-15, Genesis 12:1-3, and Matthew 1:20-23 to discover how Jesus' humility and weakness accomplish God's ultimate redemption of humanity. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**NO IDOLS** Do people worship idols today? Lucille finds out when she gets caught up in the frenzy over a girl band called "Skin Deep". Subscribe for free at [getkidscorner.com](http://getkidscorner.com). Free Giveaway: Kids Corner's "Know Your Bible Activity Book, Part 3!" Can you figure out all Kids Corner Bible puzzles? [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net).

**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION TIP** It's Grandparents' Day today! Grandparents (both official and honorary) can have a deep impact on children's faith. If you're a grandparent or someone who has that role in a child's life, let them know today how very much they mean to you. Ask them how you can pray for them. Share stories of times when you felt God's love for you, and assure kids that Jesus loves them too. Find more encouragement at [www.crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://www.crcna.org/FaithFormation)

**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](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

## Thank You to Our Volunteers

**Ushers:** Marilyn Z, Andy Z

**Next Week:** Tim C, Bev C

**Greeters:** Ed & Monica V

**Next Week:** Fred & Linda K

**Coffee Duties:** Derek & Jackie D, Warren & Carrie T, Samantha C

**Next Week:** Chelsea D, Dan & Natasha D, Joel & Candice P

**Serving Elder:** Art T

**Next Week:** Terry V

**Worship Team:** Youth

**Next Week:** Marianne & Team

**Projection & Audio:** Ted & Dan

**Next Week:** Nicole & Mike

**Nursery: Supervisor** - Tammy M

**Inf:** Tammy M, Charlene V, Sophie C

**Tod:** Dan M, Grace B, Grace C

**Next Week: Supervisor** - Carol W

**Inf:** Carol W, Cindy H, Naomi G

**Tod:** Kara B, Jay A, Seth A

**Children's Church:**

**3 year olds:** Karen H & Ryman H

**Next Week:** Carrie T & Warren T

**4 year olds:** Kim M & Kierra M

**Next Week:** Kim M

