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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. This morning we finish our extended meditation on the 10 commandments and consider together what it means to have a heart that does not covet but is content with what the Lord has provided. Only by God's grace can we be deeply satisfied in all circumstances. May the Lord speak directly our hearts this morning through our songs, prayers, fellowship, preaching, and the Lord's Supper.

Lord's Day 44

Q 113. What is God's will for you in the tenth commandment?

A. That not even the slightest thought or desire contrary to anyone of God's commandments should ever arise in my heart.
Rather, with all my heart I should always hate sin and take pleasure in whatever is right.

Welcome & Prayer

Songs: How Great is our God with How Great Thou Art

God's Greeting

Song: I Am Persuaded

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Song: All Who Are Thirsty

Song: Ten Thousand Reasons

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering:

- 1 - Ebenezer Ministries
- 2 - Resonate Global Mission

(Children ages 3 & 4 leave for Sunday School)

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 5:21

Catechism: Q & A 113

Message: The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment

Song: Cornerstone

Parting Blessing

Song: On the Wings of an Eagle

Church Family

Congratulations to **Dan & Christina (P)** who were united in marriage yesterday! We pray God's blessings for you as you build your life together.

We rejoice with **Jan & Maricha K** on celebrating their 20th Wedding Anniversary! May God continue to bless and guide your marriage and family.

Maggie V was discharged from hospital this past week. They would like to thank everyone for all the meals, prayers and cards.

Shirley L is doing much better and can receive visitors. You can visit with Shirley at the Grey Nuns Hospital anytime after 4:00 pm. Please continue to pray for healing and comfort for both Andy and Shirley.

Sadie H is still in the Sturgeon hospital in St Albert. Surgery was avoided but they continue to wait for what is next. Thank you for your prayers and please continue to pray for complete healing.

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.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS NEXT SUNDAY!!

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.



UPDATED DIRECTORY INFO - Anyone who has new contact information, including mailing addresses, phone numbers, or emails, please contact the church office by September 20 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!

Message from Council

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – Full Council Meeting September 5, 2018

After a one-month break from our regular council meetings, we met once again on September 5. As usual, our meeting began with a devotion and prayer, and then of course, our prayer bowl. You may be interested to know that we have prayed over each member in our congregation since we started this tradition. We have now refilled the bowl with a new and updated list of the names of each congregant to pray over.

We've been discussing our pastor's work load and how best to support him so that he does not grow weary with the care and nurturing of our congregation. You may expect to hear more about this topic at our fall congregational meeting (the date is yet to be determined). With regard to our continued congregational growth, council is planning a fall retreat to further consider our options around strategic planning. We feel strongly that this is worthy of significant consideration, and therefore plan to devote some specific time to this once the harvest is complete.

As you saw in this past week's bulletin, Luke & Alyce K are planning another mission trip. Council feels strongly that their passion for serving others is worthy of our congregational support. Please feel free to approach them for ways in which you can help with this mission trip.

New and "old" council members were offered the opportunity to choose to assist ministries to which they felt a calling. To that end, the following elders have indicated their desire to serve in these ministries:

Henk S – will stay with Education	Art T – Administration
Andy T – Small Groups and Discipleship	Terry V – Deacons
Herman B – Finance	Jordan S – Church Life
Wilbur H – Worship	Gord W – Chair
Grace B – Clerk	

As yet, we do not have anyone to fill the Safe Church co-ordinator role but a number of people have been approached to consider filling this role.

In October, Classis Alberta North meets here at our church. This is the meeting at which Pastor Jason will undergo his final examination. As usual, though, we have to choose delegates to represent our church in any voting at the meetings. Jordan S will be our elder delegate with Henk S as alternate. Jan K will be our deacons delegate with Brendan B as alternate.

EBENEZER SUPPORTS A MISSION TRIP TO GUATEMALA! Luke and Alyse K 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. 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/>

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, Sept 16 @ 9:15 am @ 10:00 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting in the Library Worship Service
Tuesday Sept 18 @ 7:30pm	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
Wednesday, Sept 19 @ 9:30 am	CoffeeBreak Park Meet-up
Saturday, Sept 29 @ 10:00 am	Foodbank Garden Harvest
Sunday, Sept 30 @ 9:30 @ 10:00 am @ 11:45 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting in the Library Worship Service Catechism for Grades 7-10 begins

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 S.

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 11th year on Monday, October 15th. 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!

CATECHISM: If you have a child in Grade 7-10 then they are invited to participate in our **Sunday Catechism** class. Our first meeting of the new ministry year will be on **September 30th** and thereafter we meet every second and fourth Sunday of the month. Our meetings take place in the council room after church from 11:45-1:15. Make sure your child brings a lunch. This year we'll be studying the Heidelberg Catechism and the book "In Christ Alone" by Sinclair Ferguson. It's going to be a great year! If you have any questions, contact Pastor Jason.

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 - Resonate Global Mission - Formed by the joining of Christian Reformed Home Missions and Christian Reformed World Missions, Resonate Global Mission trains missional leaders, guides new churches, and forges partnerships to proclaim and live out the good news of Jesus Christ worldwide. Resonate will build on the good work of Home Missions and World Missions, introducing people to Christ in North America and around the world. That means continuing partnerships with churches in the United States and Canada to plant churches, do campus ministry, train and equip pastors, and develop future leaders. Additionally, it means sending missionaries overseas, proclaiming the Gospel, and forging lasting partnerships to help people in every nation discover God's plan for their church, community and life. For more information see resonatglobalmission.org

Next Week - Safe Church Ministry - Safe Church Ministry is a resource for churches to prevent abuse, and to respond where it has occurred with compassion and justice. Synod has encouraged each classis to have a Safe Church Team made up of representatives from each church. The Safe Church Team acts as a resource to the churches, fulfilling three important mandates: awareness and education, support, and an advisory panel process. For more info see crcna.org/safechurch

DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT: Early Bird Registration is on now!! Are you looking to be encouraged in your Christian walk, in how you minister to others, or are you simply in need of uplifting? Then plan to attend a day of sharing and training on November 3 at The King's University for the 2018 Day of Encouragement. This year's theme is Sacred Spaces, with a keynote address from Dr. Bill McAlpine. Please see the Brochures and registration details in **your mailbox** or online at www.classisalbertanorth.ca/nadc.

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 D or Wendy B

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!

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 Klooster at the Cadet booth today, or please send an email to leduccadets@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, 6:30 - 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.



Denominational News

For further denominational news and resources for encouragement please find paper copies at the information table outside the sanctuary. Thank you!

Thank You to Our Volunteers

Ushers: Tim C, Bev C

Next Week: Luke K, Ted K

Greeters: Fred & Linda K

Next Week: Gerard & Wendy B

Coffee Duties: Chelsea D, Dan & Natasha D, Joel & Candice P

Next Week: Nick & Tamara P, Josh & Nicole V, Jay & Laura A

Serving Elder: Terry V

Next Week: Gord W

Worship Team: Marianne & Team

Next Week: Grace & Team

Projection & Audio: Nicole & Mike

Next Week: Jamie & Matt

Nursery: Supervisor - Carol W

Inf: Carol W, Cindy H, Naomi G

Next Week: Supervisor - Lisa K

Inf: Matt B, Jenny F, Andrea K

Tod: Kara B, Jay A, Seth A

Tod: Lisa K, Alinda B, Clara D

Children's Church:

3 year olds: Carrie T & Warren T

Next Week: Church School Starts

4 year olds: Kim M

