

April 11, 2021

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**EBENEZER**

Christian Reformed Church

*Glorifying God & Loving All People*

# Welcome to our Service

## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

SONGS — *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*  
*Come People of the Risen King*

## GOD'S GREETING

SONG — *Resurrection Hymn*

## READING OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE & COMMITMENT

SONG — *I Am Persuaded*

## READING

SONG — *I Love to Tell the Story*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THANK OFFERING 1 - Ebenezer Ministries

2 - Resonate Global Mission

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Children ages 3-5 are released for Sunday School*

SCRIPTURE — MARK 16: 1-8

SERMON — *The Unfinished Story of Christ's Resurrection*

SONG — *There is a Redeemer*

PARTING BLESSING & CLOSING SONG — *Agnus Dei*

# Church Family

Update on **Margaret T**: We are thankful that she continues to improve a little more every day. Thank you for your continued prayers and concern.

**Thank you** so much for all your prayers and kind words. And we've been abundantly blessed with meals and ice cream! Jason and Marco have now also tested positive. We appreciate your continued prayers as we recover and finish our quarantine. **The D Family**

*If you are experiencing physical or emotional difficulties,  
please speak to your district Elder, a Deacon or contact the church office.  
We want to support you on your journey.*

## April 6, 2021 Council Highlights

This was our first in person, adhering to COVID guidelines meeting, in many months and it was very good to be together. Birgit opened with an excerpt from Timothy Kellers book, Walking With God Thru Pain and Suffering. We saw how God can use suffering to help us see our weaknesses and strengthen our relationship with Him thru prayer and our daily walk. Hebrews 4:14 encourages us to draw near to God who understands our weaknesses and provides grace and mercy to help us. Time was spent praying for various families in our congregation.

It was decided that Wilbur H and Terry V would both extend their term by another year. We were encouraged to have the council chair position filled by not only one but rather two capable dedicated people. Terry V and Freda M will co-chair. Ministry Liaison roles were decided as follows:

Administration- Art T and Graeme B Church life- Quentin A Council Stewart- Freda M Deacons- Terry V Discipleship- John W Education- Roy V Finance- Dan V Worship- Wilbur H. Please pray for them and all of council that there may be wisdom, direction and love in all our serving.

Pastor Jason's leave naturally required discussion on how to move forward to support him, the congregation and council in this time of change. Communication is an important element to bring understanding, support and collaboration. We will all learn to grow in this together. Graeme closed the meeting in prayer



## REFUGEE CORNER

*LEARN* – Today, 26 million refugees in the world are seeking a safe place to call home. Refugees to Canada face many challenges and the support that comes from the government falls short of meeting the varied needs that come with resettlement. Read this article to learn more about the crucial role Canadian churches fill: <https://www.christiancourier.ca/open-wide-to-the-world/>

*ACT* – What can we do to help?

As you know, Ebenezer is excited to help support a refugee family from Syria. Watch the projection slides in church today to see their photos!

We have three upcoming fundraisers to raise money for this family:

1. **Big Box of Cards - 33 Greeting Cards:** choose from All Occasion Box or Big Box of Birthday Cards. \$33 for 33 cards! Boxes are available for viewing at the church building.
2. **Mother's Day Plant Sale - May 7 & 8:** buy individual bedding plants, pre-made planters, and perennials! Also, donate your perennials to the sale!
3. **Ebenezer Online Auction** - this is going to be serious fun! Do you have an item (quilt, specialty cake) or a service (yard work, house cleaning, RV rental), or an experience (tour of a dairy farm, horseback riding lessons) you can donate to the auction? Start thinking about one thing you can add to spice up the auction. More details to follow.

These events are brought to you by the **Refugee Support Committee of Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church of Leduc**. Contact Joanne K for more information.

## Coming Up @ Ebenezer

**Sunday, Apr 11** @ **10:00 am** **Worship Service** Easter  
In-person or Livestream

**Wednesday, April 14** @ **7:00 pm** GEMS On-line  
@ **7:30 pm** Coffee Break

**Sunday, April 18** @ **10:00 am** **Worship Service**  
In-person or Livestream

**COFFEE BREAK 2021** - Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm. We meet weekly for fellowship and great conversation. We ask that you come prepared to wear a mask and observe social distancing. If you have any questions please contact Alicia B or Alex A. Thank you!

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE** ([ebenezercrc.com](http://ebenezercrc.com)) for a **LINKS** page where you can find links to News, Resources and Announcements for our Classis (AB North), CRCNA, CRC Network, World Renew, the Today Devotional, The Banner and many other resources.

**THE MARCH/APRIL TODAY DEVOTIONALS** are available and can be picked up at the registration table. LARGE PRINT are also available. If you normally receive the Large Print, check your mailbox.

**THE APRIL BANNER** is available and can be picked up at the registration table. Please contact the church office if you would like a copy of either of these publications put into your church mailbox.

## Our Volunteers

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Grace

**PROJECTION & AUDIO:** Matt/Jamie

**NURSERY:** Alicia B, Alex A, Levi H

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Petro K

**NEXT WEEK:** KerryAnne

**NEXT WEEK:** Mike/Nicole

**NEXT WEEK:** Linda H, Kennedy H, Ryman H

**NEXT WEEK:** Kennedy H, Klaret K

**NOTE FROM DEACONS:** Our congregation and local community are noticing the impact of Covid-19 restraints. The Deacons are scheduling additional collections in the next few months to meet anticipated needs. We look forward to your continued financial and prayerful support.

## Deacon's Corner

**1<sup>st</sup> Offering: EBENEZER MINISTRIES** This offering is used to cover 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 CRC Denomination.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offering - RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION**—This outreach works to build on the work of Home missions and World Missions introducing people to Christ in North America and around the world. Resonate sets up continuing partnerships with churches in the US and Canada to plant churches, do campus ministry, train and equip pastors and develop future leaders. This includes sending missionaries overseas to help people in every nation discover God's plan for church, community and life. For more information see [resonateglobalmission.org](https://resonateglobalmission.org).

**NEXT WEEK 2<sup>nd</sup> Offering - HOPE MISSION EDMONTON**—Hope Mission exists to serve, strengthen and uplift men, women, youth and children through the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ. The staff and volunteers do this by serving food, providing safe shelter, clothing and spiritual care. For more info see [hopemission.com](https://hopemission.com)

**E-transfer Information:** to send a donation via e-transfer, please use Jen Fiebich's email—[jen@ebenezerCRC.com](mailto:jen@ebenezerCRC.com). Thank you!

**DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT** - Resonate Global Mission has a great opportunity for your giving to God's mission through the Christian Reformed Church! Now through April 30, any amount you give for our special Easter campaign will be matched, dollar for dollar, by a generous donor! Please consider making a special gift. Your missionaries and church planters depend on support from Resonate, and I urge you to give now while your gift will go twice as far. Learn more at [www.resonateglobalmission.org/EasterGift](https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/EasterGift).

## Denominational News & Resources

**GOT BIG QUESTIONS ON BIG ISSUES?** - Join one of ICS's remote summer courses to think them through: "The Soul of Soulless Conditions: Marxists on Christianity, Christians on Marxism" with Dean Dettloff (Apr 20 - May 27, Tues & Thurs, 7-9pm EDT). For 6 weeks, we will read several Marxists on Christianity and several Christians on Marxism to better understand where these communities found points of agreement and disagreement. First-time auditors can join this course for only \$425 (registration incl.). To learn more about this and our other online summer courses, visit [www.icscanada.edu/summer-courses](https://www.icscanada.edu/summer-courses) or email Elizabeth Aras at [academic-registrar@icscanada.edu](mailto:academic-registrar@icscanada.edu) with questions or to register by April 12th.

**EASTER VICTORY FROM SHAMEFUL DEFEAT?** - Join CRC campus ministers Rick Mast (University of Alberta) and Mike Wagenman (Western University) for a timely discussion for the post-Easter season: what can we as Western Christians learn from the long history of theological reflection in the East? There are not only racial and economic divisions in our world that we're addressing in this year's online book club - but also our divisions as Christians. Join us on Sunday, April 25 (8pm ET | 7pm CT | 6pm MT | 5pm PT) as we engage Dr. James Payton's new book, *The Victory of the Cross: Salvation in Eastern Orthodoxy*. Payton taught church history for many years at Redeemer University (Ontario) and will share some of the insights he's drawn from a long study of Eastern Christianity. Register at [www.WesternCampusMinistry.ca](https://www.WesternCampusMinistry.ca)!

**REHOBOTH FLOURISH**—The next edition of Rehoboth Christian Ministries Flourish newsletter is now available online at [www.rcmflourish.ca](https://www.rcmflourish.ca) or this direct link; [https://www.rcmflourish.ca/uploads/source/newsletters/April\\_2021\\_Flourish\\_Newsletter\\_Final.pdf](https://www.rcmflourish.ca/uploads/source/newsletters/April_2021_Flourish_Newsletter_Final.pdf). A limited amount of hard copies are available at your church. If you would like to receive future Flourish newsletter directly to your email address, please register on the website.

**EMMANUEL HOME, MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:** Emmanuel Home's [annual membership drive](https://www.emmanuelhome.ca) is underway. This is our chance to say Thank You to your church for many years of support, and your chance to renew or begin your membership with the Christian Senior Citizens Homes Society. Membership gives you an active voice in the oversight of our mission to provide housing and care for seniors in a supportive and vibrant Christian community. Your membership contribution will be used toward the development of a Chaplaincy in EH and to enhance our volunteer program to assist seniors with mental health challenges that have been highlighted by COVID. Membership packages are available in the church foyer or go to our website for more information and to make an online donation: [www.emmanuelhome.ca](https://www.emmanuelhome.ca). Thank you for your support!

**CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP SERVICES** Go to <http://www.csservices.ca/events.php> to visit our events page and register for more of our complimentary webinars.