

Community & Denominational News & Events

COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY: New Destiny Church Downtown Edmonton. Are looking for clothing donations to hand out to inner-city homeless people. The greatest needs are: **New** underwear (male and female), **Gently Used** socks, sweatpants, leggings and jeans (male and female), as well as **Gently Used** shoes, boots, and warm fall and/or winter jackets (male and female). If you are able to help out please bring clothing donations to the church. Thank you in advance for contributing to this very needy cause! If you have any questions please contact Karen G.

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS (18+) Sonrise CRC in Ponoka would like to invite you to join us for a young adults Bible study with fellowship and games to follow. We will be meeting **every other Sunday starting on September 20th**. We will meet at 6:45 at de Gier's shop (424026 Range Road 264. Look for green barns and a sign that says "Lazy Acres Dairy"). We will be going through the book "Ecclesiastes: Chasing the Wind," which is a 12-week verse-by-verse study of Ecclesiastes. Please bring your own Bible. We would love for you to join us! Questions? Text: Sydnie de Gier: [403-704-3444](tel:403-704-3444); Dakota Anderson: [403-783-1156](tel:403-783-1156); or Jaelyn Lubach: [403-704-3264](tel:403-704-3264)

PRAYER SUMMIT INVITATION: Trinity CRC of Edmonton (13425 57 Street) invites the churches of Classis to join us on Sunday, September 27, for our Prayer Summit with a focus on the ministries of Classis and our denomination as well as locally--looking **inward, upward and outward** in prayer. We'll have worship services at **7AM, 10AM, 1:30PM and 4:30PM**. We don't want to take people away from your own local worship service so we especially hope to have members from other churches in the afternoon, including the Lord's Supper at the final service.

THE KING'S UNIVERSITY CES GRAND OPENING & HARVEST BANQUET – Join us on **Saturday, October 3, 2026**, as we celebrate the grand opening of the Centre for Excellence in the Sciences and our annual Harvest Banquet, giving thanks for God's faithfulness and looking ahead to Growing in Excellence together. Visit kingsu.ca/banquet or call 780-465-8316 to learn more or purchase tickets

CAMPUS MINISTRY AT NAIT AND U OF A -- Students attending NAIT or the University of Alberta, your CRC campus minister is here to connect with you! Christy Harper is serving both campuses this fall and would love to welcome you to campus, whether it be through drop-in events, weekly gatherings, worship nights, connecting with other students, or having a chat over coffee. You can reach out to her at christyha@nait.ca, cjharper@ualberta.ca, or text her at [\(587\)-336-0618](tel:587-336-0618). To our whole Classis community, thank you for remembering campus ministry in your prayers and for your faithful encouragement and support!

CLASSIS ALBERTA NORTH – Prayer Request Classis Alberta North is in the midst of an important discernment process as we consider ministry priorities for the coming years. Delegates to the October Classis meeting are currently participating in Zoom roundtable discussions in preparation for the decisions that will be made together in October. Please keep the delegates, churches, and leadership of Classis Alberta North in your prayers as we seek God's wisdom and direction for the ministries we will support and pursue together



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September 20, 2026

Welcome to our Service

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer. We are glad you are here today and invite you to stay after the service for coffee and fellowship. To access the Livestream, visit our website: www.ebenezercrc.com and click on the Livestream button that appears at the top of the page.

Announcements

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

SONG — *Here I Am To Worship*

GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET EACH OTHER

SONG — *How Great Thou Art*

There is a Fountain

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Confession & Assurance

SONG — *What He's Done*

GOD CALLS US INTO COMMUNITY

Commissioning Litany

Children's Message — Morgan L

Pre-K 1 & Pre-K 2 children leave for Sunday School

SONG — *Servant Song*

Congregational Prayer

THANK OFFERING 1 Ebenezer Ministries
 2 Resonate Global Mission

GOD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD

Scripture — **Philippians 1: 12–26**

Sermon — **Gospel Advancement**

RESPOND WITH PRAYER AND THANKS

SONG — *The Church's One Foundation*

GOD SENDS US WITH A BLESSING

CLOSING SONG — *The Lord Almighty Reigns*

IF YOU ARE NEW OR VISITING and would like to talk to someone or would like more information about our church, come visit the Welcome Centre or fill out one of the cards found in the back of the chairs in the sanctuary and place it in the offering bag.

Church Family

CHURCH PICNIC/SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF—TODAY Youth will be running relay races for our Sunday School children after lunch. Parents and adult's, be prepared to also get involved. Games will begin when lunch is almost finished. Listen for Lindsay as she will call kids by their age to the field south of the church. All are welcome to watch and cheer the contestants on!

*If you are experiencing physical or emotional difficulties,
please talk to your district Elder, or Deacon or call the church office.*

We want to support you on your journey

We continue to pray for **Jacob H, Sadie H, Kristy I, Jari R, Tom T, Morris & Tina V, Jenny V, and Colleen V.** We pray that God will provide you all with peace, comfort, & healing.

Here To Serve

This morning we rejoice in the beginning of a new season of ministry. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to every ministry leader, volunteer, and servant who has stepped up to offer their time, talents, and heart to these callings. As a church family, let's seek to pray for the different ministries in these ways:

•**For Our Leaders:** Pray for wisdom and energy as they lead. Pray for confidence in the Lord as they seek to make Christ known in their ministries.

•**For Those Attending & Participating:** Pray for the Spirit to work in hearts and transform lives. Ask God that every person who comes would feel welcomed and encouraged in their faith.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT FRIENDSHIP - Please join us for evenings of worship, learning and fun at Friendship! Friendship is a program for adults with developmental disabilities to experience a place of belonging, build friendships and grow in faith. We are seeking new mentors to join us on Monday evenings starting on October 19th. Other opportunities include helping with snack or participating during our worship time by playing an instrument. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve. For more information contact Leanne K or Troy C. We will be having an organizational meeting on September 28th at 7pm, if you are a part of Friendship or would like to find out more information please plan to attend the meeting.

Ebenezer News

FINANCE COMMITTEE The Finance Committee is in need of another member. If you are interested, please contact Dennis Van Beek Or Carrie Boyd.

GEMS Calling ALL Girls in Grades 4–8 — Adventure Awaits at GEMS! Get ready for an amazing year of fun, friendship, faith, and adventure! GEMS kicks off this week **Wednesday, September 23 from 6:30–8:15 PM**. Come hang out with friends, play games, take on fun activities, make memories, and discover more about what it means to follow Jesus! This year, we're becoming wayfinders - girls who boldly follow the Way, the Truth, and the Life and lead others to the Way too! Come ready for fun, and join the adventure — we can't wait to see YOU at GEMS! Sign up on the website or talk with Kelly or Christine

CADETS - We are excited to start another Cadet season! As with all new Cadet seasons, we have a new theme. Our theme for this season is the same theme we had at the International Camporee this summer. **Mountains of Blessings**. The scripture passage for this theme is Psalm 125:2, which says, "As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore." This theme fits well with the Camporee held in Kananaskis this past summer, but more than that, it speaks to the protection, safety, and permanence of the Lord for his beloved people. The mountains also remind us of the immense blessings that we receive from the Lord every day. We are excited to work through all the aspects of this theme with the Cadet this season. If your son is in Grades 2-8, or your son has friends to invite, our Registration Day is Sept. 26. You can find registration forms on our church website. Please continue to pray for the Lord's blessing on this incredible ministry. If you have any questions, you can email Head Counselor Scott at leduccadets@gmail.com.

THE GARAGE SALE TEAM is changing the name to **"Fundraiser Team"**. Our goal is to bring our church building mortgage down. We have a few ideas brewing ... on November 21 we would like to organize a Christmas Craft and Garage Sale Social. We would like to know asap if there's congregational members interested in renting tables before we go out and ask other vendors. Also, our team exists with 3 members and we would like to have a few more join us.... any age. For more information ask Bea M. or Tina R.

CHURCH LIBRARY Hello from your new church librarian, Alicia B. To start, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lisa K for all of her hard work over her years as librarian. Thanks Lisa!

If you have library books at home that you have finished reading and have been meaning to return, please do so. I will be putting together a list of all checked out books in October and will put reminders in your mailboxes for books we are still missing. Please try to return all library books that you are finished reading by October 4th. Thank you!

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, September 20	@ 9:15	am	Prayer Meeting
	@ 10:00	am	WORSHIP SERVICE
Wednesday, September 23	@ 2:30	pm	MEWS Bible Study
	@ 6:30	pm	GEMS
Saturday, September 26	@ 9:30	am	Cadets
Sunday, September 27	@ 9:15	am	Prayer Meeting
	@ 10:00	am	WORSHIP SERVICE

Youth News

1. Save the Date: 4th Annual Youth Retreat (Nov 6–8) at CAMP NAKAMUN — We are excited to announce that we are heading back to **Camp Nakamun** from **Friday, November 6 to Sunday, November 8** for our 4th annual Classis Alberta North youth retreat!

- **The Theme: THE BATTLE.** Our main sessions this year will focus on helping youth navigate real-world faith, recognize spiritual distractions, and anchor themselves in the truth that we fight from victory because **God Wins**.

- **Get the Details:** Check out Youth Classis website and/or the bulletin board in the back of the church for the poster with a QR code to register

2. Youth Leadership Training Event (Saturday, Oct 3) Before the retreat, we want to invest directly in your ministry teams. Join us at **Ebenezer CRC** on **October 3 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. **We highly encourage you to bring your entire volunteer leadership team** so you can strengthen your team culture and grow together.

- **The Purpose:** To create community, share wisdom, encourage one another, and gain a deeper understanding of how to share the Gospel with teenagers today.

- **The Content:** To help kickstart our conversations, we will utilize practical video training modules from Download Youth Ministry (DYM). Together as a leadership community and in our teams, we will watch these materials and use them as a tool to facilitate deep conversation—filtering the trends, ideas, and strategies through our shared Reformed theology and local ministry context.

- **Cost & Registration: \$20** per person (covers lunch, snacks, and beverages). Registration opens this **September**.

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The **September / October Today** devotionals are available at the Welcome Centre. If you typically use large print devotionals you will find one in your mailboxes.

The **July / August Banners** are available at the Welcome Centre

The **September Prayer Calendar** has been posted to The Bridge App and is also available at the Welcome Centre.

Deacon's Corner

1st 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.

2nd Offering: RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION As Christ followers, we are a part of a bigger story than just our own individual lives, or the lives of our own families and churches. We are apart of a global church of believers called to recognize the Holy Spirit's work in the world and to live out God's mission of sharing the good news of the gospel with all people. Resonate Global Mission, your Christian Reformed mission agency, is here to connect you and your church to that bigger story.

Next Week: FRIENDS OF REHOBOTH + BUILDING A WELL CAMPAIGN — Rehoboth

Christian Ministries is committed to helping adults with developmental disabilities flourish through safe homes, supportive programs, and meaningful community connections. This year, we encourage the congregation to support both the Friends of Rehoboth Campaign and the Building a Well Campaign. By becoming a Friend of Rehoboth and contributing to the Well Campaign, you help create opportunities for individuals to grow socially, emotionally, spiritually, and physically while experiencing the love of Christ through caring community.

Collections for August 2026	Amount
Ebenezer Ministries	\$31,656.75
Coupons	\$2,700.00
Debt Reduction	\$430.00
CCS Tuition Relief	\$1,120.60
Crossroads for Prisoners Canada	\$666.85
Ebenezer Deacons	\$870.00
Mustard Seed	\$881.40
Open Doors	\$664.80
World Renew: General	\$50.00
Total Collected for August	\$39,040.40
Actual Income for 2026	\$250,488.13
Actual Expenses for 2026	\$263,305.49
Shortfall	\$12,817.36
Thank You for your giving so far this year!	



ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS You are required to complete the Safe Church Vulnerable Records Check and Safe Church Training / Refresher Video. **This protects everyone including you!** This video has been recorded and is available to be viewed at www.ebenzerercrc.com. Under Ministries you will find Safe Church Ministry and you can follow the link provided there. **The password can be found on The Bridge App** Please fill in a completion form. Forms will be available at the Welcome Center. If you have not yet completed these requirements, **check your church mailbox for the forms.** Thank you!

Thank You To Our Volunteers

- WORSHIP TEAM:** Wilbur

PROJECTION & AUDIO: Dan / Christina

SERVING ELDER: Chris H

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Morgan L

GREETERS: Quentin & Alex A

USHERS: Luke & Alyse K

WELCOME CENTRE: Wendy T

COFFEE DUTIES: Art & Linda T, Alex P

NEXT WEEK: James & Cindy H, Elly M

NURSERY: Susan B, Levi H, Chad D, Chaim H

NEXT WEEK: Alicia B, Renee KO, Morgan L, Kendyl H

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK:

PRE—K 1 Rory L, Nella H

PRE-K 2: Ryman H / Wes U, Morgan L

KINDER: Mariska Z, Ethan H, Lucas D

GRADE 1: Michelle T, Brody U

GRADE 2: Francine K, Jackson H

GRADE 3: Heather T, Rachel K

GRADE 4-6: First lesson is Sept 27
- NEXT WEEK:** Susan / Christel

NEXT WEEK: Mike / Jamie

NEXT WEEK: Henry K

NEXT WEEK: Linda K

NEXT WEEK: Dennis & Ruby P

NEXT WEEK: Eric H, Johnny H

NEXT WEEK: Miriam P

NEXT WEEK: Stella M / Brooke T, Evelyn H

NEXT WEEK: Lily H, Taylor L

NEXT WEEK: Lauren T, Ethan H, Lucas D

NEXT WEEK: Linda K, Brody U

NEXT WEEK: Karen H, Jackson H

NEXT WEEK: Karen G, Amari O

NEXT WEEK: Lindsay H



Sunday School News and Updates

ALL parents need to please fill in a new child registration form. One per child, helper and youth teacher. There is enough in your church mailboxes or extras at the welcome centre. *Please pay special attention to the photos section**

Kindergarten—Grade 3 Sunday School will **today!**

Grade 4 –6 will begin on **Sept. 27.** (This class runs on a bit of a different schedule, please check your email and/or watch the bulletin).

The new Sunday School newsletters are in your mailboxes and at the welcome center.

Questions? - Contact Lindsay via phone, text or email. sscoordinator@ebenezercrc.com



NURSERY is requesting parents to complete the **NURSERY REGISTRATION AND CONSENT FORM** for each child attending the nursery. Please place the completed form in Mariska Z's mailbox.