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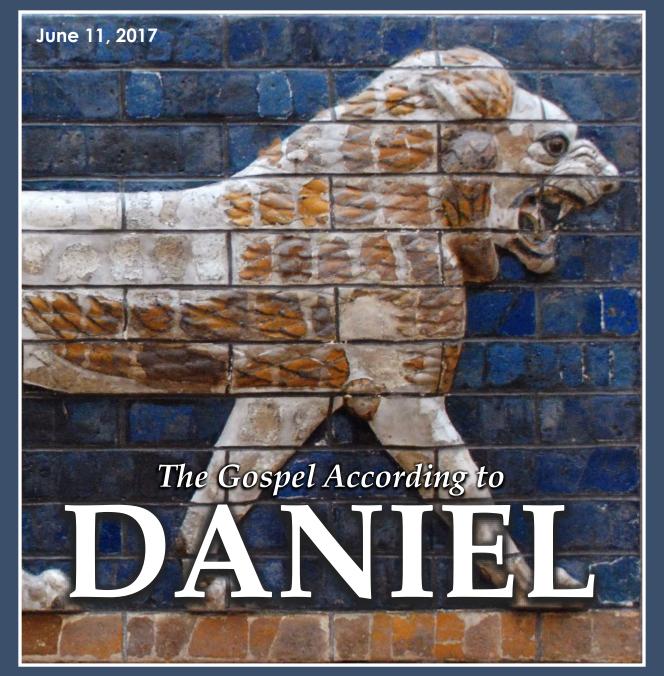
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Restoring all people to God's living truth and equipping them to passionately live it out!



# Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome! This morning we're meditating on the familiar story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace. May the Lord use our time together to remind us of the connection between our convictions and our actions and may he impart to us the faith we need to follow where He leads. Please join us for coffee, tea, juice and fellowship after the service!

Welcome and Prayer

Songs: You're Worthy of My Praise

As The Deer

Greeting

Song: Blessed Be Your Name

Time of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Song: O Lord, You're Beautiful

**Announcements** 

Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering: 1 - Ebenezer Ministries

2 - CRCNA Office of Social Justice

Offertory Prayer

Children's Message

(Children ages 3 & 4 leave for Children's Church)

Scripture: Daniel 3

Message: The Courage to Obey

Prayer of Application

Song: By Faith

Parting Blessing

Song: Wings of an Eagle



Congratulations to **Trevor & Heather H** as they celebrate their **15th Wedding Anniversary!** We rejoice with you and your families in this special milestone!

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

**VBS MEETING** & **CRAFT BEE** - We would like to invite those involved in VBS this year to a meeting and craft bee here at the church next week Monday, June 19 @7:00pm!

**PARKING UPDATE** - We are extending the seniors' parking to include all parking spaces along the sidewalks. At present, the limited space in our whole parking area requires us to conserve space. Please park so that space is not wasted and be considerate to leave parking spaces closer to the front doors for those with mobility difficulties.

**CARE GROUP UPDATE** - Over the last year we have journeyed together as we try to envision a new structure for our care groups. We have heard stories of joy, stories of new beginnings, and stories of frustration. As a way to address the many differing roads to building community, your Care Group Committee is in the process of doing some restructuring and would like some feedback from the congregation. Today we will distribute a short questionnaire that will be collected during the service. There will be 3 options, please chose that which best reflects your willingness to participate in the small group program at Ebenezer:

- I / We are excited to continue to build on our current structure of groups at this time.
- I / We are interested in pursuing a more purposeful/frequent structure with like-minded people.
- I / We are unable to commit to this program at this time.

After we gather this new information, there will in all likelihood be some realignment of the groups. Thank you for your support.

**CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS -** Starting in July and continuing over the summer, the church office will be open Tuesday - Friday 9am - 2pm! You can also send an email to the church office or leave a phone message anytime!

**ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!** - The Administrative Ministry Team is looking for more members. Please prayerfully consider joining our ministry. We meet about once a month. For more information please contact Pete Vlieg or the church office. Thank you!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - We are created by God and built for a purpose! If you are willing to celebrate Gods grand design with our youngest generation come help out at VBS this summer! July 17-21, 9:30am - 12:00pm. Sign up sheet at the back of the church or talk with Kelly L or Christine H for more info. Check out the church website for printable registration forms!

### 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.

2<sup>nd</sup> Offering - OFFICE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE - The Office of Social Justice works to develop a deeper understanding of and response to God's call to let justice flow like a river in both our personal and communal lives, as well as in the structures of our societies. When we talk about social justice, we mean God's original intention for human society; a world where basic needs are met, people flourish, and peace (shalom) reigns. God calls us, the church, to participate in the renewal of society so that all--especially the weak and vulnerable--can enjoy God's good gifts, for more info see justice, crcna.org

Next Week - ABORIGINAL MINISTRIES - The CRC's Aboriginal Ministry in Canada seeks to support healing, reconciliation and restored relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples in Canada. It is rooted in a recognition of our Creator's love for all of creation; the experience of Christs healing presence that brings peace between God, people, and creation; and the work of the Holy Spirit, who empowers people to live out the Creator's love in community. The Canadian Aboriainal Ministry Committee works with CRC members and congregations to respond to God's call to live in reconciled relationships as covenant (treaty) people before our Creator. It provides leadership and support for learning about Aboriginal justice and reconciliation and in putting good words and theology of healing, reconciliation and justice into action. For more info go to crcna.org/aboriginal

JUNE 25TH COLLECTION - WORLD RENEW - FAMINE AND DROUGHT RELIEF. Conflict and violence have forced millions of South Sudanese families to leave their homes in search of safety with little more than the clothes on their back. While they may have escaped, they walk straight towards another problem: hunger. As they leave their homes behind, families abandon the agricultural land that they depend on. With no land, families have no way of growing the food they require for survival. Famine has already been declared in South Sudan, and several other countries are on the brink of famine. The scale of this crisis is enormous; a United Nations official declared this the "worst humanitarian crisis since 1945." Over 20 million men, women, and children are at risk of starvation.

The Government of Canada has announced a match for humanitarian projects responding to famine and extreme food insecurity in many African countries. Every dollar donated by Canadians to drought and famine relief between March 17 and June 30 will be matched by the government. This match is on top of the existing match of up to 4:1 awarded through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. That means that until June 30, your donation is eligible to be worth up to five times more! In the midst of a humanitarian crisis it's easy to lose sight of the human impact. These 20 million people are more than just a number; they are mothers and fathers, sons and daughters – all made in the image of God. It's important to remember the people in the midst of a crisis of this magnitude.

An offering for this cause will be held on Sunday, June 25. Cheques placed in the offering should be designated to "World Renew - Famine and Drought Relief". You can also donate online at https://worldrenew.net/famine.

## Coming Up @ Ebenezer

**Friday** 7:30 pm Covenant Christian School's Graduation

Sunday (June 18) **9:15 am** Weekly Prayer Meeting

10:00 am Aboriginal Sunday Service with Pastor Harold

Roscher preaching and High School

Students' Professions of Faith

Monday, June 19 - 7:00 pm - VBS Meeting and Craft Bee

**Saturday, June 24 -** Ebenezer Classic Golf Tourney

July 17 - 21 - Maker Fun Factory VBS

August 11 - 13 - Annual Church Campout



CAMP REHOBOTH - On behalf of Camp Rehoboth, I am putting out a plea. It is getting Rehoboth Camp Ministry to the crunch and the camp is still looking for Fun & Fellowship For People Of All Abilities! volunteers. The camp runs for 5 weeks and each camp still needs counsellors. Some

weeks are looking for a tech person, night watch person and Adult week 1 (July 8-14) is in desperate need of nurses. I am co directing Adult week 1 and would encourage anyone interested to come and talk to me or give me a call at 780 717-3807. The camps are full of campers, let's make it an enjoyable week for them by having enough staff. It is a rewarding and fun week, hope to see you at Camp Rehoboth!! -Wendy B.

Camp Rehoboth provides a one-week camp experience for people with disabilities (and a week of respite for their caregivers). It is a life-changing and faith-building week for the campers and for the volunteers as well. Come and be a special friend to someone with a developmental disability and show them the love of Christ, and at the same time enjoy our beautiful camp facility. We are looking for counsellors for the following weeks: R&R (more relaxed week) (July 2-7), Adult 1 (July 8-14), Adult 2 (July15-21), Independent (July 22-28), Youth (July 29-Aug 4) Check out our website at www.rehoboth.ab.ca/camps for descriptions

of the weeks and more information. Anyone age 14 and up is welcome to apply. No experience is necessary and full training and support is provided. Bring a friend! For more information, please e-mail camp@rehoboth.ab.ca. With your help we can flourish in the land. See you at camp!





MARK YOUR CALENDARS! - The annual Church Campout will be taking place August 11-13, at Willey West Campground near Drayton Valley!

## Community and Denominational Announcements

**LEDUC FOODBANK LANDSCAPERS AND GARDENERS** - The FoodBank has been given permission to redo the planters in front of the Kitchen learning center into garden beds to be used in the kitchen classes with clients. We are looking for a group of people who could help with this project. We also have the option of converting the east side of the bldg, into raised garden beds for the same purpose. If you are interested in helping with this please contact the food bank as soon as possible.

WITH ONE VOICE: HYMNS AND CHORAL WORKS OF THE REFORMATION ERA - In celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the Edmonton Lutheran (LCC)-Roman Catholic Dialogue Group invites you to With One Voice: Hymns and Choral Works of the Reformation Era. Sunday, June 11, 2 PM, St. Joseph's Basilica (10044 113 Street, Edmonton). Everyone welcome. Admission is by donation with proceeds going to support Catholic and Lutheran charities.

GRANDPARENTING MATTERS SEMINAR! - Everybody's grandchildren are the best! Proud grandparents love to show off pictures and to tell great stories of their grandkids. On Friday and Saturday June 16 and 17 Spruce Grove Alliance Church will be hosting a Grandparenting Matters Seminar, This will be a time of encouragement, refreshments and challenge as we take a fresh look at this wonderful role that we have been given. You will enjoy music, speakers, fellowship, food, etcetera. For full details and registration please visit our website http://www.sqac.net/grandparents or contact the church office at 780-962-4700 Monday to Friday from 9 AM to 4 PM.

PROLIFE BBQ! - Everyone and their families are invited to a free PRO-LIFE BBQ! Monday evening, June 19th from 5-8 pm. @Queen Mary Park Community League Hall, 10844 117 Street N.W. Edmonton. There is plenty of parking and room for children to play. We will be revealing an exciting NEW INITIATIVE that has resulted as a spin-off from our previous successes! If those of you who like to cook or share could bring something, it would be welcome, but it is NOT necessary. It will go, rain or shine. EVERYONE WELCOME! Please RSVP to mbersch16@amail.com if you are coming, and tell me how many you will bring.

LIVING THE 8TH FIRE - To walk the road of reconciliation with our indigenous neighbours. Let's gather around the fire together and get to know our neighbours. At The Lady Flower Gardens – 3830 195 Ave NE Edmonton 9am – 3pm Saturday June 24. \$20 per person. Preregistration is needed and will close June 19, to register please contact Jesse: yournadc@amail.com or 780-819-7488. In Partnership with NADC and ENHC; part of each registration will be donated to the EALT Agricultural Legacy Fund. Lunch and snacks provided.

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NEEDED -** Mission Thrift Store is a volunteer-driven. non-denominational Christian organization that currently operates more than 48 thrift stores across Canada and supports the BFM Foundation (Canada) and Bible League Canada. We are looking for a Volunteer Coordinator position available (20h/wk). For application details, please email John.Feddes@ualberta.ca.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SYNOD 2017 - Please continue to pray for the discussions and decisions that will take place at Synod 2017. Synod begins on Friday, June 9 in Palos Heights, Illinois, and will run until June 15. Resources and topics for prayer can be found on the Synod Prayer Support page, crcna.org/synod/prayer



VOLUNTEER FOR FORT MCMURRAY HOME RECONSTRUCTION - World A Renew is happy to announce that volunteers are welcome from May 13-September 2,, to help rebuild homes for families who suffered through last year's wildfire in Fort McMurray, Alberta. For details and to sign up to volunteer, visit worldrenew.net/albertafires or call 1-800-848-5818.

PRAISE IN DARK TIMES - Is praise always happy? Does it imply joy? What about when you're suffering or knocked down by life--can you praise then? Join us in studying Habakkuk 3:17-19 as we explore whether praise is possible or even fitting in the varying circumstances of life. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

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.

FUZZY FOCUS - In church Liz discovers Kayla Leon, a fantastic new singer, and he decides to become her manager. Can Liz show her how to be a Christian performer or is Kayla now Terrene's new diva? Subscribe for free at aetkidscorner.com. At www.kidscorner.net . download two of our best free resources: the KC Sketch book and the KC Summer Fun Book.



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#### Thank You to Our Volunteers

**Ushers:** Ted K, Andrew V, Howard O **Next Week:** Dennis P, Ruby P, John T

**Greeters:** Dennis & Ineke V Next Week: Roy & Teena V

Coffee Duties: Pete & Birait M, Rudy & Karen G, Janette G Next Week: Andrew V, Jason & Yoka T, Dennis & Ineke V

Worship Team: Marianne & Team Next Week: Open Projection & Audio: Nicole & Mike Next Week: Ted & Dan **Next Week:** Frank V **Serving Elder:** Norm H

**Nursery: Supervisor - Lisa K Next Week: Supervisor - Carol W** 

Infants: Carol W, Emily Mu, Petro K Infants: Jordan S, Alinda B, Anke K **Toddlers:** Rikki L, Michelle O, Damien B **Toddlers:** Julie S, Mike D, Wikus K