

July 22, 2018

SERVE THE  
LORD  
WITH  
GLADNESS;  
COME BEFORE

HIS PRESENCE

WITH

SINGING.

-PSALM 100:2

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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. Our children and volunteers have been busy all week with another successful VBS. We look forward to hearing some songs from our kids hearing what they learned. Thanks to everyone who served so faithfully this week.

Lord's Day 39

Q104. What is

God's will for you in the

fifth commandment?

A. That I honor, love,

and be loyal to

my father and mother and

all those in authority over me;

that I submit myself

with proper obedience

to all their good teaching

and discipline;

and also that I be patient

with their failings -

for through them

God chooses to rule us.

Welcome

**Songs: Come People of the Risen King  
Indescribable**

God's Greeting

**Song: O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus**

Time of Confession and  
Assurance of Pardon

**Song: Holy God We Praise Thy Name**

Announcements

**Thank Offering:**

**1 - Ebenezer Ministries**

**2 - Deaconate**

Children's Message

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

**Scripture: Deuteronomy 5:16**

**Catechism: Q & A 104**

**Sermon: God's Will For Sons and  
Daughters**

**Song: May the Mind of Christ My Savior**

Parting Blessing

**Song: Be Thou My Vision**

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service for coffee, tea and juice.

## Church Family

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

**Jen D's** doctor said her foot is healing nicely and surgery is not needed at this point! We rejoice with her and Elizabeth and praise God for this 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.

**VBS 2018** - We were thrilled to welcome just over 100 kids each day. It brought us joy to watch them learn about Jesus and how he rescues us. Thank you for your prayers and donations over the week. And thank you to all our volunteers for your energy and enthusiasm that you brought to make the week a success.



**THANK YOU** - On behalf of the seniors, we'd like to thank Henk & Mennie Sand Terry & Alice V for their hospitality on our country drive and lunch last week. Thank you also to those who organized and drove. A great time was had by all!

**ANNUAL CHURCH CAMPOUT!** - We're off to Willey West again! Interested in joining others from the church for a great weekend of fellowship alongside the North Saskatchewan? Join us August 10-12 at Willey West Campground just outside of Drayton Valley! If you can't camp, join us for the day on Saturday, August 11th for a day of fun that will wrap up with a potluck at 6:00 p.m. (BYO meat and a salad to share) and campfire! Registration forms for the Church Campout are now in your mailboxes (extras are on the table in the foyer)! Please put your completed registration forms and payment in mailbox 155 (Josh and Nicole V) by August 5th.

An illustration of a campsite with a blue tent, a yellow tent, and a campfire with a log on top. There are trees in the background.





**SOCCER ANYONE?** - There are soccer balls and pylons available at the exit by the classrooms for anyone interested in playing soccer outside after church during coffeetime. Please bring them back into the church afterwards. Thank you!

**ASSISTANT NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER** - We are looking for someone to assist our Children's Church Director starting September. If you have questions please contact Carrie T.



**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.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** - The church office will be open 9 am - 1 pm Tuesdays - Fridays through July and August. The bulletin deadline will be 9 am Thursdays.

**PHOTO DIRECTORY** - If you haven't had your photo taken for the upcoming directory, please submit a photo to the church office asap. Thank you!

**REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES** - 2nd Annual Car Show and Shine; July 28, 2018 at 3920 - 49 Ave. in Stony Plain; to raise funds for adults with developmental disabilities. All day event includes a Pancake Breakfast, BBQ, Car Boot sale, kid's area, & Silent Auction. Vehicle/ motorcycle registration for Show and Shine from 9-11 a.m. or pre-register at [www.rehoboth.ab.ca](http://www.rehoboth.ab.ca). Cost of \$20/ vehicle. For more information call (780) 968-4315.

**Coming Up @ Ebenezer**

**Sunday (July 29) 9:15 am** Weekly Prayer Meeting in Library  
**10:00 am** Worship Service

**August 10-12 - Church Campout!**

*Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.*

- 2 Corinthians 13:11

## 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 - DEACONATE** - Deacons are church officers whose main job description is to administer the mercy of Christ to all people. The deacons are also called upon to motivate the members of Christ's church to faithful, obedient stewardship of their resources on behalf of the needy. Along with loving deeds and with gifts of money and assistance, the deacons serve the needy with counsel, leading people to see the grace of our loving Savior and recognizing the Lord through whom all blessings flow.

**Next Week - OUR MISSIONARIES** - The two families we support in our church are the Geisterfer's and the Strydhorst's. The Geisterfer family is based out of Honduras and the Strydhorst family is based out of Africa. Each year we commit to giving each family \$3000.00. For more info about their missions, please visit the Christian Reformed World Missions website and look up each family individually.

## TO THE CONGREGATION OF EBENEZER CRC, LEDUC

- We are thankful for your gifts of \$3,233.15 to World Renew received in Spring 2018. Your donations are bringing hope and strength to God's most vulnerable people through Disaster Relief, Free A Family and Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Through your generous support, prayers and advocacy, we have together been able to bear witness to the goodness of God in a broken and hurting world. We acknowledge that the scope of need is sometimes difficult to comprehend, but we take refuge in the fact that our God is loving and merciful. Together, we are bringing lasting, practical help that is changing lives! We invite you to continue on this journey with us toward building God's kingdom of justice and mercy for all. We would also be grateful for your continued prayer support - find out ways to pray for the work we are doing together and for the people we serve at [www.worldrenew.net/](http://www.worldrenew.net/) pray.

## INVITATION TO VOLUNTEER!

- Hello Congregation! When have you ever known a Sunday bulletin without an opportunity to volunteer... well, this Sunday is no different! As you may be aware, we received feedback through our Search Committee process that our Church Vision was open for review. In response, council has embarked on a process to review and potentially renew our church's vision. At our recent council retreat, the elders were led through several activities which broadened our perspective and also caused us pause for much thought. At this time, council is extending an invitation for volunteers to participate in a workshop and provide feedback to council on the preliminary visioning work. If you feel that this is an area of interest and perhaps skill and passion, please reply to Grace B - [clerk@ebenezercrc.com](mailto:clerk@ebenezercrc.com) or Gord W - [gord.winkel@ualberta.ca](mailto:gord.winkel@ualberta.ca). This will require an initial commitment of approximately 2 hours where we engage in a review of the visioning process and results from the council retreat. We're looking forward to hearing from you...

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 3, 2018

As most of you know, our meetings are always begun with a devotional and prayer – our prayer bowl has all congregants' names and throughout the past 1.5 years we have prayed over each one of you! We are looking forward to adding all the new members names and continuing this sincere effort of bringing you before our God in prayer at the beginning of every meeting!

This meeting was a special one in which we heard from our outgoing council members – Norm and Tiny both spoke passionately about the blessing of being able to serve. It was indeed moving to hear how serving on council touched their lives in such positive and enriching ways.

We also had opportunity to hear from our incoming council members – some of their hopes, some expressions of unknown expectations but consistently, a desire to serve our God through the leadership of His people!

Gord, our very capable chairperson, provided a great deal of background information on the topics before council at this time. It was profound to me, as the clerk, to hear the diversity and amount of comprehensive information that is required for our new council members, not to overwhelm but to inform so that our good work begun can continue with these new added council members.

As always, Pastor Jason provides a report on his past month's activities and visits. The process to formally call him as per Classis regulations was addressed at this council meeting. The final step for his full ordination comes with the fall Classis meeting which will be held here at Ebenezer this fall!

As elders, we too, provided council with a report on our home visits completed. As you probably know, it is our goal to complete 2 visits per month, thereby assisting us in connecting with everyone in our district list at least once a year. We hope you will feel loved and cared for by these visits!

This is just a (very) brief summary of the "goings-on" at our last council meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact any one of the elders or your own district elder if you have any concerns or joys to share!

In His service,

Grace b -clerk of council

## Community & Denominational Announcements

**THE LAST SUPPER PEACE LUTHERAN 2018 VBS** - Where: Peace Lutheran church (4606 48a St. Leduc ). When: Wednesday Aug. 15 9am-1:30pm. What: Please join us for our fun filled VBS featuring the story of The Last Supper. Program will run from 9 am to noon. Parents are encouraged to join in at noon and have a pizza lunch and enjoy a camp style service, events to conclude with a fun water battle so please bring a change of clothes and a towel. \$10 per family and includes pizza lunch. Please bring a peanut free snack, a towel and change of clothes and energy to have a great time! Registration will be open at 8:30 or you could print our registration form off our web page or grab one off the table in the narthex and bring it and the program fee into the office during office hours.

**THE GREAT JEWEL ROBBERY** - At the 50th anniversary of the Terrene Town Square, Liz and Lucille unravel a 50-year-old mystery of a jewel robbery. Subscribe for free at [getkidscorner.com](http://getkidscorner.com). Free Giveaway: Kids Corner's "Know Your Bible Activity Book, Part 2!" Can you figure out all Kids Corner Bible puzzles? [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net).

**WHY, GOD, WHY?** - Why do we suffer? Does God cause bad things to happen? If not, why does he even allow them? How can we maintain faith in God when everything is going wrong? Study Job 1-3 with Groundwork to see. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com)



## Thank You to Our Volunteers

**Ushers:** Andrew V, Howard O

**Next Week:** Luke K, Dennis V

**Greeters:** John & Joyce D

**Next Week:** James & Cindy H

**Coffee Duties:** Dennis & Ruby P, Colin & Kara B, Tim & Bev C

**Next Week:** Darren & Scarlett H, Terry & Alice V, Harry & Karen D

**Worship Team:** Youth

**Next Week:** Alice & Team

**Projection & Audio:** Ted & Dan

**Next Week:** Wes & Pete

**Serving Elder:** Henk S

**Next Week:** Gord W

**Nursery: Supervisor** - Carol W

**Inf:** Carol W, James H, Kaija M

**Tod:** Janna P, Birgit M, Levi M

**Next Week: Supervisor** - Lisa K

**Inf:** Kristy I, Michelle (Bryan) T, Esther H

**Tod:** Lisa K, Brett L, Owen V

**Children's Church:**

**3 year olds:** Sandy V & Luke V

**Next Week:** Kim M & Kierra M

**4 year olds:** Scarlett H & Josiah H

**Next Week:** Natasha D & Dan H

