

FRIENDSHIP *MINISTRIES*

Friendship Ministries is an interdenominational, inter-generational, and international ministry dedicated to serving people who have an intellectual disability. Friendship serves more than 1,000 Friendship groups in 70 denominations across 25 countries.

The purpose of Friendship is to nurture the spiritual growth of people who have an intellectual disability by creating personal and meaningful relationships. But it doesn't stop there, it spills over into Sunday morning and beyond. Having learned more about worship, friends find Sunday mornings to be more meaningful. And when friends share their gifts as active members of the church, entire communities are enriched.

Friendship Ministries offers free consulting services, many downloadable resources, and high-quality Bible study materials and other publications. Many of our publications are available in Spanish, as well as English. For more information or to support this ministry, please contact us at friendship@friendship.org or 888.866.8966.



Sharing God's love with people who have intellectual disability and enabling them to become an active part of God's family.
www.friendship.org



FRIENDSHIP *SUNDAY*

April 23, 2017



EBENEZER
Christian Reformed Church

Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer. Today we have the opportunity to celebrate what God is doing through the Friendship ministry. What a joy it is to be part of a church family where God is at work in so many wonderful and diverse ways! During the sermon we'll have a chance to reflect together on the role of the Holy Spirit in our life together. May each one of us feel His powerful presence this morning. Please join us for coffee, tea, juice and fellowship after the service!

Call to Worship

Song: Come Now is the Time to Worship

Greeting

Song: Our God is an Awesome God

Time of Confession the Ten Commandments

Assurance of Pardon Beatitudes for Friends and Family

Songs: Mighty to Save

You are Mine

Lord, Be Glorified

Children's Message

Announcements & Update on Friendship Ministry

Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering: **1 - Ebenezer Ministries**

2 - Friendship Ministries

(Children ages 3 - Grade 3 leave for Children's Church)

Song: Amazing Grace

Scripture: **1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

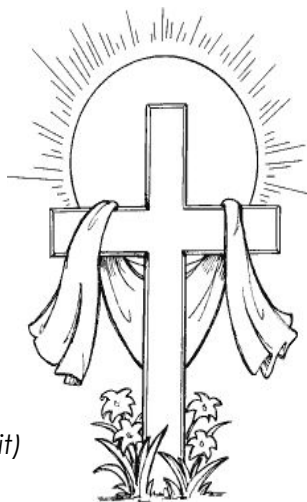
Message: **Getting to Know the Holy Spirit**

Song: He Knows My Name

Parting Blessing

Shalom *(Friends and Mentors will circle church and exit)*

Song: Go Now in Peace



Church Family

Congratulations to **Evelyn T** who will be celebrating her birthday! We wish you God's blessings this special day and all year through!

Congratulations also to **Troy & Kathleen M** who celebrate their **5th Wedding Anniversary!** We rejoice with you in this special milestone!

Consistory has approved the following baptisms: **Hayden J S** – daughter of Jay & Francine K, **Adaline R** – daughter of Sadie H, **Samantha C**, and **Candice P**. We look forward to these baptisms and welcoming Hayden, Adaline, Samantha and Candice into our church family on May 21 & 28, 2017.

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

DEACON NOMINATIONS - Deacons are accepting nominations of people willing to let their names stand for a three-year term. Please contact one of the deacons listed on the back of the bulletin if you are interested in this or know of someone who may be.

OPENERS AND CLOSERS - Admin is looking for people to be on a monthly rotation for Sunday morning opening and closing responsibilities. Please contact the church office if you have more questions or would like to be involved. Thank you!

COMMUNITY GARDEN - This year we plan to expand our garden project to include garden plots, for the community, the foodbank, as well as our church family. To register for your 16'x24' Garden Plot, contact Gary /Jenny F or check out the registration form on our website. Plots will be available for planting beginning May 22, 2017. We have left room to plant potatoes and are planning a community potato harvest again in the fall. Your help with the food bank plots will be greatly appreciated!

ROOM NEEDED - A 23-year-old, single, Christian lady, working on dairy farms in the Calmar/Thorsby area is currently in need of a place to live as soon as possible. If you know of any room and board, suite rental or roommate opportunities please contact the church office.

ROCKING CHAIR NEEDED - We are looking for a comfy rocking chair for the mothers' room. It seems to be a busy place these days and we would like to add another seat! Please contact the church office if you have one to donate, thank you.



COME JOIN US FOR CELEBRATE LIFE! - All-Church musical... "proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus through Matthew, Mark, Luke & John." This is a great way to celebrate the culmination of Lent and Easter by sharing the life of Jesus in word and in song! The music is singable and memorable. The Gospel will be imprinted on your heart like never before. Join us at Ebenezer tonight @ 7pm!

LANDSCAPING TEAM - is wondering if anyone has a 10x10 or bigger shed to donate for the garden equipment, or if someone would like to build one to donate. Please contact Dick DeKlerk or Dennis Prins if you can help with this, thank you.

GARAGE & BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER – is in the works for May 16 - 20. As you go through your spring cleaning, keep in mind to save some things for this sale! Also if people have large / heavy items to donate Bea Martens would like to make a picture before the garage sale and try to advertise it on-line beforehand. If you are interested in helping set up, work, or clean up, please contact Bea M. Thank you!



CRAFTING RETREAT - We will be holding our last crafting retreat of the season on Friday, May 5th starting at 4:00 pm until Saturday, May 6th at 4:00 pm. Please join us in the church fellowship hall for a fun-filled time working on your favorite craft projects. We will have a soup and buns supper on Friday night and a potluck lunch on Saturday. Please remember to bring along your extension cords and all your crafting supplies. Large cutting mats and irons/ironing boards will be provided. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Freda MO.

COVENANT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL MARKETPLACE AND AUCTION - Saturday, April 29. The day will include bouncy houses, face painting, carnival games, prizes, and snacks! There will be many great stores to browse through as well as a cafe and delicious bakery. The Bistro will be open for lunch and the live and silent auctions will have something for everyone! We are looking forward to a wonderful day of fellowship, community building, and fundraising in support of upgrades for our gymnasium.

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 - FRIENDSHIP MINISTRIES - The mission of Friendship ministries is to share God's love with people who have intellectual disabilities and to enable them to become an active part of God's family. Their ministry is international, inter-denominational, and 30 years old. They have helped equip churches from more than 75 denominations in 28 countries around the world to include people with intellectual disabilities. For more info see friendship.org

Next Week - GEMS GIRLS' CLUBS - The mission of GEMS Girls' Clubs is to help bring girls into a living, dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ. Our vision is to see girls around the world actively and enthusiastically expressing love for God and others—girls equipped, motivated, and passionately engaged in living out their faith. Together, our goal for every club meeting is to grow bigger hearts. Together, we will learn how to love and care for one another, other people, ourselves, and our relationship with God. And we'll do this by learning about Jesus Christ, what He has done for us, and His plans for each of our lives. For more info see gemsgc.org

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Tonight	7:00 pm	Celebrate Life! Musical
Monday	7:00 pm	Friendship
Wednesday	6:45 pm	GEMS
Saturday	10:00 am	Covenant Christian School Marketplace
Sunday (Apr 30)	9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	10:00 am	GEMS Sunday Service

Sunday, May 7 - Evening Speaker, Henry Matarrita Jerusalem Missionary

Friday, May 12 - Piatta Forma Choir Concert

May 16-20 - Church Garage Sale Fundraiser

SUMMER CHILDREN'S CHURCH - At the end of May, our Children's Church program comes to a close for this year. As is the custom with our three and four year old Children's Church program, in the summer months when there is no Children's Church, the parents of these young ones would still like a program for these little ones to attend. As such, we have established that the parents will each take a Sunday to teach a lesson or develop activities for this age group. Therefore, I have assigned each parent a Sunday, and if the



date is inconvenient for you, I will expect you to find a replacement for yourself. Of course, you are free to ask myself any questions or for any assistance I may be able to give. Please note your day, and mark it on your calendars. The return to Church School in the fall date has not yet been established, so the Sept schedule may not be required. As the fall draws near, dates may change. A schedule has been given to each parent or put in mailboxes, if you need it reprinted, please call the office and we will make one up for you again! -Alice V

ITEM FOUND - A ladies' ring was found in the washroom before Good Friday. Please call the church office to claim, thank you!

VOLUNTEER FOR FORT MCMURRAY HOME RECONSTRUCTION - World Renew is happy to announce that volunteers are welcome from May 13-September 2, 2017, 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.

LEDUC & DISTRICT FOOD BANK ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, May 23 3:30 PM. 4810 49 Ave, Leduc. Enter by front entrance. Facility tours will be available after the meeting. RSVP by May 19 780-986-5333 or director@ldfb.ca The LDFB encourages the public to come see how the food bank operates and meet the Board of Directors. Serving the Communities of Beaumont, Calmar, Devon, City of Leduc, Leduc County, New Sarepta, Nisku, Thorsby, Warburg

Community and Denominational Announcements

AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, CLOSE TO HOME! - Camp Rehoboth provides a one-week camp experience for people with developmental disabilities near Lacombe, AB. For one week you can leave the busyness of life behind you and be a special friend to a child or adult, and show them the love of Christ. Our camper spots are getting filled, and we are hoping our volunteer list gets filled as well. For more information, check out our website: www.rehoboth.ab.ca/camps, or send us an email at: camp@rehoboth.ab.ca. With your help, we can "FLOURISH in the land."

OVER 18 - Hosted by The River Community Church, Over 18 is a documentary about pornography and its effects on children and youth who are getting addicted to it on May 29 at 7-9pm (doors open at 6:30) at 11520 Ellerslie Road SW. You can view the trailer for the documentary at www.over18doc.com.

VACATIONS GETTING BORING? TRY A PRAYCATION - InterMission Silent Directed Retreat is a weekend retreat designed to help you refuel your soul and reconnect with the God who gives you life. Rest, pray, meet with a spiritual director and repeat. May 12-14, King's Fold Retreat Centre overlooking the Rockies. \$365. To register or more info: rev.klok@gmail

BOWL FOR BALANCE - This year, Cornerstone Counselling Centre is celebrating its 40th year of making mental health care readily accessible to those in need. Celebrate with us at the Bowl for Balance Lawn Bowl Tournament on Saturday, June 3, 11:30am-6pm at Commonwealth Lawn Bowling Club (11420-139 St)! Further info (c/w "Lawn Bowling 101") can be found at www.cornerstonecounselling.com/lawn-bowl

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.

Thank You to Our Volunteers

Ushers: Dennis V, Andy Z, Marilyn Z **Next Week:** Ted K, Andrew V, Howard O

Greeters: Gerard & Wendy B **Next Week:** James & Cindy H

Coffee Duties: John & Joyce D, Josh & Michelle K, Johan & Tammy M
Next Week: Dick & Judy O, Wilbur & Linda H, Jordan & Caroline V

Worship Team: Friendship **Next Week:** Grace & Team

Projection & Audio: Ted & Josh **Next Week:** Jamie & Matt

Serving Elder: Dick D **Next Week:** Norm H

Nursery: Supervisor - Linda K **Next Week: Supervisor** - Linda K

Infants: Linda K, Janna P, Damien B **Infants:** Warren T, Fia B, Wikus K

Toddlers: Dan M, Michelle T, Ivan T **Toddlers:** Angelica G, Lieuwe B, Seth A



AVAILABLE FREE IN THE DIGITAL LIBRARY -

"Earthwise: A Guide to Hopeful Creation Care" is available free to all in the CRC through the Digital Library (crcna.org/Library). In this book, creation care scientist Calvin B. DeWitt shows how we can regain a joyful, positive attitude about working together for good and living in harmony with creation.

WHAT IS SHEOL? - Where do we go when we die? Have God's people always believed in heaven and hell? Join Groundwork as we study Job 7 and Psalm 16 to explore our beliefs about life after death by reflecting on Old Testament beliefs about "Sheol" and how the reality of Jesus Christ emboldens our hope for more. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR REGISTRATION ENDS THIS WEEK

- For children entering grades 2 - 8 this fall who love to sing, the Joyful Noise Choir is open for registration online at www.joyfulnoisechoir.ca. The choir's program runs from the end of August through Christmas and includes a weekend camp (at Camp Rehoboth), Registration closes April 30. For further information contact Rein Selles at rein.selles@gmail.com or call 780-458-0698.

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