



July 23, 2017



Vacation Bible School Sunday

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Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer. Today is a special day because it's VBS Sunday. Our kids have been learning about their relationship with God all week and this morning we continue the theme of thinking about how God our Creator relates to us, His creation. We also have the blessing of celebrating together the baptism of Jacob H. May the Lord be exalted in all we do this morning! Please join us for coffee, tea, juice and fellowship after the service!

Welcome and Prayer

Songs: **Hosanna**

God's Greeting

Time of Confession and Prayer of Assurance

Song: **You Forgive Me**

Drops in the Ocean

Baptism of Jacob H

Song: **Amazing Grace**

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering; 1 - **Ebenezer Ministries**

2 - **Citizens for Public Justice**

VBS Singing

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

Scripture: **Psalm 139:14; Romans 8:31-32;**

Joshua 1:9; Psalm 89:2; Jeremiah 29:11

Message: **God and Us**

Song: **He Knows My Name**

Closing Blessing

Song: **Revival**



Church Family

Congratulations to **Eric & Stephanie H** on their marriage yesterday, July 22. We wish you God's blessing as you build your life together.

Andy L is doing better and is thankful for all your prayers. He has had his lung drained and was released from the U of A hospital this past week. He is feeling good and continues to recuperate at home. Please give **Andy & Shirley** a call if you plan to visit.

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.

PASTOR JASON'S VACATION - Pastor Jason will be on vacation next week (July 24 - 30); if you need to speak to someone during this time please contact the church office or your district elder.

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS - 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!

JANITOR NEEDED - Ebenezer Church will be needing a part time janitor beginning September 1. Contact Pete V or the church office for more info and to apply.

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK - After a busy week of VBS, here is a prayer for quietness for all the volunteers and leaders.

Calm Me into a Quietness

"Now, O Lord, calm me into a quietness that heals and listens, and molds my longings and passions, my wounds and wonderings into a more holy and human shape."

by Ted Loder, from his book *Guerillas of Grace: Prayers for the Battle*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Maker Fun Factory



Thank you to all our volunteers, and for all the donations and prayers we received this week for VBS. We welcomed over 100 kids over the week and saw God working in amazing ways as we taught the kids that they were created by God and built for purpose. Thank you to our church family for all your support!



2016 FINANCIAL - Copies of the 2016 financial statements are available on the table by the mailboxes, if you would prefer a pdf copy, you can email Joshua K to request one.

ENJOY A SUMMER AFTERNOON OF MUSIC - Virtuoso violinist Ewald Cheung and pianist Henry Mokken will present a concert at Robertson-Wesley United Church (10209-123 Street, Edmonton) on Saturday July 29 at 2 PM. The duo will play a variety of classical music including some familiar favourites. The afternoon will also include dessert and refreshments. Tickets for this Afternoon of Music and Desserts are \$15 with all proceeds going to support the upkeep and programs of the historically designated Robertson-Wesley United Church. Tickets are available through the church (780-482-1587) and at the door.

ART: VOCABULARY FOR THE SOUL RETREAT - Theme: Resting in Jesus. We will look at scripture, respond with art (painting, writing, music), and we will take time to rest. The retreat will occur on the weekend of October 13 to 15. For more information on this Art and Faith retreat go to <http://juliedrew-artandfaith.com/art-vocab>.

SEA-TO-SEA - This year Sea-to-Sea is biking across Canada and the USA to end poverty. Frank d, Joyce d's son, is riding this year. Today the riders are in Winnipeg and this week they will be heading across the border to the USA and Grand Rapids, MI; to follow the route and devotionals go to <http://seatosea.org/daily-tour-info/>



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 - CITIZENS FOR PUBLIC JUSTICE - The mission of Citizens for Public Justice (CPJ) is to promote public justice in Canada by shaping key public policy debates through research and analysis, publishing and public dialogue. CPJ encourages citizens, leaders in society and governments to support policies and practices which reflect God's call for love, justice and stewardship. For more info see www.cpj.ca.

Next Week - DIACONAL MINISTRIES CANADA - Diaconal Ministries Canada partners with churches and ministries across Canada to demonstrate God's love in the community. Their mission is to inspire, equip and encourage deacons, churches and their partners as they join in God's transforming work in communities. For more info see www.diaconalministries.com

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday (July 30) **9:15 am** Weekly Prayer Meeting
10:00 am Worship Service

August 3 9:30 - 11:00 am Coffee with Pastor Jason
August 11 - 13 - Annual Church Campout

INTERESTED IN MAKING YOUR OWN KEFIR? - Want to know more about this drink? Check out this link: <http://www.thehealthyhomeeconomist.com/kefir-healthier-than-yogurt/>. And if you'd like some grains to begin your own process at home, give Joanne K a call. The kefir grains I have are now plentiful and need to be shared.

PRODUCE SHARING - It's that time of year again – ravishing radishes, ruby rhubarb and lovely lettuces are growing in our gardens. If you have too much produce, why not take it to church to share with those who, for one reason or another, do not have access to garden produce of their own? Check out the bins near the kitchen roll up window and take home whatever you like. Looking forward to another season of produce sharing!

FRUIT TREES AND PERENNIALS - The Landscaping team is looking at planting some fruit bearing trees and shrubs near our community garden. If you have some to share or suggestions, please email or call Joanne K. We are also going to plant some perennials in the flower bed next to the patio. If you have perennials to share that grow to no more than 2 feet tall, please call Dennis and Ruby P

CHURCH CAMPOUT REGISTRATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE! You will find forms on the table in the foyer; however you can also register online or with the following qr code. Join us August 11-13 at Willey West Campground just outside of Drayton Valley for a great weekend of fellowship alongside the North Saskatchewan River! If you can't camp, join us for the day on Saturday, August 12th 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! Please register as soon as possible as it will help us determine if we need to book additional sites. Please put your completed registration forms in mailbox 118 (Josh and Nicole V).



Community and Denominational Announcements

LEDUC & DISTRICT EMERGENCY SHELTER ASSOCIATION-THE HUB - As a Christian based organization, we are contacting our church community regarding our present need to build our board of directors. The following is a brief description of the position: attend one meeting per month (usually 1 hour in length), the ability to help at various fundraisers, contribute ideas, support and time to move forward on our various programs, a passion to help those in our community unable to gain needed support elsewhere, a willingness to acquire a Criminal Record Check from the RCMP, and sign a letter of confidentiality. Please send a letter of application stating why you would like to be part of our board and what contributions you feel you could make to: LDESA-the Hub, Box 3153, Leduc, AB. T9E 6L9

NORTHLANDS AND EDMONTON PROLIFE - Edmonton ProLife will be in at K-days and we hope that you will visit us at Northlands. We would be happy to have volunteers, please contact info@edmontonprolife.org. We are excited to be at K-days and working with Northlands to be able to offer support to many and engaging the public on the vital role Edmonton Pro-Life brings to our community.

PRAY IN SOUTH AFRICA! - From January 31-February 12, go and pray with God's people in South Africa. Last year, one man said, "Wow, this is unlike any other short-term team we have ever had come and see us. The team blessed us with prayers and encouragement in a very deep way." Visit crwm.org/safari for more information or to apply.

Thank You to Our Volunteers

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

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

Coffee Duties: Matt & Jamie B, Charlene V, Jim & Margaret T

Next Week: Glen & Christine H, Elly M, Barry & Kelly H

Worship Team: Open **Next Week:** Alice & Team

Projection & Audio: Ted & Dan **Next Week:** Wes & Pete

Serving Elder: Norm H **Next Week:** Jordan S

Nursery: Supervisor - Glen H **Next Week: Supervisor** - Janette G

Infants: Christine H, Carrie B, Andrea K **Infants:** Janette G, Janna P, Bethany G

Toddlers: Alesha S, Joe D, Damien B **Toddlers:** Warren T, Joyce D, Naomi G

Children's Church: Jordan & Alesha S **Next Week:** Dan & Emily M



WILDFIRES IN B.C. - Join World Renew in praying for the wildfire crisis in British Columbia where a state of emergency has been issued. There are still 140 active fires and more than 40 000 people have been forced to leave their homes. This includes the community of Williams Lake and the members of Cariboo Community CRC. World Renew is assessing the situation to determine our response and more details will be available as the fire response progresses; currently donations are being accepted on their website. For more information go to <https://www.crcna.org/news-and-views/world-renew-seeks-prayers-evacuees-british-columbia-fires>

TEACH OR TUTOR OVERSEAS - Do you want to serve international students in a classroom? Opportunities to serve with many partner Christian schools are still available for the fall semester or next winter. Visit crwm.org/teaching to learn more or to apply.

OBEYING GOD'S CALL - How do we faithfully obey God's call in the face of divine silence, obstacles, or other frustrations? Join Groundwork as we discuss passages like Acts 26 and Hebrews 5 to find strength and confidence to obey and remain faithful to God's call in our lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

PICK AND ROLL - Michael James, basketball's living legend, is coming to town. At a skills contest, will Liz and Spike's friendship be destroyed when the competition gets fierce? Who's better at shooting, at dribbling, and at setting up a Pick and Roll? Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. At www.kidscorner.net, download two of our best free resources: the KC Sketch book and the KC Summer Fun Book.

OPPORTUNITY FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH - Spiritual growth often occurs when we are able to discuss our experiences of God with another person who is trained in reflective listening. This is the primary activity of spiritual direction. The Studion School for Spiritual Direction is now seeking participants to meet with our second-year students to engage in spiritual direction as part of each student's supervised practicum. If this opportunity interests you, find out more by contacting Pastor Ron Klok: rev.klok@gmail.com

5 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR KIDS - Over the summer, parents often have the joy of more interaction with their kids when school and homework have faded into mere memory. Long road trips, lazy pool days, car rides to the movie theater and walks to the park take residence on our calendars instead. Such fertile soil for fun chats! Illustrated Children's Ministry has put together a list of questions to ask kids this summer. We hope they help foster awareness of God in your midst and enrich connections between you and the children in your care as you savor the summer. 1. What made you laugh today? 2. When did you help someone recently? 3. What are you feeling grateful for this week? 4. What's been a challenging part of your day? 5. How have you experienced God this week? Find the full article at <https://www.illustratedchildrensministry.com/2017/questions-to-ask-kids/>