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Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer. Today we welcome Elder Frank V as he shares the message with us today. Please join us for coffee, tea, juice and fellowship after the service!

Welcome and Prayer

Songs: **How Great is Our God/How Great Thou Art**

God's Greeting

Song: **Come People of the Risen King**

Time of Confession

Song: **May the Words of My Mouth**

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering; 1 - **Ebenezer Ministries**

2 - **Diaconal Ministries Canada**

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

Scripture: **John 15:1-17**

Message: **Having the Joy You Share**

Prayer

Song: **Shout to the Lord**

Closing Blessing

Song: **Because of You**



Church Family

Congratulations to **Jonathan & Janna P** as they will be celebrating **10 years** of marriage on **August 4**.

Our Christian condolences to **John & Wendy T** on the passing away of John's sister-in-law, **Tina T**. She had a brain aneurism on Wednesday and passed away Friday morning. We pray that God will surround her family during this difficult time with His comfort and peace.

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.

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.

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.

UNCLAIMED VBS CRAFTS - There are some unclaimed VBS crafts on the table by the mailboxes, if they belong to your child please pick them up.

THE SHEPHERD'S GUIDE - The June 2017 - May 2018 edition of "The Shepherd's Guide" is available, this is a Christian business and ministry directory for Edmonton and north central Alberta. There are copies on the table by the mailboxes.

PHOTO ON THE COVER OF THE BULLETIN - This photo was taken on a cold, wet morning in Israel. It shows what a vineyard may have looked like in the 1st C AD, when Jesus taught His disciples the lesson on "The Vine and the Branches". Vineyards were planted on terraces on the sides of the hills, it took about 1 year to make a terrace, and the rocks that were removed from the field were used in the fence surrounding the vineyard. The grapes were planted using cuttings rather than seeds, and it would take 5 - 6 years before grapes could be harvested. The grape vines grew along the ground, not on trellises or grape arbours, and the branches would be lifted off the ground using a pile of stones. As the grape vines grew the branches would be pruned to promote fruit production. The farmer also had to make sure that animals did not get into the grapes and that thieves did not steal his crop. Growing grapes was an extremely labour intensive endeavour that was understood by Jesus' disciples.



SEA-TO-SEA - This year Sea-to-Sea is biking across Canada and the USA to end poverty. Today the riders are in Ashland, WI, and this week they will be heading across the border back to Canada; to follow the route and devotionals go to <http://seatosea.org/daily-tour-info/>



DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT - remember November as you enjoy your summer vacations and warm weather. Register now and save for later. Keynote presentation by CRCNA Executive Director, Steven Timmermans and lunch feature by World Renew DRS director, Bob Laarman. Other workshop leaders include:

Carmen Voogd - Safe Church Ministries, Harold Roscher - Aboriginal Ministries, Mel Slomp - Healthy Church Task Force, Heather Looy - LGBTQ+, Ron Vandenberg - Diaconal Ministries Canada - A.G.M., Karin Linschoten - Mennonite Centre for Newcomers (refugees), Cindy Stover & Mike Hogeterp - OSJ/Centre for Public Dialogue, Howard Lawrence - Abundant Communities, Jonathan Nicolai-deKoning - Prison ministries, Mark Stephenson - Disabilities Ministry, Joyce Borger - Worship Ministry, Julianne Gilchrist - Storytelling and faith formation

Register throughout the month of August for Super Early Bird pricing at www.regonline.ca/DOE2017Edmonton or contact yournadc@gmail.com.

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 - 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

Next Week - REHOBOTH - Rehoboth Christian Ministries adheres to the fundamental premise that there must be equity for all people regardless of their level of intellectual functioning, physical appearance and abilities, social awareness and skills, degree of dependency, physical and mental health, social status, income, race, color, religious beliefs, or cultural background. Rehoboth, a Christian association serving the Mentally Handicapped of Alberta, was formed in 1976 by members of the Christian community to offer services to individuals with disabilities and their families. For more info see rehoboth.ab.ca

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Thursday, August 3 9:30 - 11:00 am Coffee with Pastor Jason
Sunday, August 6 9:15 am Weekly Prayer Meeting
10:00 am Worship Service

August 11 - 13 - Annual Church Campout

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.

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>.

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

CHRISTIAN CREDIT UNION - Career Opportunity Business Banking Advisor (II) - Lethbridge / Edmonton - Christian Credit Union is currently seeking a dynamic, service-orientated individual to join our team in the capacity of a Business Banking Advisor (II). The Business Banking Advisor II is responsible for business development for commercial and agricultural enterprise accounts with lending needs of up to \$3M, has lending limits and manages a portfolio of up to \$30M. For more information, visit www.christiancu.ca.

PRAY FOR INSPIRE 2017 - Inspire 2017 is a conference to connect people from across the 1000+ churches in the Christian Reformed Church for three days of worship, workshops, speakers, and conversation. As we plan and prepare for this event, happening August 3-5 in Detroit, Mich., please join us in praying for the event and all who will attend. This week, please pray for breakout speakers in sessions about faith, discipleship, and mission. Pray for these speakers as they make final preparations for their sessions and workshops. Pray that their words and presentations will engage and inspire people involved in faith formation, helping people to find and follow faith in Christ.

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This highly effective marriage saving program will be presented in the Edmonton area starting with the weekend of August 18 to 20. For confidential information or to register for the program contact info@HelpourMarriage.ca or phone 587-598-4357 or go to the website www.HelpOurMarriage.ca.

Thank You to Our Volunteers

Ushers: Dennis & Ruby P, Ted K

Next Week: Dennis V, Andy & Marilyn Z

Greeters: James & Cindy H

Next Week: Fred & Linda K

Coffee Duties: Glen & Christine H, Elly M, Barry & Kelly H

Next Week: Anne V, Dennis & Ruby P, James & Cindy H

Worship Team: Alice & Team

Next Week: Marianne & Team

Projection & Audio: Wes & Pete

Next Week: Nicole & Mike

Serving Elder: Jordan S

Next Week: Henk S

Nursery: Supervisor - Janette G

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Infants: Janette G, Janna P, Bethany G

Infants: Jon P, Karen H, Mercedes L

Toddlers: Warren T, Joyce D, Naomi G

Toddlers: Michelle K, Jay A, Owen V

Children's Church: Dan & Emily M

Next Week: Darren & Scarlet H



GREETINGS FROM HONDURAS! - Dear friends: We have been home for several weeks and we're back into the routines of our work here. Although it's great to see so many of you who are supporting this work, we're always so glad to be back home.

We invite you to read the attached newsletter, where Caspar shares some reflections about God's revelation at the burning bush, along with a story of good changes in Mexico.

We hope your summer is developing well. Blessings,

Caspar and Leanne Geisterfer

Resonate Global Mission and World Renew

The Geisterfer's newsletter can be found on the Deacon's Corner bulletin board.

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

NEW MAP PINPOINTS EDMONTON'S EDIBLE FRUIT TREES

Edmonton is home to more than 22,000 edible fruit trees that are publicly available to pick — and now we know where they are. In partnership with the city's open data team, the Edmonton Food Council recently released an online map that pinpoints where our public edible fruit trees are located. They show the city is littered with all types of cherries, Saskatoons, apples, crab-apples, and pears. When accessing the map, Edmontonians can click on their communities to see which fruits are available. They can also search by fruit-type. <https://data.edmonton.ca/Environmental-Services/Edible-Fruit-Trees/dsgm-wamx>



PARABLE OF THE SOWER - Jesus told many parables throughout his ministry. These stories illustrated his point, taught valuable lessons, gave us insight into how God works and what's to come. Join us as we study Jesus' "Parable of the Sower" in Matthew 13 and Mark 4 to discover what Jesus reveals to us about God's kingdom. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

PAT ANSWERS - Chamy unveils her latest invention. Introducing the Positronic Affirmation Transmitter! Will it solve Chamy's latest problem? And how exactly does it mess up Liz's batting practice? 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.