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# Welcome to Ebenezer!

The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land." (Song of Solomon 2:12) Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer. God has gathered us together this morning. May each one of us find peace and joy in His presence. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

## WELCOME & PRAYER

SONGS — *Come People of the Risen King*  
*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

## GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

SONG — *Because He Lives/Amen*

## CONFESSION & ASSURANCE READING

SONG — *Psalms 23 (I Will Trust)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

### THANK OFFERING

- 1 - Ebenezer Ministries
- 2 - Deaconate

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Children ages 3 - Grade 3 leave for Sunday School)

SONG — *Speak O Lord*

SCRIPTURE READING — Hosea 1:1 - 2:1  
Serving Elder, Gord Winkel

## SERMON — The Old Testament God of Grace?

SONG — *Blessed Be Your Name*

## PARTING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG — *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

## Church Family

Congratulations to **Henny G** who celebrates her 81st birthday tomorrow!! We rejoice with you in God's faithfulness.

**Per S's** had his surgery this past Wednesday to remove a large kidney stone. The surgery went well and he is resting at home.

Please continue to remember **Beth N** in your prayers.

*If you are experiencing physical or emotional difficulties, please speak to Pastor Jason, your district Elder, a Deacon or contact the church office. We want to support you in your journey. We pray that God will provide you with peace, comfort and healing.*

**COUNCIL NOMINATIONS.** It's that time of year again for those who have served faithfully for three years to step down and for new officebearers to be selected. This year Grace B finishes her term as elder and Jan K and Matt K finish their terms as deacons. We are thankful to God for their faithful and joyful service to Ebenezer. We are also thankful for the following lists of people who have agreed to let their name stand for office. **Elder:** Freda MO, Roy V, Josh V, John W. **Deacon:** Harry D, Fred K, Alyse K, Bea M, Birgit M, Wim R and Warren T. We will have a congregational affirmation and the drawing of lots on June 9.

**CELEBRATING LINDA KNOPPERS AT CCS** - Please join us at Covenant Christian School for an **Open House on Saturday June 1st from 2:00pm - 4:00pm** (speeches @ 3:00) to celebrate Linda's teaching career and retirement! Everyone is welcome!



**GRAB YOUR SAFARI HATS** and sign up to help out at Vacation Bible School July 15-19, 2019 from 9:30 – 12:00! We're looking for snack and game coordinators, group leaders, nursery leaders and more! Together we'll be learning with our kids that even when life is wild, God is good! To reserve your spot on the safari, see the sign-up up sheet at the welcome centre or contact Nicole V or Karen H.

## Council Highlights

Hello Congregation! Here are the highlights of our recent council meeting held on May 7, 2019.

As always, devotions and prayer bowl are the pillars of the beginning of each of our council meetings.

At this meeting, we confirmed our practice of council members serving 1 (one) term of 3 (three) years with a leave of a minimum 1 (one) year before being called to serve again.

Nominations for council were almost completely finalized at this meeting as you have likely seen, the nominee's names are in the bulletin for your consideration. We are so very thankful for everyone who committed to letting their name stand for council. If there are no significant objections, the drawing of the lots will occur on June 9, 2019 with installation likely occurring on June 23, 2019.

We received and discussed various correspondence pieces. Of note was the letter from the "Dreams & Visions Committee", who put forward a proposal around the possibility of a healthy living seniors' residence and others with specific needs. While this is an exciting prospect, there is significant research that will continue to go into the exploration of this possibility. We thank God for their enthusiasm and efforts this far.

**SAVE THE DATE** - ideas for Volunteer Appreciation meal (served by your council members) are starting to come together. Look forward to further news about this occasion to be tentatively held on June 8! More information to follow soon!

You may have noticed (or maybe you didn't), that we did not have a Spring Congregational Meeting (normally it would be held in March as necessary). Many of the initiatives that were discussed at our last Congregational Meeting are still in progress, and interim updates will be shared when ready with you via your church mailbox. You can look forward to another meeting in the fall of this year!

We give thanks with the Finance Team for God's faithfulness working in our congregation. Our budget requirements were surpassed this past year! We thank you for your faithful and stewardly giving. The 2018 Financial Statements were approved.

Various home visits were noted and again, we are encouraged by the stories of faithfulness through the generations. As usual, Pastor Jason also shared his month's work with council. We continue to express our deep appreciation for his selfless care of the congregation and his insightful teaching and preaching of the Word.

In Christ,

Clerk of Council.

## Coming Up @ Ebenezer

<b>Sunday, May 19</b>	@ 9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	@ 10:00 am	Worship Service
<b>Monday, May 20</b>	@ 10:00 am	Potato Planting
<b>Friday, May 24</b>	@ 7:30 pm	Pete & the RePetes Concert
<b>Sunday, May 26</b>	@ 9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	@ 10:00 am	Worship Service
	@ 11:45 am	Catechism
	@ 7:30 pm	Youth Meeting

## Deacon's Corner

**1<sup>st</sup> 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: 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: YOUTH UNLIMITED WETASKIWIN**

**COMMUNITY GARDEN;** Did you know that over the past few years we have had community gardens here at Ebenezer? There are about 20 garden plots available. Both community & church members have had plots.

There is no charge for a plot, we just ask that you help with tending to the two Leduc Food Bank plots (watering, weeding, etc.) throughout the season. We also plant a few rows of potatoes and in the fall we have a potato harvest and invite the community to come dig some for themselves! Planting day is Monday, May 20! If you are interested in a plot or would like to join in on the fun, please contact Jen @ the church office. (780-986-4119).

**LAWN BOWLING FUNDRAISER:** You are invited to Cornerstone Counselling Centre's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bowl for Balance Lawn Bowling Tournament and Silent Auction on June 1st, 2019. See Bulletin Board (Denominational News), for more details.

**JOIN REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES** for the Annual Stony Plain Golf Classic on June 1, 2019 at The Ranch Golf and Country Club. Details and registration available online or by contacting the Rehoboth Office at 780-963-4044.

## Denominational News

**SYNOD 2019 MEETS JUNE 14-20.** Access the Agenda online at <https://www.crcna.org/synod>. All CRC churches across the continent are requested to remember the deliberations of synod in their intercessory prayers on Sunday, June 9, and Sunday, June 16.

**CAMP REHOBOTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Camp Rehoboth is a volunteer-run summer camp ministry for persons with developmental disabilities. Our largest needs are Nurses/LPN's and Counsellors (16+)/Counselors in Training (14+), who are people willing to be a friend. Camp will be starting soon, and we need your help in the following ways:

Please contact [camp@rehoboth.ab.ca](mailto:camp@rehoboth.ab.ca) for more information, or apply online – [www.rehoboth.ab.ca/camps/](http://www.rehoboth.ab.ca/camps/) Thank you!

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**DRIVERS NEEDED** The Canadian National gathering of the Christian Reformed Church is happening at Kings University the weekend of May 24th to the 26th. We are looking for volunteers to shuttle approximately 120 people from the airport to Kings on the 23 and 24 and back to the airport on the 26th. If you can help on any of those dates please let Royce know by email ([royce@albos.com](mailto:royce@albos.com)) or text (780-446-7852) (please be specific with the times you are available). And once I have a schedule I will let you know when your assistance will be required. THANK YOU!

**INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN STUDIES** 2019 Spring issue of *Perspective* is now available online at <https://ir.icscanada.edu/handle/10756/620103>. Read how your offerings and denominational shares make a difference in the lives of our students!

**More news and encouragement can be found at**

**<http://www.ebenzercrc.com/news>.**

**A paper copy is posted on the Bulletin Board.**

## Thank You To Our Volunteers!

**Ushers:** Mike D, Dennis V

**Next Week:** Dennis P, Ruby P

**Greeters:** Ed & Monica V

**Next Week:** Henk & Mennie S

**Welcome Centre:** Jen F

**Next Week:** Wendy T

**Coffee Duty:** Dan & Emily M, John & Wendy T, James & Cindy H

**Next Week:** Jordan & Alesha S, Norm & Grace H, Nathan V

**\*\* IMPORTANT:** For coffee duty, please be at the church by **9:15 a.m.** in order to have enough time to set the coffee out. *Thank you so much!*

**Serving Elder:** Gord W

**Next Week:** Andy T

**Worship Team:** Alice V

**Next Week:** Jordan S/Jason D

**Projection & Audio:** Pete V, Wes V

**Next Week:** Dan V/Ted K

**Nursery Supervisor -** Glen H

Inf: Glen H, Petro K, Mike D, Koen D  
Tod: Dale H, Alinda B, Calum H

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

Inf: Linda K, Dan H, Tamara P, Naomi G  
Tod: Sadie H, Emily Me, Levi H



*If you have a conflict, please arrange for a substitute. If you need help with this, please don't hesitate to call the office. You can find the volunteer schedules online at [ebenzercrc.com](http://www.ebenzercrc.com).*

**NEWS! NEWS! GEMS CAMP** has some exciting news for girls going into Grade 9 in September 2019. In the past, the cut-off for coming to camp as a camper was Grade 8, and coming as a CIT was Grade 10. This year we would like to introduce a program for Grade 9 girls called the Transition Year. It will be just that; a camp year between being a camper and being a Junior Counselor. The girls will be taught leadership skills, be encouraged to discover their unique talents and gifts, and will be challenged to build on their faith, all within the unique atmosphere of camp. The registration process will remain the same, except for the cost, which will be \$100. The deadline for registration for the TY year will be May 30, . Please contact Bonnie Bennik at [gbbennik@platinum.ca](mailto:gbbennik@platinum.ca) if you have any questions.