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Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer. This morning we welcome Pastor Allan G to the share the message with us. Please join us for coffee, tea, juice and fellowship after the service!

Welcome and Announcements

Song: **I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

God's Greeting

Reading

Song: **Holy, Holy, medley**

Reading of Confession

Song: **I Stand in Awe**

Prayer of Assurance

Song: **How Great Thou Art**

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering; 1 - **Ebenezer Ministries**

2 - **Pastor-Church Resources**

Song: **Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord**

Children's Message

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

Scripture: **Psalms 119:105-112;**

Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

Message: **"How Can We Find the Way
In Our Time?"**

Prayer of Response

Song: **Thy Word**

Closing Blessing

Song: **Glorify Your Name**



Church Family

Congratulations to **Josh & Kirsten M** on their marriage yesterday. We wish you God's blessing as you build your life together.

Happy Birthday to **Jenny V** who will be celebrating her birthday on August 17. We wish you God's blessing on your special day and all year through.

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.

NEXT WEEK, the Lord willing we will celebrate the sacrament of communion together.

THANK YOU - Riseup Society of Leduc extends their thanks for the offering collected on their behalf in July. They are very appreciative of the continuing support of Ebenezer CRC, which allows them to support those impacted by domestic abuse in our community.

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

SECOND-QUARTER REPORTS - Please check your mailboxes for your second-quarter reports. If you have any questions contact Jenny at the church office or by email.

FOOD BANK - A first harvest of potatoes, beets, turnips, and beans has been brought to the Leduc Food Bank. A total of 74 pounds was donated from this first crop, and there is still a lot more produce to be harvested.

PHOTO ON THE COVER OF THE BULLETIN - This photo was taken from the Cliffs of Arbel overlooking the Sea of Galilee, near the location where Jesus would have preached the Parable of the Sower. In this parable Jesus describes the Galilean countryside, which consists of basaltic rocks from volcanic activity, thorns that can choke out grain, and packed down walking paths, but if a farmer could find good soil to plow and sow he could harvest ten to fifteen times what was planted. With 80 to 90 percent of the Galileans being involved in agriculture, Jesus used a parable that related to the geography of the land and the industry of the people, to teach a lesson.



TAKE A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE! - On the Children's Church Sign-in Table is a box of photos of past CCS events. If you are a Covenant Alumni or parent please go through the photos and take any that you wish to add to your personal collection or give to someone who is on the photo. Feel free to "borrow" the box for the week, just please return it the following Sunday.

A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK -

"Did I offer peace today?
Did I bring a smile to someone's face?
Did I say words of healing?
Did I let go of my anger and resentment?
Did I forgive?
Did I love?"



These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and the life to come." Henri Nouwen

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 - PASTOR-CHURCH RESOURCES - Pastor-Church Resources supports congregations and their leaders in times of transition and discernment by providing consultations and resources that foster personal and communal health. This includes advocacy, consultation, education as well as giving support, encouragement, and counsel to congregations and staff during times of crisis and transition. For more information, go to <https://www.crcna.org/pastor-church-resources>

Next Week - COVENANT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TUITION RELIEF - Covenant's Core Purpose can be summed up in three statements: 1. Flourishing Learners; 2. Delighting in God; and 3. Inspired to Serve. The Tuition Relief fund is to help those families who desire a Christian education for their children but are unable to afford the cost. For more info see ccs.blackgold.ca

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, August 20 **9:15 am** Weekly Prayer Meeting
10:00 am Worship Service and Communion

FREEZER MEALS - In the past the church has prepared many meals that have blessed our members that occasionally need a meal; from new moms to our seniors to those recuperating from injury or illness. To restock the freezer with prepared meals there will be a cooking and baking day on Tuesday, August 29 at 10:00 am. There is sign-up sheet on the table by the mailboxes, please sign-up if you are planning to attend. If you cannot attend but would still like to contribute your culinary skills, or for more information, call or email Jenny at the church office.

PRODUCE FOR MEALS - If you have been blessed with an abundance of produce this year from your gardens and fruit trees, and are overwhelmed with your harvest, the church can make use of your bounty for meals for members of our community that occasionally need a meal. You can bring your produce, either processed or unprocessed, to the church during office hours.

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!

CHANGING OIL - CHANGING LIVES - Do you need an oil change, tire change, brakes or other car repairs for an affordable price? ReBuild Youth Mechanics Program pairs volunteer mechanics with youth to teach employable skills. Customers receive service work for a donation to the program (plus the cost of parts) and youth expand their skills and knowledge. It is a win-win. ReBuild is a program of Youth Unlimited Edmonton. For more information or to book an appointment, visit <http://www.edmontonyouthunlimited.com/rebuild>.



Community and Denominational Announcements

MUSIC FROM THE HEART - On Saturday, August 19th at 7pm, Peace Lutheran Church in Leduc will be hosting Andreas Wolf and Anna Wolf, opera singers from Germany; Leanne Regehr will be accompanying them on the piano. They will be performing duets and arias from operas and operettas by Mozart, Puccini, Rossini, Lehar, and Straus. A donation of \$5.00 per person is welcome.

DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION - The Refugee Sponsorship Committee at Inglewood CRC is hosting a dinner and silent auction on Friday, September 22, 2017 at West End CRC. Along with supporting Samaan and Rima, we are awaiting the arrival of three more refugees, currently in a Burundi refugee camp. We would appreciate your support by donating an auction item by August 31st or buying tickets which are \$75 with a partial charitable tax receipt of \$40. Please contact Martine Ooms (martineooms@gmail.com or 780-760-6950). Sincerely, Inglewood CRC Refugee Sponsorship Committee

Thank You to Our Volunteers

Ushers: John T, Andrew V, Howard O

Next Week: Dennis & Ruby P, Ted K

Greeters: Henk & Mennie S

Next Week: Jason & Yoka T

Coffee Duties: Chad & Raquel D, Christina P, Jan & Maricha K

Next Week: Tom T, John & Wendy T, Brent & Michelle T

Worship Team: Grace & Team

Next Week: Open

Projection & Audio: Jamie & Matt

Next Week: Ted & Dan

Serving Elder: Frank V

Next Week: Pete V

Nursery: Supervisor - Linda K

Infants: Linda K, Alinda B, Lois D

Toddlers: Laura A, Emily Mulder, Seth A

Next Week: Supervisor - Linda K

Infants: Alex B, Christina P, Naomi G

Toddlers: Josh K, Kelly L, Bethany G

Children's Church: Dale & Karen H

Next Week: Rob & Julie S



SHORT-TERM VOLUNTEER - Are you 18 to 24 years old and interested in embarking on a short-term volunteer opportunity with life-long impact? World Renew's Global Volunteer Program provides opportunities to live, work, eat, and play in an international community while exploring how God wants you to use your talents and skills for His purpose. For more information, contact Andrew at globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net.

THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD - This weekend is the Perseid Meteor Shower. The peak was last night, but it will still be visible tonight. On Monday, August 21 there will be a rare total solar eclipse visible in the northern USA, with a partial solar eclipse in Canada. In Edmonton the eclipse will be 75%; it will start at 10:24 am and end at 12:49 pm, with the maximum at 11:35 am.

ALBERTA OPEN FARM DAYS - This is about farmers and ranchers inviting their urban and rural neighbours to stop in for a visit to share stories, see demonstrations, and learn more about the farmers who grow their food. As well, some of Alberta's most talented chefs and rural communities will be hosting a memorable series of farm to table culinary events that will be held around the province using Alberta farm products. Join Alberta's farmers, ranchers, and chefs as producers open their gates on Saturday and Sunday August 19 and 20. Admission is free. Join us and explore Alberta this summer. <http://albertafarmdays.com/>.

SUNDAY SELFIE SUPERSTAR - All of Terrene is clicking away and making duck faces, looking for the best selfie! Liz is confident that he'll win the contest, until a long-forgotten figure from his past returns! Say cheese! 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.

THE LABORERS IN THE VINEYARD - We spend most of our lives caring about what's fair. But Jesus uses our human penchant for fairness to convict our hearts and reveal the wonderful, sometimes disconcerting truth about God's grace and salvation through the parable of the laborers in the vineyard from Matthew 20. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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.

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!