

# Remembering the Covenant

*“Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.”*

Genesis 9:16

**G**od set the rainbow in the sky as a reminder of his covenant with Noah and all the animals—his promise to never again flood the earth. It is astounding to think that the God of heaven makes two-way, reciprocal covenants, with us, his creatures.

Covenants are serious commitments. When the Israelites disrespected the Ark of the Covenant, another visual reminder of God’s promises, there were serious consequences! (1 Samuel 6 and 2 Samuel 6)

30 years ago, leaders of many Christian denominations in Canada signed the New Covenant Declaration, a commitment with Indigenous peoples to uphold the treaties, earlier covenants made between Indigenous peoples and those who arrived from Europe. The Christian Reformed Church was one of the churches that made this serious commitment to honour the treaties and to honour Indigenous rights—rights to make their own choices for their own lives, rights to live on their lands.

This year also marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canada’s confederation. This is an opportunity to reflect on what we as Christians need to do to uphold our promises in the New Covenant Declaration and to reflect too about what we as Canadians need to do to uphold our treaty promises with Indigenous peoples in Canada.

Read the New Covenant Declaration on the CAMC toolkit:  
<http://bit.ly/newcovenantdeclaration>

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Canada 150—reflect, give thanks, imagine

## ABORIGINAL MINISTRY SUNDAY 2017

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June 18, 2017

CANADIAN ABORIGINAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE, A COMMITTEE OF THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH  
[www.crcna.org/aboriginal/canadian](http://www.crcna.org/aboriginal/canadian)

## Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good Morning and welcome to Ebenezer. Happy Father's Day! Today we have the privilege of thanking God for the faithful dads here at Ebenezer, celebrating the 39th anniversary of our church, rejoicing with five of our young people who are making profession of faith today and remembering Christ's message of compassion, love and reconciliation as we hear from Pastor Harold Roscher on this Aboriginal Sunday. May the Lord's blessing be upon us as we return thanks to Him for so many blessings. Please join us for coffee, tea, juice and fellowship after the service!

Welcome and Prayer

**Songs: Here I Am To Worship  
10,000 Reasons**

God's Greeting and We Greet One Another

Prayer for Fathers

**Song: All Glory Be To Christ**

Profession of Faith: Sam, Joshua, Kaija, Owen, Edson

**Song: In Christ Alone**

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering: **1 - Ebenezer Ministries**

**2 - CRCNA Aboriginal Ministries**

Children's Message

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

Scripture: Pastor Harold

Sermon: Pastor Harold

**Song: Days of Elijah**

Parting Blessing

**Song: Shout To The Lord**



## Church Family

Congratulations to **Rob & Julie S** as they celebrate their **10th Wedding Anniversary!** Also to **Dick & Carolyn D** who celebrate their **45th Wedding Anniversary!** We rejoice with you and your families in these special milestones!

Congratulations also to **Jan & Maricha, Petro, Wikus, Anke, & Klare K** who officially became Canadian citizens this past week! Congratulations, you are a blessing to our church family and our country!

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!** - We're celebrating our SWEET fathers by serving up some Cinnamon buns to enjoy with your coffee today after the service! Happy Father's Day!

**VBS MEETING & CRAFT BEE** - We would like to invite those involved in VBS this year to a meeting and craft bee here at the church tomorrow, Monday, June 19 @7:00pm!

**CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS** - Starting in July and continuing 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!

**TEMPORARY ADMIN ASSISTANT POSITION** - Administration Ministry will be hiring an Administrative Assistant 20 hours/week for 6 weeks this summer, then to fill in as substitute afterward. This position will be responsible for answering phones and emails, editing and printing the bulletin, formatting the audio sermons, administrating the website, as well as other administrative duties. Training is provided. This position will begin July 11 and be finished regular hours August 18. After August 18, this person may be asked to fill in other days as needed. Please contact the church office or Pete V for more information or to apply.

### GET YOUR FORE-SOME IN FOR THE EBENEZER CLASSIC THIS FRIDAY! -

We have plenty of room for golfers and would love to make this our biggest tournament to date! Can't golf, but love a great dinner and silent auction? Sign up for dinner only (\$50)! Silent auction items include everything from a Canada 150 theme package to 10 straws of BREWMASTER (that'll make sense to the dairy farmers)! \*If you'd like to place a proxy bid on Select Sires Generations Brewmaster, talk to Josh at the table after church!



**GROCERY DONATIONS FOR THE EBENEZER CLASSIC** - If you are looking for a way to help and are willing to donate fruit trays, veggie trays, or finger-friendly baking for the standing reception, please talk to Nicole V or email [ebenezerclassic@gmail.com](mailto:ebenezerclassic@gmail.com).



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - We are created by God and built for a purpose! If you are willing to celebrate God's grand design with our youngest generation come help out at VBS this summer! July 17-21, 9:30am - 12:00pm. Sign up sheet at the back of the church or talk with Kelly L or Christine H for more info. Check out the church website for printable registration forms!



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** - The annual Church Campout will be taking place August 11-13, at Willey West Campground near Drayton Valley!

### *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 - ABORIGINAL MINISTRIES** - The CRC's Aboriginal Ministry in Canada seeks to support healing, reconciliation and restored relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples in Canada. It is rooted in a recognition of our Creator's love for all of creation; the experience of Christ's healing presence that brings peace between God, people, and creation; and the work of the Holy Spirit, who empowers people to live out the Creator's love in community. The Canadian Aboriginal Ministry Committee works with CRC members and congregations to respond to God's call to live in reconciled relationships as covenant (treaty) people before our Creator. It provides leadership and support for learning about Aboriginal justice and reconciliation and in putting good words and theology of healing, reconciliation and justice into action. For more info go to [crcna.org/aboriginal](http://crcna.org/aboriginal)

**Next Week - WORLD RENEW - FAMINE AND DROUGHT RELIEF.** Conflict and violence have forced millions of South Sudanese families to leave their homes in search of safety with little more than the clothes on their back. While they may have escaped, they walk straight towards another problem: hunger. As they leave their homes behind, families abandon the agricultural land that they depend on. With no land, families have no way of growing the food they require for survival. Famine has already been declared in South Sudan, and several other countries are on the brink of famine. The scale of this crisis is enormous; a United Nations official declared this the "worst humanitarian crisis since 1945." Over 20 million men, women, and children are at risk of starvation.

The Government of Canada has announced a match for humanitarian projects responding to famine and extreme food insecurity in many African countries. Every dollar donated by Canadians to drought and famine relief between March 17 and June 30 will be matched by the government. This match is on top of the existing match of up to 4:1 awarded through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. That means that until June 30, your donation is eligible to be worth up to five times more! In the midst of a humanitarian crisis it's easy to lose sight of the human impact. These 20 million people are more than just a number; they are mothers and fathers, sons and daughters – all made in the image of God. It's important to remember the people in the midst of a crisis of this magnitude.

An offering for this cause will be held on Sunday, June 25. Cheques placed in the offering should be designated to "World Renew - Famine and Drought Relief". You can also donate online at <https://worldrenew.net/famine>.

### *Coming Up @ Ebenezer*

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	VBS Meeting and Craft Bee
<b>Saturday</b>		Ebenezer Classic Golf Tourney
<b>Sunday (June 25)</b>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	<b>10:00 am</b>	Worship Service

**July 17 - 21 - Maker Fun Factory VBS**  
**August 11 - 13 - Annual Church Campout**

**PARKING UPDATE** - We are extending the seniors' parking to include all parking spaces along the sidewalks. At present, the limited space in our whole parking area requires us to conserve space. Please park so that space is not wasted and be considerate to leave parking spaces closer to the front doors for those with mobility difficulties.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!** - The Administrative Ministry Team is looking for more members. Please prayerfully consider joining our ministry. We meet about once a month. For more information please contact Pete V or the church office. Thank you!

**THE GOOD NEIGHBOUR COFFEE HOUSE** - Rick Abma is promoting The Good Neighbour Coffee House in Lacombe which opened last week. They have a great Facebook page to check out! To help promote this outreach and the coffee growers in Honduras we have a supply of fresh roasted coffee beans for sale. This is Direct trade coffee roasted in Lacombe to provide fair wages and encourage responsible practices in the Rio Olancho province of Honduras. We have medium and dark roast available. Luke & Alyse K



### **COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – Meeting held June 6, 2017**

Norm opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. After devotions, the elders split into groups of 3 or 4 to hold each other accountable – we individually answer 2 questions – 1) Are we faithfully caring for the people in our district? and 2) How are we doing personally? The elders shared parts of what was on their hearts and minds in the ministries and in their lives.

New elders, Herman B, Jordan S, Henk S, and Gord W, will be installed on June 25, 2017. The first council meeting with the new elders will be in July 2017.

All the ministries reported on their recent activities. Admin has recommended and council has approved summer office hours as follows: Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Further recommendations about hours of attendance for office staff will continue into the fall months. Financial reports were positive.

We continue to hold up in prayer those who struggle financially, emotionally, physically and spiritually. We are encouraged by the expressions of God's work in the lives of His people here in Ebenezer.



**CAMP REHOBOTH** - On behalf of Camp Rehoboth, I am putting out a plea. It is getting to the crunch and the camp is still looking for volunteers. The camp runs for 5 weeks and each camp still needs counsellors.

Some weeks are looking for a tech person, night watch person and Adult week 1 (July 8-14) is in desperate need of nurses. I am co directing Adult week 1 and would encourage anyone interested to come and talk to me or give me a call at 780 717-3807. The camps are full of campers, let's make it an enjoyable week for them by having enough staff. It is a rewarding and fun week, hope to see you at Camp Rehoboth!! -Wendy B.

**CAMP REHOBOTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - We will be starting our summer camps soon. God has answered our prayers for more volunteers, but we still need help for the following weeks: R&R – July 2-7 – Night Watch person; Adult 1 – July 8-14 - 2 nurses, 4 counsellors; Adult 2 – July 15-21 Night Watch, Techie, 20 counsellors; Independent – July 22-28 -Bible Leader, Techie, 10 counselors; Youth Week -full, we have all our volunteers!!! Please contact camp@rehoboth.ab.ca for more information, or apply online – www.rehoboth.ab.ca/camps Thank you! Pray that our Camps go well this summer, that everyone has a great time, stays healthy, we get good weather – but most importantly, that our campers know that God's Promises Never Fail!



**AN EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIMENT** - Chamy chooses to study Liz to discover how to live the Christian life. Can Liz show Chamy how to live out the Bible in all he does? 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.

**WHAT JESUS SAYS ABOUT THE BIBLE** - Join us on Groundwork as we study Matthew 5:17-20, Luke 24:2, and John 5:39-40 to establish the trustworthiness of the Bible by discovering what Jesus has to say about it. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

## Thank You to Our Volunteers

<b>Ushers:</b> Dennis P, Ruby P, John T	<b>Next Week:</b> Dennis V, Andy Z, Marilyn Z
<b>Greeters:</b> Roy & Teena V	<b>Next Week:</b> John & Joyce D
<b>Coffee Duties:</b> Andrew V, Jason & Yoka T, Dennis & Ineke V	
<b>Next Week:</b> Dan & Emily M, Brad & Lauren T, Roy & Teena V	
<b>Worship Team:</b> Open	<b>Next Week:</b> Grace & Team
<b>Projection &amp; Audio:</b> Ted & Dan	<b>Next Week:</b> Jamie & Matt
<b>Serving Elder:</b> Frank V	<b>Next Week:</b> Pete V
<b>Nursery: Supervisor</b> - Carol W	<b>Next Week: Supervisor</b> - Carol W
<b>Infants:</b> Carol W, Emily Mu, Petro K	<b>Infants:</b> Carrie T, Sadie H, Caylie K
<b>Toddlers:</b> Julie S, Mike D, Wikus K	<b>Toddlers:</b> John W, Jenna D, Sam K
<b>Children's Church:</b> Dan & Natasha D	<b>Next Week:</b> Brent & Lisa K



## LEDUC FOODBANK LAND-SCAPERS AND GARDENERS

The FoodBank has been given permission to redo some planters into garden beds to be used in the kitchen classes with clients. We are looking for a group of people who could help with this project. If you are interested in helping with this please contact the food bank as soon as possible.

**PROLIFE BBQ!** - Everyone and their families are invited to a free PRO-LIFE BBQ! Monday evening, June 19th from 5-8 pm. @Queen Mary Park Community League Hall, 10844 117 Street N.W. Edmonton. There is plenty of parking and room for children to play. EVERYONE WELCOME! Please RSVP to mbersch16@gmail.com if you are coming, and tell me how many you will bring.

**LIVING THE 8TH FIRE** - The road of reconciliation with our indigenous neighbours. At The Lady Flower Gardens – 3830 195 Ave NE Edmonton 9am – 3pm Saturday June 24. \$20 per person. Preregistration is needed, contact Jesse: yournadc@gmail.com or 780-819-7488.

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