



EBENEZER

Christian Reformed Church

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Welcome

I thank and praise you, O God of my fathers:

You have given me wisdom and power.

-Daniel 2:23

Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer! Today we get to welcome Hayden K into God's covenant through the sacrament of baptism. We are also continuing our journey through the book of Daniel. We'll be considering how Daniel's faith brought glory to God. May that be true of each one of us. Soli Deo Gloria! Please join us for coffee, tea, juice, and fellowship after the service!

Call To Worship

Song: To God Be the Glory, Great Things He Has Done

God's Greeting

Time of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Songs: Receive the Glory

Jesus, All For Jesus

Baptism of *Hayden K*

Song: As The Deer

Children's Message

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering: **1 - Ebenezer Ministries**

2 - Operation Manna

Scripture: **Daniel 2:1-30**

Message: **The Gospel According to Daniel - Faith Is An Action**

Song: Lord Most High

Parting Blessing

Song: Doxology



Church Family

Congratulations to **Henny G** who celebrated her birthday yesterday! We wish you God's special blessing all year through!

Our Christian Condolences to **Teena and Roy V** as Teena's mother passed to her heavenly father last week. Please remember their family in prayer during this time of grief.

Leona H was admitted to hospital with an infection in her knee. She has undergone surgery to remove the old prosthetic and put a temporary one in. They will have to do it all over again in the future to put in a more permanent joint. She has a lot of discomfort and will be staying in the hospital until Tuesday or Wednesday. She will all be on IV antibiotics for a minimum of 6 weeks. Doctors are monitoring her closely as the infection is serious. Please remember Leona, Harold and their family in prayer.

Bev C was in the hospital with a blood infection this week. She is home now but still requires IV antibiotics and is having a hard time breathing. Please remember her and Tim in prayer.

Please remember all who are struggling with illness or injury, those who are recovering from surgery, and those who are grieving. We pray God's peace, comfort, and healing for you all.

GARDEN PLOTS – Weather permitting our gardens will be open to plant tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. We have 17 of the 20 plots spoken for with many people from the community. We will also be planting the FoodBank plots and extra potatoes sooooo if you would like to join in the fun and meet our new fellow gardeners, come out for a beautiful day!

BAPTISMS AND PROFESSION OF FAITH - Next Sunday, Lord willing, we will have the privilege to witness the baptism of *Samantha C, Adaline H, and Candice P!* We will also be blessed to witness the Profession of Faith of *Teddy C, Chelsea D, Beth H, Sadie H, Alex P, Mckenzie S, Evelien T, Jolene V, and Reuben V!* What a wonderful day!

TASTE OF ITALY POTLUCK - Join your church famiglia for a taste of Italy! Our next church



potluck will be on an Italian theme-- from pizza, to lasagne, ravioli to rigatoni-- bring your favourite Italian dish to share on May 28 after the service! If you're new here, these events are a great way to get to know your church family. . .we mean, famiglia, over a meal! Last names A-M, please bring main dish and salad and last names N-Z, please bring a main dish and a dessert (we'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that tiramisu is also Italian. . . .)!

JUNE - SEPTEMBER 2017 VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES - are in your mailbox! Please mark your scheduled dates on your home calendars as well as the website password (so you can find a trade or replacement if needed). Thank you!

NEW MEMBERS' INFO FOR DIRECTORY -

Please add the following to your directory

HEY GRADS! - If you're donning the cap and gown in 2017, we want to know! Whether it's grade 9, 12, or post-secondary — drop us a note at ebenezer@xplornet.com!



DOORS BY THE PATIO – The patio is a great place to gang out on Sunday mornings, but please do not prop the door open as little ones have a habit of sneaking out. One of doors will be unlocked from now on so you will be able to get back in.

WIDOWED LUNCH BUNCH - Will be breaking for the summer. Thank you to all of our hosts and our participants. We hope to start again in September. Have a great summer!

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 - OPERATION MANNA - The purpose of Operation Manna is to engage Christian Reformed Churches in community ministries that seek to bring about sustainable change in individuals and communities experiencing significant needs. Operation Manna is a program of Diaconal Ministries Canada that primarily provides community ministries with coaching, consultation and equipping in the areas of visioning, board development, strategic planning, networking, goal setting, and evaluation.

Next Week - BACK TO GOD MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL - We exist to share the Gospel in communities worldwide using radio, the Internet and other technology. Our goal hasn't changed for more than 70 years: seeing people's hearts transformed by God's grace. Back to God Ministries International envisions a world where media is being used effectively to proclaim the good news that brings spiritual rebirth, grows discipleship, and transforms communities. For more info see backtogod.org

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Monday	9:00 am	Community Garden Planting begins
Saturday	8:30 am	Classis Workshop
Sunday (May 28)	9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	10:00 am	Worship Service with Baptisms and Profession of Faith
	12:00 pm	Taste of Italy Church Potluck

Tuesday, June 6 - Annual Wedding Shower

Saturday, June 24 - Ebenezer Classic Golf Tourney

July 17 - 21 - Maker Fun Factory VBS

August 11 - 13 - Annual Church Campout

ANNUAL WEDDING SHOWER - Ladies, it is time for an evening of fun and fellowship as we



celebrate with our recent bride and brides-to-be at our annual church shower, Tuesday, June 6 at 7:30 in our fellowship hall. You are invited to show your support to these ladies as begin an exciting new adventure in their lives. Our four guests of honour are: Candice P recent bride of Joel P, Carli M fiancé of Justin V, Kristen E fiancé of Joshua M, Stephanie L fiancé of Eric H. If you wish to participate in our group gift place your donation in the marked box on the table in the foyer. Suggested donation is \$3-\$5 per bride. We do our best to include all upcoming brides from our church family but if we have missed someone please contact the

church office so we may include them in this event.

LOST & FOUND - Please take a moment to check out the Lost and found tables by the offices. There are a variety of items! All unclaimed items will be donated to second glance on Tuesday!

OPENERS AND CLOSERS - Admin is looking for people to be on a monthly rotation for Sunday morning opening and closing responsibilities. Please contact the church office if you have more questions or would like to be involved. Thank you!

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



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.

Community and Denominational Announcements

LEDUC FOODBANK LANDSCAPERS AND GARDENERS - The FoodBank has been given permission to redo the planters in front of the Kitchen learning center 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. We also have the option of converting the east side of the bldg. into raised garden beds for the same purpose. We are also looking for people to help with the parade on June 3. We in the past have had some volunteers walk with the vans and collect monetary donations on behalf of the food bank. If you are interested in helping with this please contact the food bank as soon as possible.

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION - Pastor Gary Bomhof, of First CRC Red Deer, is retiring from ministry in June after 40 years of service in the CRC. He will be giving his farewell sermon at First CRC in Red Deer on June 4, all are invited to join the service at 10:00 am.

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION - Pastor Len Batterink is retiring from the ministry in June 2017 after 35 years of service in the CRC. He will be giving his farewell sermon at First CRC in Rocky Mountain House on June 25, 2017. His retirement will be marked with a special worship service and all are invited, Sunday, June 25, 2017 at 10:00 am at First CRC Rocky Mountain House. In addition to the morning service, we will have celebrations at Sonrise Camp (west of Rocky Mountain House) coffee, tea, snacks and games at 3:00 pm, 5:30 pm BBQ supper following that up with a program. Please RSVP to the office by June 16, 2017.

ARE YOU STUDYING, IN THE HOPES OF SERVING THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH IN FULL-TIME MINISTRY? - Classis Alberta North's Student Fund Committee provides financial assistance in the form of forgive-able loans to students in seminary or graduate studies, who intend to serve the CRC after graduating. If you have questions, or to apply, please contact Jonathan Nicolai-deKoning by email (jonathandk@theseed.ca). Applications will be sent upon request. Application deadline is June 5th, 2017.

THE STUDIO SCHOOL FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTION - Spiritual formation, care of the soul, the vast territory of the soul, prayer, discernment, the spiritual disciplines. If any of this sounds attractive to you, you may want to check out The Studio School for Spiritual Direction. Informational evening at King's University, Rm L113, 7:30 PM, June 8, 2017. Excellent training for elders and pastoral care givers. More info? rev.klok@gmail.com

OVER 18 - Hosted by The River Community Church, Over 18 is a documentary about pornography and its effects on children and youth who are getting addicted to it on May 29 at 7-9pm (doors open at 6:30) at 11520 Ellerslie Road SW. You can view the trailer for the documentary at www.over18doc.com.

WE ARE ONE - Liz and the gang's soccer team face fierce opponents when they face the Lagarto City Junior Dragons. Gaby Tegu joins Liz's team. Is she a new friend? Whose side is she on anyway? 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.



VOLUNTEER FOR FORT MCMURRAY HOME RECONSTRUCTION - World Renew is happy to announce that volunteers are welcome from May 13-September 2, to help rebuild homes for families who suffered through last year's wildfire in Fort McMurray, Alberta. For details and to sign up to volunteer, visit worldrenew.net/albertafires or call 1-800-848-5818.

SMALL, SLOW & BEAUTIFUL - Join us for a retreat weekend focused on strengthening your craft, building relationships with other artists, and providing space for spiritual growth this June 29 - July 2 in Calgary. Choose from a poetry workshop with Tanya Runyan or a macro painting/drawing workshop with Daniel vanHeyst where you'll spend three 3-hour sessions within a small group and walk away with fresh perspectives, life-giving relationships, and new work. For more information and to register visit: bleedingheartart.space/retreat.

CANADA 150 INSPIRED LEARNING SCHOLARSHIP - In honor of the 150th anniversary of Canadian confederation, The King's University is offering Canada 150 Inspired Learning Scholarships of \$5,000 to Canadian students with strong academic and leadership skills. King's has extended the deadline to Wednesday, May 31. All Canadian high students who will be first-time university students are invited to apply. For details and an application form, please visit www.kingsu.ca/Canada150

THE RIGHTEOUS WILL LIVE BY FAITH - Nestled in the middle of Habakkuk's gloomy judgment declarations, we find two well-known biblical sayings - one of which is even quoted by the Apostle Paul in the New Testament. Today on Groundwork let's dig into Habakkuk 2 to discover their theological significance. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com



Thank You to Our Volunteers

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

Greeters: Jason & Yoka T **Next Week:** Henk & Mennie S

Coffee Duties: Scott & Jody K, Gezinus & Bea M, Tamara D
Next Week: Matt & Leanne K, Wim & Jenny R, Norm & Grace H

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

Projection & Audio: Ted & Josh **Next Week:** Jamie & Matt

Serving Elder: Pete V **Next Week:** Grace B

Nursery: Supervisor - Christine H **Next Week: Supervisor** - Christine H

Infants: Christine H, Ed V, Andrea K **Infants:** Glen H, Teena V, Jolene V

Toddlers: Rikki L, Michelle O, Shane K **Toddlers:** Kathleen M, Roy V, Caylie K

