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EBENEZER
Christian Reformed Church

Restoring all people to
God's living truth
and equipping them to
passionately live it out!

Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer on this "festive day of rest." This morning we get to think together about what it means for us to honor the Sabbath and keep it holy. May the Lord bless, guide and instruct us as we seek to follow His will for our lives.

Lord's Day 38

Q 103. What is God's will for you in the fourth commandment?

A. First, that the gospel ministry and education for it be maintained, and that, especially on the festive day of rest,

I diligently attend the assembly of God's people to learn what God's Word teaches, to participate in the sacraments, to pray to God publicly, and to bring Christian offerings for the poor.

Second, that every day of my life I rest from my evil ways, let the Lord work in me through his Spirit, and so begin in this life the eternal Sabbath.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service for coffee, tea and juice.

Welcome and Prayer

Songs: Let the Earth Resound

Psalm 121

Greeting

Song: O Praise the Name

Professions of Faith and Baptism

Welcoming of New Members

Song: Grace Like Rain

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering:

1 - Ebenezer Ministries

2 - Days for Girls

Children's Message

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

Scripture: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Message: I Love The Lord's Day

Song: Still

Parting Blessing

Song: Majesty

Church Family

40th Anniversary Cake will be served after the service today in honour of **George & Donna D's** and **Fred & Linda K's 40th Anniversaries!** We rejoice with you and your families in these special milestones!

Congratulations to **Brent & Michelle T** on the birth a healthy baby boy, **Jaden Kyle**. Mom and baby are doing well.

Congrats to **Mariska and Justin Z** who were united in marriage yesterday! We wish you God's blessings as you build your lives together!

Congratulations to **Ben & Sandy M** who celebrate their **15th Anniversary!** May God continue to bless you and your family!

Congratulations to **Nikki U & Reuben V** in their recent engagement with plans to be married in the summer of 2019 in Lacombe!

Please pray for **Derrick M's cousin's 3 year old daughter**. She was just diagnosed with a very rare brain tumor. Doctors have given her 1% survival rate, and 6-12 month life expectancy. Please keep this little girl, and this family, in your prayers.

Several of our **GEMS and GEMS Counsellors** were attending the GEMS convention in Ontario this past weekend. Please pray for their safe travels home, some are flying and some are driving. Let us also pray that this was a time of refreshment and revitalization for this ministry.

Mike & Jenna D would like to thank everyone who brought meals and offered support after Teagan was born. It was very appreciated!

Update on Rachel R - Thank you so much for all of your prayer support for Rachel over the past four months. God has graciously spared her life and the life of her baby. He is scheduled to be born on July 20, just days away now! And then a week or two later, doctors hope to work on sealing off the AVM (brain bleed area). Please pray for the safe arrival of the baby and then for continued health for Rachel and especially for God's blessing on the doctors as they work to seal the AVM. God is good and we give thanks for his grace and the love of his people!! -- Tory & Rachel R and Rich & Patsy d

A note from our missionaries, The Strydhorsts - Dear Friends, Warm greetings! Next Saturday, July 21, our daughter Kristin will be getting married to Johnny Lee here in Grand Rapids. Johnny and Kristin have known each other all the way back to our Nigeria days, since Johnny's parents were also missionaries there. Thanks for your prayers for the wedding. We're looking forward to a wonderful celebration. Our love to you! Albert and Carolyn Strydhorst


We continue to remember others who are struggling with physical or emotional difficulties. We pray that God will provide you all with peace, comfort and healing.

BAPTISIM & NEW MEMBERS - Today we celebrate the baptism of Darren H, the profession of Faith of David V and welcome Frank D as a new member.

RECLINING CHAIR NEEDED - To Help with Jen D's recovery we need to borrow a reclining chair for a few months. If you have one to spare please call Elizabeth D. Thank you!



SENIORS' COUNTRY DRIVE - All seniors are welcome to come out and enjoy a drive in the country this Tuesday, July 17. We will stop for coffee and lunch and hope to be back by 2 pm. Please call Jenny at the church office to let her know if you can come! Looking forward to spending the day with you!

 **SOCCER ANYONE?** - There are soccer balls and pylons available at the exit by the classrooms for anyone interested in playing soccer outside after church during coffeetime. Please bring them back into the church afterwards. Thank you!

ASSISTANT NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER - We are looking for someone to assist our Children's Church Director starting September. If you have questions please contact Carrie T.



FAMILY FIRE - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

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 - DAYS FOR GIRLS: Every girl and woman has inherent worth and dignity. Days for Girls celebrates this by providing sustainable feminine hygiene solutions and health education. When girls and women have health, education, and opportunity, communities and our world are stronger. What if lack of feminine hygiene kept you in your room for days? No school for days. No income for days. We can change that! Days for Girls Canada works with the founding organization, Days for Girls International, towards the goal of every woman in the world having access to feminine hygiene. We make washable feminine hygiene kits for distribution to girls and women in need, Feminine hygiene education for the girls and women receiving kits, training for girls and women in need to sew washable feminine hygiene kits. For more information go to <https://www.daysforgirls.org/>

Next Week - 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.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Monday - Friday 9:30 am - 12:00 pm Shipwrecked! VBS

Sunday (July 22) 9:15 am Weekly Prayer Meeting in Library

10:00 am Worship Service

INVITATION TO VOLUNTEER! - Hello Congregation! When have you ever known a Sunday bulletin without an opportunity to volunteer... well, this Sunday is no different! As you may be aware, we received feedback through our Search Committee process that our Church Vision was open for review. In response, council has embarked on a process to review and potentially renew our church's vision. At our recent council retreat, the elders were led through several activities which broadened our perspective and also caused us pause for much thought. At this time, council is extending an invitation for volunteers to participate in a workshop and provide feedback to council on the preliminary visioning work. If you feel that this is an area of interest and perhaps skill and passion, please reply to Grace B - clerk@ebenezercrc.com or Gord W - gord.winkel@ualberta.ca. This will require an initial commitment of approximately 2 hours where we engage in a review of the visioning process and results from the council retreat. We're looking forward to hearing from you...

REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES - 2nd Annual Car Show and Shine; July 28, 2018 at 3920 - 49 Ave. in Stony Plain; to raise funds for adults with developmental disabilities. All day event includes a Pancake Breakfast, BBQ, Car Boot sale, kid's area, & Silent Auction. Vehicle/motorcycle registration for Show and Shine from 9-11 a.m. or pre-register at www.rehoboth.ab.ca. Cost of \$20/vehicle. For more information call (780) 968-4315.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS - The church office will be open 9 am - 1 pm Tuesdays - Fridays through July and August. The bulletin deadline will be 9 am Thursdays.

PHOTO DIRECTORY - If you haven't had your photo taken for the upcoming directory, please submit a photo to the church office asap. Thank you!



SHIPWRECKED VBS 2018! - We are excited to be hitting dry land starting tomorrow! If you are going into Kindergarten to Grade 6 you are welcome to join us Monday, July 16, at 9:30 am as we discover more about God's love for us!

Kid's Sermon Notes

by _____

What was your favourite song?



Who is preaching?

What is the main Bible passage?

Book:

Chapter:

Verse:



Draw a picture of something you heard today, either from a song or from the sermon.

What Can we learn from this passage?

What would you like to pray about?



List some words you heard but don't understand:



Community & Denominational Announcements

JESUS THE LAMB - After describing Jesus as the Lion of Judah, the book of Revelation depicts Jesus a lamb. Join Groundwork as we seek to learn more about who Jesus is now by studying Revelation 5:1-10 and Revelation 6:15-17 to learn why this image of a slain lamb bears powerful meaning for us as individuals and as the Church. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

PRAY FOR NICARAGUA - All of the Resonate and World Renew staff and partners in Nicaragua ask for your prayers. Please pray for your missionaries as they process unplanned travel, uncertain circumstances, and an unknown future for their ministry. Please pray for the people in Nicaragua who struggle each day with providing for basic needs like food and water and face danger from increasing violence and lawlessness. Pray for peace, resolution, and lasting change. Please pray for the church of Nicaragua who are facing this evil which has so quickly taken hold of their country. Evil is spreading not only through the streets but also creeping into relationships and undermining trust. Pray that they will shine the light of Jesus Christ during these dark times. Please pray that God will spare Nicaragua from a lasting war.



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K.Spear

"Thanks for inviting me to vacation Bible school. I'm all packed."

Thank You to Our Volunteers

Ushers: Dennis P, Ruby P

Next Week: Andrew V, Howard O

Greeters: Ed & Monica V

Next Week: John & Joyce D

Coffee Duties: Jordan & Kristy I, Ed & Monica V, Tony & Monique T

Next Week: dennis & Ruby P, Colin & kara B, Tim & Bev C

Worship Team: Marianne & Team

Next Week: Youth

Projection & Audio: Nicole & Mike

Next Week: Ted & Dan

Serving Elder: Jordan S

Next Week: Henk S

Nursery: Supervisor - Tammy M

Tod: Jon P, Karen G, Shane K

Next Week: Supervisor - Carol W

Tod: Janna P, Birgit M, Levi M

Children's Church:

3 year olds: Tena H & Angelica G

4 year olds: Laura A & Seth A

Inf: Tammy M, Leanne K, Andrea K

Inf: Carol W, James H, Kaija M

Next Week: Sandy V & Luke V

Next Week: Scarlett H & Josiah H

