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Welcome to



September 7, 2025

Glorifying God and Loving All People

Welcome to our Service

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer. We are glad you are here today and invite you to stay after the service for coffee and fellowship. To access the Livestream, visit our website: www.ebenezercrc.com and click on the Livestream button that appears at the top of the page.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

SONG — *Come People Of The Risen King*

GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET EACH OTHER

SONG — *I Lift My Eyes Up*

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SONG — *Shine On Us*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG — *You Are My King*

GOD CALLS US INTO COMMUNITY

Children's Message: Teena V

Ages 3 & 4 leave for Sunday School

SONG — *Everlasting God*

Announcements & Congregational Prayer

THANK OFFERING 1 Ebenezer Ministries
 2 Mustard Seed

GOD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD

Scripture — **Luke 5 : 27—32**

Sermon — **Jesus Notices**

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER AND THANKS

SONG — *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*

GOD SENDS US WITH A BLESSING

CLOSING SONG — *Living Hope*

IF YOU ARE NEW OR VISITING and would like to talk to someone or would like more information about our church, come visit the Welcome Centre or fill out one of the cards found in the back of the chairs in the sanctuary and place it in the offering bag.

Church Family

We welcome **Pastor Paul Spate** for the next 3 weeks. Pastor Spate is a retired pastor and comes to us from the Lacombe / Ponoka First Baptist Church.

Congratulations to **Chad & Beth G** on the birth of their son, **Layton Roger**, born September 2. We praise God for this gift of life and health and we pray God's blessing on your family.

We rejoice with **Norm & Grace H** this week as they celebrate **40 years** of marriage and with **John & Carol W** as they celebrate **45 years** of marriage! We are grateful for your enriching presence and thank God for His faithfulness and blessing to you and your families.

Marilyn H's mom is in palliative care. Please pray for comfort and peace for her mom as well as strength, comfort and peace for Dave & Marilyn and their family and extended family as they prepare to say goodbye.

We continue to pray for **Joyce D, Jacob H, Kelly H, Tom T, Jenny V, and Colleen V**. We pray that God will provide you all with peace, comfort, & healing.

Here To Serve—Council Meeting Highlights

After a summer break, Council met on the evening of September 2, 2025. Given the harvest season, attendance was a little light but we still had a very healthy quorum.

- After opening with devotions and prayer for various congregational families, we reviewed an onboarding process for new Council members. Our aspiration is to have a package assembled that can be used into the future so that our new members have reference material on the responsibilities and procedures associated with being an elder or deacon. We are also planning a mentorship program of sorts where each new member can connect with an experienced member should they require support or information.
- Dave T has accepted the chair position for the Diaconate, and Chris H has agreed to assume the Position of Council Clerk. Further ministry assignments will be worked at the next Consistory meeting.
- We have been notified that the next Classis Alberta North Meeting will be held on October 17 and 18, 2025 at the Bethel CRC in Lacombe. We will be sending an elder on behalf of our vacant Pastor position, another elder and a Deacon to this meeting. It was also noted that our Classis is looking to have volunteers to cover off various positions, and we have included a listing of these in this week's bulletin.
- We reviewed with thankfulness a plan for upcoming baptisms and the onboarding of new church members. Pastor Bill Nieuwenhuis will lead the associated services.
- The meeting focused on a number of actions we are progressing including the documentation of our policies and procedures, updating our church membership lists, and planning for volunteer recognition at an upcoming service (with cake to be served thereafter with some new recruits). **The next congregational meeting is slated for November 27, 2025**, wherein we will approve our next budget and check in with some of the good work in our ministries.

Opportunities To Serve The Wider CRC Community

Please consider submitting a nomination or volunteering for one of the following roles:

- Classis continues to desperately seek someone willing to serve as Treasurer.
- Classis needs a Minister of the Word (active or retired) to serve on the Classis Interim Committee
- Classis Alberta North is looking for 2 Ministers of the Word (active or retired) to serve as Synodical Deputy and Alternate Synodical Deputy respectively.
- Classis needs persons to serve on the Classis Abuse Response Team (CART). Click [HERE](#) for information about CART.
- Classis seeks nominations for a Minister of the Word (active or retired) to serve as our representative on the Board of Calvin Theological Seminary.

Our denomination is also seeking nominations for:

- a Minister of the Word (active or retired) to serve on the Judicial Code Committee,
- a non-ordained person with no legal training to serve on the Judicial Code Committee,
- a “at-large” member of the Council of Delegates, and
- a person to serve on the Candidacy Committee.

Click [HERE](#) for information about the Judicial Code Committee and the Council of Delegates.

Click [HERE](#) for information about the Candidacy Committee. (Scroll to page 11.)

Send names to Lucinda Klapwyk, Nominations Coordinator, at klapwyk@yahoo.ca.

Community & Denominational News & Events

SOUTHERN GOSPEL CONCERT – Legacy Five & Scotty Inman Join us for an afternoon of uplifting, family-friendly music with **Legacy Five** and **Scotty Inman**! **Saturday, September 20, 2025 – 3:00 PM** at West End Christian Reformed Church, **Edmonton**. **Tickets:** General Admission \$40 | Youth (16 & under) \$5. Purchase at faithfamilyconcerts.com or call **403-589-2242**

HOPE MISSION UPDATE There is a Hope Mission Update on the bulletin board for those who are interested in their shelter progress.

EMMANUEL HOME You are invited to attend our grand opening celebration of Lighthouse, an Emmanuel Home community, located at 11425 St. Albert Trail NW. The celebration will be on **Thursday, September 25 at 3:30 p.m.** The celebration will consist of a short program, ribbon cutting, reception and tours. RSVP by September 19 to info@the-lighthouse.ca.

THE CAMROSE PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE is hosting a fundraising event on **October 4** at the Loughheed Performing Arts Centre Cargill Theater in Camrose. Their mission through Christ, is to open a pregnancy help centre in Camrose for women seeking support for their unintended pregnancy. The Camrose Pregnancy Care Centre is an affiliate of Pregnancy Care Canada, a Christ centered organization committed to helping women. Imagine a world where no one with an unexpected pregnancy feels alone or unsupported. For more information, see the poster on the bulletin board.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, September 7	@ 9:15	am	Prayer Meeting
	@ 10:00	am	Worship Service
	@ 11:45	am	Church BBQ
Monday, September 8	@ 7:00	pm	Worship Ministry Meeting
Tuesday, September 9	@ 7:00	pm	Administrative Committee Meeting
Sunday, September 14	@ 9:15	am	Prayer Meeting
	@ 10:00	am	Worship Service

Ebenezer News

CHURCH BBQ Please join us for a BBQ after Church **TODAY** Burgers, hot dogs and ice cream will be provided. Please bring a side to share. There will be fun activities for the kids outside.

GEMS GIRL'S CLUB At GEMS Girl's Club this year, we'll be learning what it means to Walk on Water, and how we can step out and trust our faithful God (Deuteronomy 7:9). Plus, every GEMS Club meeting is filled with fun and friendship, and so much more! We kick off our season **Wednesday, September 24, from 6:30-8:15 pm**. All girls in grades 4-8 are welcome.

JOYFUL NOISE CHILDREN'S CHOIR the Joyful Noise Children's choir will lead our service, on **Sunday, September 28**.

This is a friendly reminder to register your team for the **TOGETHER: FOSTERING BELONGING FOR ALL GENERATIONS IN OUR CHURCHES CONFERENCE**. The event will take place from **October 24-26, 2025**, at the Royal Canadian Lodge in Banff, Alberta. This conference is designed to help your church inspire and enact change so young people can develop a lasting faith and feel a sense of belonging in all church spaces. Our vision is to equip your church to work toward intergenerational ministry. Led by Zach Ellis from the Fuller Youth Institute, this interactive workshop will provide practical tools and support. He will draw from years of research found in books like *Growing Young*, *Faith Beyond Youth Group*, and *Sticky Faith*. The registration fee is **\$100 per person**. We encourage you to send a team of leaders, such as a pastor, elder, or anyone passionate about discipling teenagers. For more details, including a tentative schedule and to register, click [HERE](#). Deadline to register is **September 19**. Questions? Feel free to contact a member of the Classical Youth Ministry Committee.

Deacon's Corner

1st Offering — EBENEZER MINISTRIES This offering is used to cover 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 CRC Denomination.

2nd Offering: MUSTARD SEED The Mustard Seed is a Christian non-profit organization that has been caring for individuals experiencing homelessness and poverty since 1984. Programs and services include: Basic needs - emergency shelter, meals, clothing, and hygiene items, health and wellness, housing, employment, spiritual care, community engagement, community impact centers. For more info see theseed.ca

Next Week: OUR MISSIONARIES - JESSE & JARI RODRIGUEZ Jesse Rodriguez's agronomist Darwin has been busy leading Bible devotionals dedicated to work, family and faith. There has been a stable attendance in all of the meetings. The men brought their sons and grand-kids who were excited to meet them every Thursday afternoon. They are thankful for the recent rains they received to end a longer than usual dry season. They are rejoicing in sharing God's love for them with their neighbours.

E-TRANSFER: To send an e-transfer donation please use finance@ebenezercrc.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



Teachers & Helpers— Our 2025/2026 Sunday School program is set to start on September 21! I am once again looking for teachers! Teachers teach about **once every 3 weeks** and lessons are already prepped and ready to go! **I am still in need of 6 more teachers.**

Helpers—If you would like your name added or removed please let me know as soon as possible.

NEW: Grade 4-6 Sunday School— There will be a combined Sunday School class after the morning services also beginning September 21. Lessons will be about 30-45 minutes. I have two teachers lined up for this and would love to add a third.

ALL PARENTS— Child Registration Forms will once again need to be filled out (**this includes Sunday School Helpers**). Please pay special attention to the area giving permission for photos. I hope to present a slideshow at the end of the year and need the proper paper work done to accomplish this. These forms are available at the Welcome Center and will be put in mailboxes next week. Please speak to **Lindsay H** for questions and information on these announcements and updates. Email: sscoordinator@ebenezercrc.com

Thank You To Our Volunteers

	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
WORSHIP TEAM	Wilbur	Jordan
PROJECTION & AUDIO	Dan / Christina	Justin
SERVING ELDER	Henk S	Gord W
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Teena V	Linda K
GREETERS	Wim & Jenny R	Brent & Michelle T
USHERS	Luke K / Alyse K	Mitchell M / Diana M
WELCOME CENTRE	Miriam P	Alyse K
COFFEE DUTIES	George & Donna D Lieuwe & Fia B	Harry & Karen D Troy C
NURSERY	Alesha S, Kelly L Justin Z, Silas D	Sharley K, Tyler T Quentin A, Levi H
SUNDAY SCHOOL		
3 Year Olds	Sharly K, Rachel K, Levi H	Nicole P, Chanel D, Natalie M
4 Year Olds	Lisa V, Rebecca K, Nella H	Alesha S, Sophia M, Jackson H

The **September / October Today** devotionals are available at the Welcome Centre.
The **September Banners** are available at the Welcome Centre
The **September Prayer Calendar** has been posted to The Bridge App and is also available at the Welcome Centre.

Parents — Send your kids off to school each day with a fun reminder that Jesus loves them and is always with them. Located at the **Welcome Center** are Lunch Box Notes from Jesus. These are taken from the book *Notes from Jesus* and are meant to be an uplifting note from their best friend. Plus, there's room on the back for you to write your own note of encouragement! - Questions please talk to Lindsay



NURSERY is requesting parents to complete the **NURSERY REGISTRATION AND CONSENT FORM** for each child attending the nursery. Please place the completed form in Mariska Z's mailbox.

CARPET TILE FOR SALE The church has 5 boxes of carpet tile left in storage and we are selling them for \$36.80 / box. They are the same color as what is in the church. The tiles are 20" square and there are 20 tiles / box. Please contact the church office for more information or if you are interested in purchasing them.