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Arise, shine, for
your light has
come, and the
glory of the Lord
rises upon you.

Isaiah 60:1

He is risen! And his rising is only the beginning of this story of redemption, of transformation, of making all things new.

This is the fulfillment of God's plan since the beginning. At the end of Isaiah's book in the Old Testament, we get a preview of our New Testament mission: Arise! Shine!

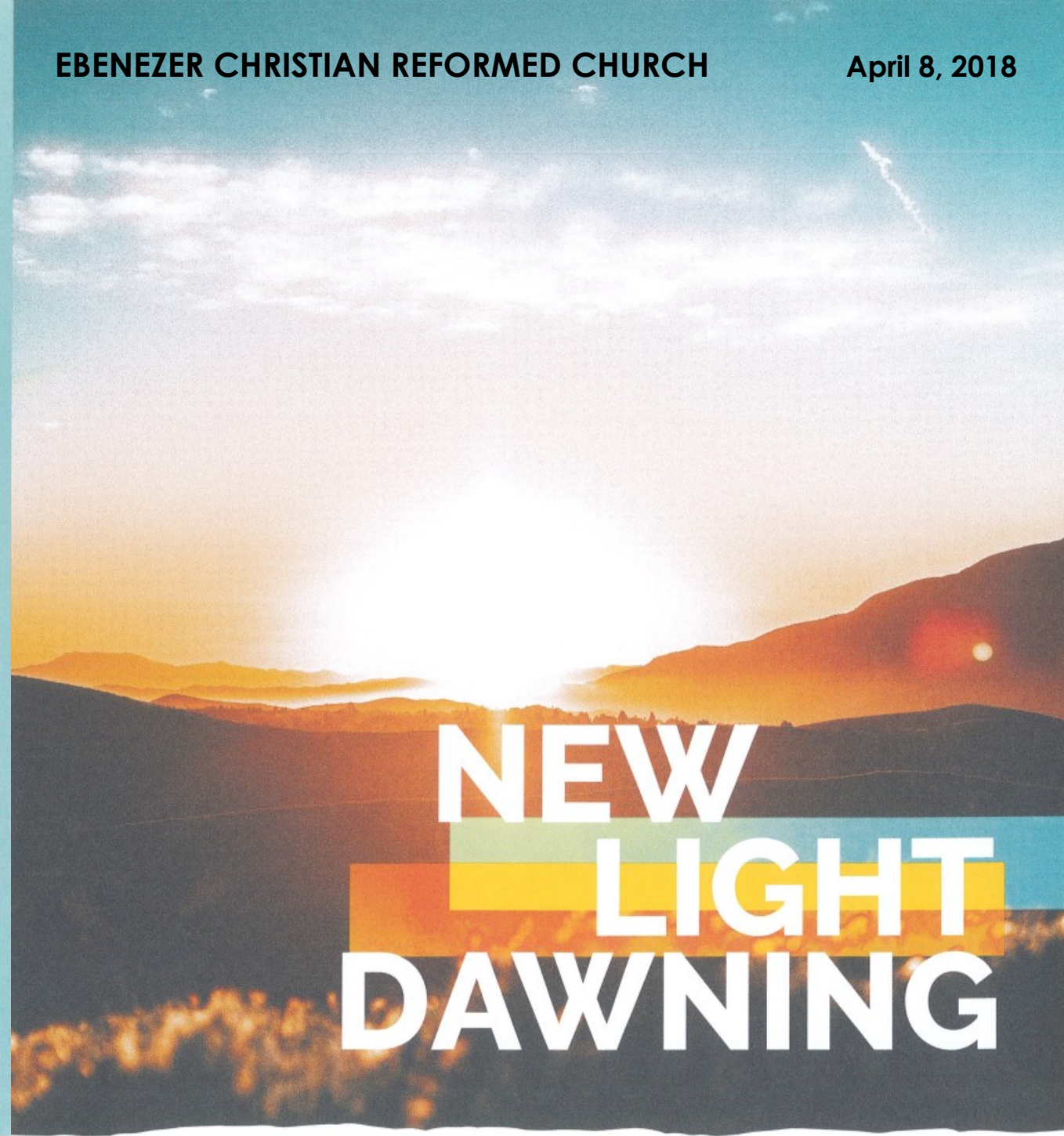
What does the new dawn of Christ's resurrection look like in your life? At the same time Christ redeems us by his

blood, he also renews us by his Holy Spirit and gives us a job to do.

We are called to arise and shine the new light of Jesus' resurrection. That's a big reason that Christian Reformed Home Missions and Christian Reformed World Missions joined together as Resonate Global Mission!

Together with you, we will continue to arise and shine the light of salvation. Resonate is here to serve your congregation as it discovers God's plan. God is going out ahead of us on mission, and Resonate is working to equip your church to arise and join him! May we never stop striving, and never stop praying to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Engaging People. Embracing Christ.



NEW LIGHT DAWNING

Good Morning and Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer. After having spent an extended time thinking about the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord during Lent, it's time to think about the often neglected doctrine of His ascension. What happened after He rose from the dead? Where is He now? And what's He doing there? Hopefully, with the Lord's help, we can come to a greater understanding of these questions this morning.

Lord's Day 18

Q49. How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?
A. First, he pleads our cause in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven - a guarantee that Christ our head will take us, his members, to himself in heaven. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a further guarantee. By the Spirit's power we make the goal of our lives, not earthly things, but the things above where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

Welcome

**Songs: Christ the Lord is Risen Today
He is Lord**

Greeting

Song: I Believe in Jesus

Time of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song: There is a Redeemer

Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering:

1 - Ebenezer Ministries

2 - Leduc Regional HUB

Children's Message

(Children ages 3 - Grade 3 leave for Children's Church)

Scripture: Acts 1:9-11

Message: Ascension

Song: Behold Our God

Parting Blessing

Song: Crown Him with Many Crowns

Please join us for coffee, tea and juice after the service!

Church Family

We have two **40th Anniversaries** to celebrate this week. Congratulations to **Tim & Deb H** and congratulations to **Ed & Grace B!** We rejoice with you and your families in these wonderful blessings!

Monica V will be having surgery this week. Please remember her in prayer. While she is recovering **Leanne K and Wendy T** will be taking her place in the church office.

Please remember in prayer those who are hurting physically or emotionally, those who are struggling with illness or injury, those awaiting medical testing results, those recovering from surgery, and those who are grieving. We pray God's peace, comfort, and healing for you all.

WIDOWED LUNCH BUNCH - will be held at the home of Luke & Alyse Kwantes today at 12:30 pm. We welcome everyone who is widowed.

LOST - A silver necklace with a teardrop pendant, if found please bring it to the church office. Thank you!

BAPTISMS AND NEW MEMBERS - On April 22, Lord willing, we hope to celebrate the sacrament of Baptism and welcoming new members to our congregation! What a wonderful day!

DAYS FOR GIRLS - On Tuesday, April 17 @9am we will be having a prep day to get materials ready for the work bee. Our next work bee is June 2, 2018. Please let Linda H know if you can help on the prep day and contact her if you have any questions!



CHILDREN'S CHURCH ASSISTANT NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER - We are looking for someone to assist our Children's Church Director starting September with the intent of becoming the Director for 2019-2020. This will only be a two year commitment. The program we have been using the last years is well established and easy to follow. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this position. If you have questions please contact Alice (T) V or Carrie T.

CRAFTING RETREAT - We will be holding our last crafting retreat of the season on Friday, April 21st starting at 4:00 pm until Saturday, April 22nd at 4:00 pm. Please join us in the church fellowship hall for a fun-filled time working on your favorite craft projects. We will have a soup and buns supper on Friday night and a potluck lunch on Saturday. Please remember to bring along your extension cords and all your crafting supplies. Large cutting mats and irons/ironing boards will be provided. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Freda MO





COVENANT MARKETPLACE - We at Covenant Christian School would like to invite you and your congregation to come and attend our Family Marketplace and Fundraising Auction on April 28th from 10am to 4pm. This event truly is FUN for all ages. There will be carnival games, bouncy houses, yummy treats, and face painting for the children! The wonderful boutiques, coffee shoppe and bakery are sure to interest the adults. Stay and enjoy lunch at our Bistro and take in the live and silent auction! This is the largest fundraiser for Covenant Christian School. We appreciate your support!

EDMONTON NATIVE HEALING CENTRE - We invite you to join us for "FUN"draising with a 4 HOUR DANCE-A-THON including ZUMBA, retrofit, pow wow fit, line dancing and of course, MORE ZUMBA!!!!!! Our goal is \$10,000 in support of the programming we continue to offer in creating a vibrant community. \$50 per participant OR if you collect minimum of \$150 pledges, the registration fee will be waived! Check out www.e-nhc.org for all the information Hiy, Hiy!

SENIOR'S PARKING - Please remember that parking along the sidewalk to the north and close to the handicap parking stalls is for those with walking difficulties. We have several seniors over 80 years of age and other members that need these spaces reserved. Thank you for your help with this!

GARAGE SALE FUNDRAISER - is in the works for May 16 - 20. As you go through your spring cleaning, keep in mind to save some things for this sale! If you are interested in helping set up, work, or clean up, please contact Bea M. Thank you!



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 - THE LEDUC REGIONAL HUB - We are intended to be a connector between services and the community. Leduc Regional HUB staff and volunteers provide referral information to persons seeking community, social, health, and government services. Clients are supported with accessing local services without having to search for and identify what is available locally. Leduc Regional HUB works together with non-profit organizations, religious organizations, government agencies and social businesses in the greater Leduc area to better coordinate, reach, and serve people, and identify gaps in service. The Leduc Regional HUB is housed within the Leduc Legion in Leduc. For more info see lhub.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	7:00 pm	Friendship
Tuesday	9:00 am	Leduc Music Festival Choir Performances
Wednesday	10:00 am	Coffee Break and Story Hour
	7:00 pm	Cadets
Friday	10:00 am	Classis Lunch Preparation
Saturday	9:00 am	Open Hearts Open Doors Classis Conference
Sunday (Apr 8)	9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting in Library
	10:00 am	Worship Service

April 20-21 - Craft Retreat

April 24 - Meal Making Day

April 22 - GEMS Sunday and Baptisms

April 29 - Friendship Sunday

SEEDS OF HOPE FUNDRAISING DINNER - in support of the Leduc Hub will be held at the Royal Executive Inn on April 14. Tickets are available at the Hub office. See poster on the bulletin board for more information.

Opportunities to Serve

CLASSIS CONFERENCE PREPARING AND SERVING LUNCH - Lunch Prep - Friday, April 13: Prepping for lunch that we will be serving the next day. **Friday, April 14:** Serving lunch and cleanup. Classis has budgeted payment for serving lunch, so these lunches have become somewhat of a fundraiser. Please let us know you can help on either or both of these days by signing-up on the sheet on the bulletin board by the mailboxes, thank you!

MEAL MAKING DAY - Tuesday, April 24: The meals we make on Meal Making days are distributed to people in our congregation and community to help bless them in difficult times or as an extension of love from the church family, they are always appreciated! Please let us know you can help by signing-up on the sheet on the bulletin board, thank you!

SUMMER SIGN UP TO TEACH 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS - Children's Church for 3 & 4 year olds runs all year round! We are asking parents, grandparents, (Aunts, Uncles, Friends) to sign up to teach over the summer. A sign-up sheet in on the table in the foyer so you can sign up for the weeks that work best for you! All teaching curriculum and materials are provided. Safe Church approval is required and there will be training offered in June. Thank you for serving and living out our baptismal commitments to these precious little ones in our church family!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - VBS is coming just around the corner and the VBS team is looking for an individual to apprentice this year for VBS and then lead for the 2019 year. It is a 2 year commitment. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this position and if you have any questions please talk to Kelly L or Christine H. Thank you!

Community & Denominational Announcements

GET YOUR TICKETS - Join the Mob at Trinity Christian Reformed Church for the Mosaic Centre's ROARING '20s Dinner and Auction Saturday April 21st @ 5:00 pm. \$60/each. Visit: mosaicauktion.eventbrite.com or/RSVP to the Mosaic Centre at 780.722.3247

CAREER OPPORTUNITY - Summer Employment, Member Service Representative, Christian Credit Union, Edmonton. We are currently seeking a dynamic, service orientated individual to join our team in the capacity of a Member Service Representative for the summer months; May 1- August 31. As a Member Service Representative 1 (MSR), you are part of a dynamic retail branch team. Your job is to make everyone feel welcomed from the moment they enter our Edmonton Branch and assist them with their day to day banking needs. For more information, visit <https://www.christiancu.ca/careers>

SCIENCE & CHRISTIANITY CONFERENCE - May 11 - 14, Trinity Western University, Langley, BC. Scholarships available to cover student attendance & travel. Registration includes meals. Questions: Mark McEwan, pdo@csc.ca | Info & Registration: csc.ca/may2018

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.

EDMONTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS - Is accepting new family applications for 2018-19: Application packages for Preschool and Kindergarten – Grade 12 are available at our three schools (Northeast, West and High) and the Society office. You can also print the forms and information from our website: www.edmchristian.org. Priority deadline is April 16. If you have any questions, please call us at 780-476-6281.

Thank You to Our Volunteers

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

Greeters: John & Joyce D **Next Week:** John & Wnedy T

Coffee Duties: Tina R, Jon & Rikki L, Jan & Maricha K
Next Week: Matt & Jamie B, Ben & Sandy M, John A

Worship Team: Alice & Team **Next Week:** Youth

Projection & Audio: Wes & Pete **Next Week:** Ted & Dan

Serving Elder: Norm H **Next Week:** Jordan S

Nursery: Supervisor - Natasha D

Tod: Julie S, Brett L, Roy V **Inf:** Natasha D, Teena V, Naomi G

Next Week: Supervisor - Glen H

Tod: Glen H, Yoka T, Esther H **Inf:** Francine K, Gea T, Bethany Gr



PROLIFE! YOU ARE INVITED! -

Join us for a fun evening at the Life of the Party! For everyone who had ever wanted to learn more about being prolife, Honoring individuals, recognizing organizations, connecting & growing our movement. Held 5:30 - 9 pm Friday, April 20, 2018 at the Westmount Community Hall (10970 127St NW Edmonton). A light buffet and refreshments will be served. A short program begins at 7:30 pm. Reserve complimentary tickets in advance by calling 780-425-1637.

SUMMER YOUTH CAMP IN HUNGARY

- Your presence can make a difference in the life of Hungarian youth and the Hungarian church! From June 15-30, help lead two one-week VBS-style youth camps in Hungary for kids. Visit ResonateGlobalMission.org/HungaryCamp for more information or to apply.

THE BANNER ONLINE - Keep the conversation going, check out www.thebanner.org !

Ministry Information & Contacts

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9am-3pm

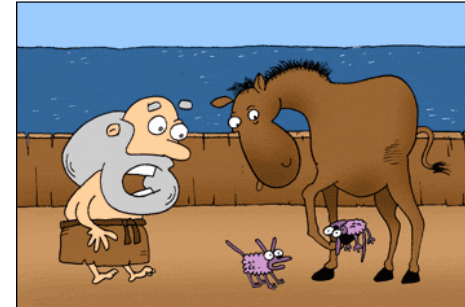
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