

EDMONTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

- Is accepting new family applications for 2018-19: Application packages for Pre-school 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.

Alberta Life Issues Educational Society (ALIES) is looking for new board members

Serve the pro-life movement with your unique skills and talents. The Board of Directors for Alberta Life Issues Educational Society (ALIES) is seeking individuals to serve on the Board, who are committed to protecting the value of life from conception to natural death and maintaining and furthering the vision and mission of ALIES & The Back Porch. Involvement from individuals with pastoral, legal, financial or medical knowledge would be an asset. To learn more, please visit us at www.alies.ca and contact Samantha at

executivedirector@alies.ca

or give us a call at our office (780-421-9941).

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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Website: www.ebenezercrc.com

Bulletin Deadline: 12pm Thursdays

Council Clerk Email: clerk@ebenezercrc.com

Pastor: Jason Dahlman

April 15, 2018



EBENEZER
Christian Reformed Church

Restoring all people
to God's living truth
and equipping them
to passionately

live it out

Good Morning and Welcome to Ebenezer!

We are very glad you have joined us today! Pastor Tim Wood from the King's University College is bringing us God's message. May you feel the loving hand of our Good Shepherd as we worship together this morning. Please join us for coffee and juice after the service!

Welcome and Call to Worship

Song: **Lord Most High**

Greeting

Song: **O Praise the Name**

Confession and Assurance

Song: **Psalm 19**

Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering:

1 - Ebenezer Ministries

2 - Deaconate

Children's Message

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46

Message: "The Life of Sheep"

Song: **Take My Life and Let it Be**

Parting Blessing

Song: **Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**

Church Family

Congratulations to **Jordan and Alesha S.** as they were blessed with a baby boy, Pax Lazurus, last week Sunday. We want to wish them God's blessing in the weeks to come!

Monica V's surgery went well last week. Please continue to pray for her as she recovers at home.

Cor and Joyce H. have moved, their new address is available at 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.

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 of **Teagan S** and **Emma C.** We will also be welcoming as new members **Teagan S, Emily H, Jon and Sandy V** and their children, **Derek, Carter and Taylor.** What a wonderful day!

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!

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. Lunch will be provided. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board for both the prep day and the work bee. Please let Linda Hofstra know if you can help on either of those days and contact her if you have any questions!



Ebenezer Classic Golf Tournament – It's the End of an Era ... for the Ebenezer Classic Golf Tournament and what an Era it's been! Over the past five years the golf tournament has raised over a \$100,000.00 (\$25,000 of this was split between LDESA (the Hub) and Rise-Up House). We would like to thank all of you that participated in this great event, by golfing, sponsoring, and all the volunteers that made it happen! Special thanks to Josh and Nicole V for all their hard work for the past five years!



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 M.



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. 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!

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,

Classis Minutes - There are copies of the Minutes of Classis Alberta North available on the table in the foyer. The minutes are also available on-line at our Classis website at www.classisalbertanorth.ca/documents.html.

Council Highlights

As you likely know, all our council meetings begin and end in prayer – this one is no different. We've continued with our prayers for you, our family members, at every meeting with the passing of the prayer bowl.

Since we are looking forward to new council members (hopefully in June), we spent a majority of this meeting discussing the roles and responsibilities of elders and deacons and the nominations before us.

If you have been approached to let your name stand for either elder or deacon, we would ask that you prayerfully consider the opportunity of sharing your gifts on council. This role requires faithful men and women who are committed to serving God's family in leadership positions.

The Deacons also presented the results of an initial survey of council members on the possibility of a further Community Opportunity Scan. We are thankful for the capable leadership the deacons provide on the ways that our church is involved in our community and the opportunities to explore further involvement.

Quorum for votes at congregational meetings were also discussed and decided upon. We are exploring how this decision affects our bylaws, if at all, and will address that concern when and if it's necessary.

A full council retreat is being planned for April 28 so that we can devote time to visioning and strategic planning for our church.

At every meeting, you should know that we hold each other accountable for the time we spend outside of council meetings with you, our church family. We continue to serve, never in our own strength, but in the strength of our Lord and Saviour.

In His Service,

Grace B. Clerk of Council

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Monday	7:00 pm	Friendship
Tuesday	9:00 am	Days for Girls Work Bee Prep
Wednesday	10:00 am	Coffee Break and Story Hour
	7:00 pm	GEMS
Friday	4:00 pm	Craft Retreat
Saturday	9:00 - 4:00	Craft Retreat
Sunday (Apr 22)	9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting in Library
	10:00 am	Worship Service

April 22 - GEMS Sunday and Baptisms

April 29 - Friendship Sunday

April 24 - Meal Making Day

May 16-20 Church Garage Sale

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!

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 - 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.

Next Week - GEMS Ministries - The **mission** of GEMS Girls' Clubs is to help bring girls into a living, dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ. Our **vision** is to see girls around the world actively and enthusiastically expressing love for God and others—girls equipped, motivated, and passionately engaged in living out their faith. Together, our goal for every club meeting is to grow bigger hearts. Together, we will learn how to love and care for one another, other people, ourselves, and our relationship with God. And we'll do this by learning about Jesus Christ, what He has done for us, and His plans for each of our lives. For more info see gemsgc.org

Opportunities to Serve

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 is 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!



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 V or Carrie T

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: mosaicauction.eventbrite.com or/RSVP to the Mosaic Centre at 780.722.3247

EMMANUEL HOME'S RACE FOR THE AGES-in search of the golden YEG will be held on Saturday, May 26, 2018. Register your four-person team by May 12, 2018. This race is not like any race we have ever done before! No route agents, no clues and you make your own route. All you need is a cell phone and the ability to click & send. Team members must each raise a minimum of \$300 in pledges. It promises to be a day of fun, fellowship, and prizes. Register by May 4, for early bird prize eligibility. All funds raised go toward the Resident Support Program. For more information, contact Maria mbos@emmanuelhome.ca or 780-478-2051. Register/donate online: emmanuelhome.ca/involved/race-for-the-ages.

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>

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.

Thank You to Our Volunteers

Ushers: Ruby P, Dennis P, Luke K **Next Week:** Andrew V, Andy Z, Marilyn Z/GEMS

Greeters: John & Wendy T **Next Week:** GEMS

Coffee Duties: Matt & Jamie B, Ben & Sandy M, John A

Next Week: Ted & Joanne K, Jon & Janna P, Pete & Birgit M

Worship Team: Youth **Next Week:** GEMS

Projection & Audio: Ted & Dan **Next Week:** Nicole & Mike

Serving Elder: Jordan S **Next Week:** Henk S

Nursery: Supervisor Glen H

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

Next Week: Supervisor - Lisa K

Tod: Janna P, Dale H, Levi M **Inf:** Lisa K, Derrick M, Jenny F, Anke K

