

FRIENDSHIP *MINISTRIES*

Friendship Ministries is an interdenominational, inter-generational, and international ministry dedicated to serving people who have an intellectual disability. Friendship serves more than 1,000 Friendship groups in 70 denominations across 25 countries.

The purpose of Friendship is to nurture the spiritual growth of people who have an intellectual disability by creating personal and meaningful relationships. But it doesn't stop there, it spills over into Sunday morning and beyond. Having learned more about worship, friends find Sunday mornings to be more meaningful. And when friends share their gifts as active members of the church, entire communities are enriched.

Friendship Ministries offers free consulting services, many downloadable resources, and high-quality Bible study materials and other publications. Many of our publications are available in Spanish, as well as English. For more information or to support this ministry, please contact us at friendship@friendship.org or 888.866.8966.



Sharing God's love with people who have intellectual disability and enabling them to become an active part of God's family.
www.friendship.org



FRIENDSHIP *SUNDAY*



EBENEZER

Christian Reformed Church

April 29, 2018

Good Morning and Welcome to Ebenezer!

We are glad you are here to join us in this special service as we celebrate the Friendship Ministry and the work that God is doing! This year marks the 10th anniversary of Friendship at our church. Please join us for coffee, cake and fellowship as we celebrate this milestone and Per and Bernice's birthdays!

Welcome and Call to Worship

Song: **How Great Thou Art**

God's Greeting

Friendship Update

Songs: **What Can I Do
He's Got the Whole World
Lord Be Glorified**

Confession and Assurance

Song: **You are Mine**

Slide Show

Congregational Prayer

Thank Offerings:

1 - Ebenezer Ministries

2 - Friendship Ministries

Scripture: 1 Samuel 18:1-4

Message: The Gift of Friendship

Song: **He Knows My Name**

Parting Blessing

Songs: **Amazing Grace
Shalom, Go Now in Peace**



Church Family

We rejoice with **Per and Bernice S** as they each celebrate a birthday today! Happy Birthday! Congratulations to **Cor and Joyce H** as they will be celebrating their 64th wedding anniversary on May 1st.

Thank you for all the visits, meals, cards, flowers and prayers after my surgery. It all was truly appreciated. I am feeling well and hope to be back in the church office very soon!

-Monica V

Also, please remember in your prayers those who are struggling with illness or injury, those recovering from surgery, and those who are grieving. We pray God's peace, comfort, and healing for everyone dealing with difficulties in their lives.

Lord's Supper - Lord willing, we look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday May 6.

WIDOWED LUNCH BUNCH - will be held at the home of Pastor Jason and Marco on Sunday, May 6 at 12:30 pm. We welcome anyone who is widowed. For more information feel free to contact Beth N.

THANK YOU to all the ladies that have recently come out to volunteer in the kitchen! With your help we prepared over 25 blessing meals that will be given out to various congregational members! We also were able to raise just over \$700 by catering for Classis events.

We have a few more opportunities to serve coming up that we will need volunteers for: help to serve at a wedding this coming Saturday, prep day on Friday, May 11 and help for TWO events on Saturday, May 12 (classis lunch and 60th anniversary dinner). Please call or text me (Jen) at 780-986-9386. We couldn't do this without you! Thanks again! Jen F.

Photo Directory - It's time for an updated photo directory! We will have a photographer available after church on May 6, 13 and 20th. Please find a time to have your family picture taken so we can see who you are!

Meal Train - A meal train has been started for Jon and Rikki L. Please check your e-mail and sign up if you are able to deliver a meal. If you didn't receive the e-mail and would like to sign up contact Jen F at the church office.

Church Garage Sale - A church garage sale/bake sale will be held on May 17-19. If you have any items to donate please set them aside, and if you are able to donate baking for the baking table that would be appreciated! If anyone is able to help set up on May 15 and 16th, work at the sale or help with clean up, please contact Bea M.



VBS S.O.S: Calling all people as the kids this year at VBS will be Shipwrecked! We need all hands on deck! If you're interested in helping with VBS this summer please see the signup sheet at the back of the church in the hut. We will hit dry land July 16-20, 9:30-12:00.

DAYS FOR GIRLS - Days for girls volunteers and enterprises have reached more than one million women and girls around the world giving them back days of dignity, health and opportunity through menstrual health solutions and education. Every kit counts! Thank you to the many volunteers of the Leduc, AB team. Thank you for your participation in any way. Without ALL of you we would not have a team. **Our next Days for Girls work bee will be on May 26th from 9-3 at the church.** Please sign up on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board. If you have any questions please contact Linda H.



Membership Class: Our membership class will be meeting during the month of May on Sunday mornings from 8:45-9:45 AM in the fellowship hall. Childcare is provided. Anyone interested in learning more about membership at Ebenezer is welcome to attend.

Lost & Found Items: Please check the lost and found table in foyer for items that may be yours. Anything left after May 13 will be taken to Second Glance.

The Kings University Choir: The Kings University Choir will hold a pre-tour concert at the First Presbyterian Church (10025-105th Street in Edmonton) on April 29, 2018 at 7:30 pm. Admission is by donation.

“Getting to Know Your Neighbour”: Ladies, you are invited to join the ladies of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church (262046 TWP Rd 474, Millet) on Saturday, May 5 from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm in recognizing the indigenous women. For more information see the poster on the bulletin board by the mailboxes.

EMMANUEL HOME 2018 Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, May 14, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity CRC. All are welcome! Special Presentation: Seniors and Social Work (Patricia Gartner, RSW). Become a member of the Society so you can participate in shaping the future of seniors' living in a Christian environment in our community. For more information, go online: emmanuelhome.ca/membership or contact Darren, dsinke@emmanuelhome.ca 780-478-2051.

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 - FRIENDSHIP MINISTRIES - The mission of Friendship ministries is to share God's love with people who have intellectual disabilities and to enable them to become an active part of God's family. Their ministry is international, inter-denominational, and 30 years old. They have helped equip churches from more than 75 denominations in 28 countries around the world to include people with intellectual disabilities. For more info see friendship.org

Next Week - CAMP REHOBOTH - Rehoboth runs its annual Camp Program in July. Campers are screened and invited back every summer for a week of fun and fellowship. Camps are staffed entirely by volunteers in various positions. Every year we need 200 volunteers for these camps to run smoothly. This is a Christian camp with a focus on the Bible and God's unconditional love for all his children regardless of their abilities. To our campers and volunteers, Rehoboth Camp is a highlight of the summer! Each week is staffed with Camp Directors, Nurses, Bible Leaders, Cooks, and Counselors. <https://www.rehoboth.ab.ca/camps/>

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Monday	7:00 pm	Friendship
Wednesday	7:00 pm	GEMS Wind-Up
Saturday	11:00 am	Rolf V and Collen G's Wedding
Sunday (May 6)	9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting in Library

May 17-19 Garage Sale/Bake Sale **May 23** - Church Bridal Shower
May 26 - Days for Girls Work Bee

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.

EDUDEO MINISTRIES - is looking for teachers to join us in Nicaragua in August 2018 for Discover and Learn. This ten-day professional development program is an exciting opportunity for Canadian teachers to interact with, learn from, and encourage Christian school teachers in Nicaragua. Interested in joining? Visit edudeo.com/discover-and-learn/ or email Phil Beck at pbeck@edudeo.com to find out more. Deadline for applications is May 18, 2018.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY is now on TV, 5 episodes a week, Monday to Friday!! You will find this broadcast on YES TV at 1:30 pm each weekday. You can also try streaming Yes TV on iOS, Apple TV, Android and Roku. Experience the FOCUS ON THE FAMILY BROADCAST in a whole new way!!

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!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - The VBS team is looking for one or two individuals 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!



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.

Thank You to Our Volunteers

Ushers: Dennis V, Tim C, Bev C **Next Week:** John T, Howard O, Ted K

Greeters: Friendship **Next Week:** Luke & Alyse Kwantes

Coffee Duties: Troy & Michelle C, Glen & Christine H, Jordan & Alesha S

Next Week: Josh & Michelle K, Roy & Teena V, Norm & Grace H

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

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

Serving Elder: Pete V **Next Week:** Gord W

Nursery: Supervisor - Kelly H

Tod: Michelle K, Ed V, Wikus K **Inf:** Kelly H, Dan P, Linda T, Petro K

Next Week: Supervisor - Carol W

Tod: Kara B, Laura A, Damien B **Inf:** Carol W, Carrie B, Amy A



Community & Denominational Announcements

Joyful Noise Choir Registration Ends April 30 - If you have a child that will be entering grades 3 - 8 this fall who would love an opportunity to sing in a choir, registration is open online at www.joyfulnoisechoir.ca. The choir's program runs from the end of August through Christmas and includes a weekend camp (at Camp Rehoboth), service participation at the invitation of churches, community development on behalf of Rehoboth and the celebration of the choir's 40th anniversary with former members of the choir in November. Registration closes April 30. For further information contact Rein Selles at rein.selles@gmail.com or call 780-458-0698.

Edmonton Christian Schools 25th Annual Auction: Saturday, May 12 at Edmonton Christian High School, 14304 109 Avenue. Doors open and Silent Auction begins at 4:00 p.m. while the Live Auction gets underway at 5:30 p.m. New donations are gladly accepted until the event and volunteers are needed. For a continually updated list of items to be auctioned, check our website: www.edmchristian.org. For more information, contact the Society Office at 780-476-6281. See you there on May 12!

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

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

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.

Inglewood Christian Reformed Church

is seeking applicants for the new position of Program Coordinator. Working with the related committees, this position will provide leadership and administrative support to ICRC's ministries for youth, outreach, discipleship, service and community-building. Please see posted job notice on the bulletin board for details and contact information. Closing date: May 18, 2018.

Young adult internship opportunity

- Calling all young adults! Live out your Micah 6:8 calling through a cross-cultural reconciliation journey this June with World Renew, the Canadian Aboriginal Ministry Committee, and the Office of Race Relations. Scholarships are available. Learn more and apply by May 11 here: www.worldrenew.net/volunteer/youth-ambassador-reconciliation

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

Ministry Information & Contacts

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