

## Ministry Information & Contacts

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**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!

Good morning and thank you for joining us to worship God on this special day. Today we celebrate the baptism of Pax Schuurman. We also have a special opportunity on this Mother's Day to honor all the wonderful Ebenezer-Moms that the Lord has blessed us with. But most importantly, we get to gather as a faith-family and worship God together. May the Lord richly bless you today!

Welcome and Prayer

**Songs: *Be Still for the Presence of the Lord***

***In Our Households***

Greeting

**Song: *Creation Calls***

Sacrament of Baptism: Pax S

**Song of Response: Psalm 23**

Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering:

1 - Ebenezer Ministries

2 - Back to God Ministries

Children's Message

Children's Song (sung by children)

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

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42

Sermon: The One Needed Thing

**Song: *Oh How Good It Is***

Parting Blessing

**Parting Song: *Benediction***

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

# Church Family

Anniversary Celebration! Everyone is invited to enjoy some cake after church today as we celebrate the **60th Wedding Anniversary** of **Hank and Henny G!**

Liz De Weerd's nephew Robert in Ontario has a rare form of blood disease that is attacking the valves in his heart. One valve has been repaired and another needs to be replaced. Currently he has fluid and blood in his lungs. Please pray for healing.

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

**PHOTO DIRECTORY** - Laura A and Linda T will be taking pictures for the directory today and next Sunday before the service starting at 9:00am and after the service. If you consider this your home church please stop in at classroom #3 to have your picture taken!

**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.

**40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS** - Celebrate 40 years of blessings for Ebenezer. Date: June 16. More information to follow!

**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.

**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! People can drop off their stuff Tuesday during office hours and Wednesday morning, we will be setting up on Wednesday, May 16 at 9 am. We do need a few more helpers for setting up and then for cleaning up Saturday @ noon. The garage sale will be open Thursday, May 17 4-8pm; Friday, May 18 1-8 pm; and Saturday, May 19, 9 am - Noon. Please contact Bea M if you have any questions!



**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.

**NOTE** - 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. Talk to Kelly L or Christine H. Thank you!



**SUMMER SIGN UP TO TEACH 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS** – Children's Church for 3 & 4 year olds runs all year round! 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.

**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. If you have questions please contact Alice (T) V or Carrie T.



**CHURCH BRIDAL SHOWER** - Ladies it's time for an evening of fun and fellowship as we celebrate with our recent brides and brides-to-be at our annual church shower! It'll be on Wednesday, May 23 at 7:30pm in our Fellowship Hall. You are invited to show your support to these ladies as they begin an exciting new adventure in their lives. Our **EIGHT** guests of honour are **Melody H fiancé of Jovin C, Candice N Vm bride of Wes, Colleen V bride of Rolf, Emily H fiancé of Teagan S, Meghan K fiancé of Ryan D, Mariska fiancé of Justin Zi, Tamara D fiancé of Nicholas P and Christina P**

**fiancé of Dan V!** Donations of \$3-5 per bride is appreciated and can be placed in the bridal shower box using the envelope in your mailbox. We do our best to include all the upcoming brides from our church family but if we have missed someone please contact the church office so we can include them in this exciting annual event!

## Deacon's Corner

**1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offering - BACK TO GOD MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL** - We exist to share the Gospel in communities worldwide using radio, the Internet and other technology. Our goal hasn't changed for more than 70 years: seeing people's hearts transformed by God's grace. Back to God Ministries International envisions a world where media is being used effectively to proclaim the good news that brings spiritual rebirth, grows discipleship, and transforms communities. For more info see [backtogod.org](http://backtogod.org)

**Next Week - RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION** - Formed by the joining of Christian Reformed Home Missions and Christian Reformed World Missions, Resonate Global Mission trains missional leaders, guides new churches, and forges partnerships to proclaim and live out the good news of Jesus Christ worldwide. Resonate will build on the good work of Home Missions and World Missions, introducing people to Christ in North America and around the world. That means continuing partnerships with churches in the United States and Canada to plant churches, do campus ministry, train and equip pastors, and develop future leaders. Additionally, it means sending missionaries overseas, proclaiming the Gospel, and forging lasting partnerships to help people in every nation discover God's plan for their church, community and life. For more information see [resonateglobalmission.org](http://resonateglobalmission.org)

## Coming Up @ Ebenezer

<b>Tues &amp; Wed</b>	<b>9 am - 3 pm</b>	Garage & Bake Sale Set-up
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4 - 8 pm</b>	Garage & Bake Sale
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1 - 8 pm</b>	Garage & Bake Sale
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9 am - 12 pm</b>	Garage & Bake Sale
	<b>12 pm</b>	Garage Sale Clean-up
<b>Sunday (May 6)</b>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Weekly Prayer Meeting in Library
	<b>10:00 am</b>	Worship Service

**May 23** - Church Bridal Shower      **May 26** - Days for Girls Work Bee

**June 16** - Ebenezer 40th Anniversary Celebration

### COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – COUNCIL MEETING MAY 1, 2018

Deacons and Elders meet for every council meeting to discuss the affairs of the church and how to best meet the needs of all who worship with us.

Prayers are offered for congregants by way of the prayer bowl at every meeting.

Our recent visioning and strategic planning meeting was very capably facilitated by Gord. This meeting was held on a Saturday morning where we gathered at 8 a.m. and wrapped up by about 12:30 p.m. While council is still in the initial stages of this process, we want to remind you, our congregation, that we will be asking for and looking forward to meeting with you about these topics as well.

A recent council survey facilitated by the deacons has assisted us with clarity about how our strengths and ministries will guide our visioning and strategic planning work.

Recently, we revised our requirements for quorums at congregational meetings. These requirements have been aligned with our bylaws.

We recognize that this is our church's 40th anniversary and plans are underway for celebratory activities. Please watch for bulletin announcements!

At every council meeting, we hold each other accountable for our roles as elders. It is a wonderful opportunity for inspiration and learning! We recognize that perhaps you might not know how blessed we all feel to serve our God and our church family. Please know that we are humbled by the responsibility placed on us but that we serve gladly!

In His service, Grace Boender Clerk of council

**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.



# Community & Denominational Announcements

**DONATIONS TO THE GERRY SEGGER HERITAGE COLLECTION** - The Gerry Segger Heritage Collection on Dutch-Canadian immigration housed in The King's University library is requesting donations of any of the following items: diaries, letters, and journals, immigration paperwork, tickets and boarding passes, government promotions, church promotional materials, personal stories, church newsletters, etc. For details, call Bonita at 780-465-3500 ext. 8054 or email [heritagecollection@kingsu.ca](mailto:heritagecollection@kingsu.ca)

**SONRISE CAMP** – Are you looking for a great place to send your teens for a week this summer? Then look no further! Sunrise Camp is a rustic camp that is located just outside of Rocky Mountain House and is run by First Christian Reformed Church of Rocky. We provide a week of Bible lessons, WIDE games, trips to a local lake, exciting out trips and much, much more – all supervised by caring, Christian counsellors!! We offer two camps; one for ages 10 – 12 from July 8 – 13, 2018 and one for ages 13 – 15 from July 15 – 20, 2018. If you would like more information or registration forms (available at [www.firstcrocky.ca](http://www.firstcrocky.ca)), please contact Marie Aasman at [mlaasman@hotmail.com](mailto:mlaasman@hotmail.com) or 403-845-4438.

**RACE FOR THE AGES IN SUPPORT OF EMMANUEL HOME** - Saturday, May 26. Work as a 4 person team to find items all over YEG, meet new people, maybe do a few wacky things then click & send to win prizes. Register online at [www.emmanuelhome.ca](http://www.emmanuelhome.ca). See poster on bulletin board for more information.

**EMMANUEL HOME GROUNDBREAKING** - You are invited to join in celebrating the start of construction on Emmanuel Home's 50-suite expansion project on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. (13429-57 St, Edmonton). Reception with refreshments to follow. For more information contact Darren Sinke, Executive Director [dsinke@emmanuelhome.ca](mailto:dsinke@emmanuelhome.ca) or call 780-478-2051.

**BOWL FOR BALANCE ("Lawn Bowl Tournament")** - This year, Cornerstone Counselling Centre is celebrating its 40th year of making mental health care readily accessible to those in need. Last year, we provided subsidized counselling to over 1,000 clients. We are excited to invite all of our supporters to celebrate with us at the Bowl for Balance Lawn Bowl Tournament on Saturday, June 9, 12:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at Commonwealth Lawn Bowling Club (11420-139 St)! The Early Bird registration fee (\$60 per person) ends on Friday, May 18, after which registration will cost \$70 per person. The fee covers pre-game lessons, two rounds of bowling, snacks & dinner, and a silent auction. We also invite our bowlers to consider raising money for Cornerstone by utilizing pledge forms. Call Amanda at 780-482-6215, ext.239 or e-mail [events@cornerstonecounselling.com](mailto:events@cornerstonecounselling.com) to register. Further info regarding pledges, prizes and rules ("Lawn Bowling 101") can be found at [www.cornerstonecounselling.com/events/lawn-bowl/](http://www.cornerstonecounselling.com/events/lawn-bowl/).

**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](http://www.rehoboth.ab.ca). Cost of \$20/vehicle. For more information call (780) 968-4315

## CHURCH GIVING REPORT

<b>March</b>	<b>This Month</b>	<b>Through March This Year</b>
Ebenezer Ministries	\$26,666.10	\$76,485.50
Debt Reduction	970.00	2,330.00
Calvin Seminary	675.45	675.45
Emanuel Home	689.70	689.70
General Ministry Shares	50.00	100.00
Leprosy Missions	25.00	620.82
Rise-Up House	1,544.30	1,544.30
World Renew Disaster Relief	50.00	150.00
FoodGrains	1,418.20	1,418.20
<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$32,088.75</b>	
<b>April</b>	<b>This Month</b>	<b>Through April This Year</b>
Ebenezer Ministries	\$32,419.35	\$108,904.85
Debt Reduction	730.00	3,060.00
Diaconate	923.70	923.70
Friendship	4,169.75	4,169.75
GEMS	974.20	974.20
General Ministry Shares	50.00	150.00
Leduc & District Hub	1,254.71	1,254.71
Resonate Global	1,092.20	1,092.20
World Renew Disaster Relief	50.00	200.00
<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$41,663.91</b>	

### Thank You to Our Volunteers

**Ushers:** Ruby P, Dennis P, Luke K

**Next Week:** Andrew V, Andy Z, Marilyn Z

**Greeters:** Roy & Teena V

**Next Week:** John & Wendy T

**Coffee Duties:** Andrew V, Art & Linda T, John & Wendy T

**Next Week:** Matt & Kendra F, Brad & Lauren T, Luke & Alyse K

**Worship Team:** Alice & Team

**Next Week:** Jordan & Team

**Projection & Audio:** Wes & Pete

**Next Week:** Ted & Dan

**Serving Elder:** Grace Boender

**Next Week:** Herman Bulten

**Nursery: Supervisor** - Janette G

**Tod:** Janette G, Jon L, Joe D, Naomi G

**Inf:** Dan M, Christina P, Mercedes L

**Next Week: Supervisor** - Christine H

**Tod:** Ben M, Michelle O, Keira D

**Inf:** Christine H, Emily M, Keirra M

