

The background of the page features a serene sunset scene over a body of water. In the foreground, the silhouettes of two people are visible, their arms raised in a gesture of praise or joy. The sky is filled with soft, glowing light from the setting sun, and several birds are seen in flight, scattered across the upper portion of the frame. The overall color palette is muted, consisting of various shades of teal, grey, and white, which creates a calm and spiritual atmosphere.

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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 welcome to Ebenezer! Today we have the privilege of celebrating with Jon and Rikki L as their twins are baptized. Praise God that He continues to grow our church family by bringing new people to Ebenezer and by blessing our families with little ones.

Lord's Day 23

Q59. What good does it do you, however, to believe all this?

A. In Christ I am righteous before God and heir to life everlasting.

Q60. How are you righteous before God?

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.

Q. 61 Why do you say that through faith alone you are righteous?

A. Not because I please God by the worthiness of my faith. It is because only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness make me righteous before God, and because I can accept this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than through faith.

Lord's Day 24

Q64. But doesn't this teaching make people indifferent and wicked?

A. No. It is impossible for those grafted into Christ through true faith not to produce fruits of gratitude.

Welcome & Prayer

Opening Song: O Praise the Name (Anastasis)

Greeting

Song: Mighty to Save

Baptism of Christopher & Aubree L

Song of Response: He Knows My Name

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Thank Offerings

1. Ebenezer Ministries

2. Office of Social Justice

Scripture: John 3:16-21

Sermon: Faith and Life

Song of Response: Blessed Assurance

Parting Blessing

Song: Praise God from Whom All

Blessings Flow

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

Church Family

Congratulations to **Mike & Jenna D** on the birth of their daughter, **Teagan Kylie** on June 4! A little sister for Ashton and Lucas! We rejoice with you and your family in this precious blessing.

In the second week of June, **Cor and Willy A** will be travelling to Prince George, B.C. where Cor will undergo surgery to fuse his ankle. While it is considered a "day surgery", the recovery time will be significant. Please pray for safety as they travel, guidance and wisdom for the surgeons and medical staff and a patient and complete recovery. (The actual surgery date is June 13).

Gerry T, brother of John T, was admitted to Red Deer hospital on Monday, June 4 with with a ruptured appendix. He continues to battle infection. Please pray for healing and that the source of infection can be found.

PHOTO DIRECTORY - One last chance to get your picture taken for the directory will be at our 40th Anniversary celebration, June 16! If you consider this your home church please stop in at classroom #3 that day to have your picture taken!

CATECHISM LIBRARY FUNDRAISER - Please remember to bring baked goods to the church office on June 15th or 16th for the library fundraiser. All proceeds will go to buying theologically sound books for young people for our church library.



SOCCER ANYONE? - There are soccer balls and pylons available at the exit by the classrooms for anyone interested in playing soccer outside after church during coffeetime. Please bring them back into the church afterwards. Thank you!

OUR PICNIC IS ON SATURDAY!! If you haven't signed up and do want to come please use the clipboard sign up sheet in the foyer. Petro K will be by the poster to assist you! We do need numbers today to be able to buy the necessary food and to set up for this event.

EBENEZER'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - Keep June 16th available to join in for our 40th anniversary celebrations! The fun starts at 3:00 pm with a variety of games and fellowship for young and older! Dinner will be ready at 6:00. S'mores and fire pit activities will round off the evening around 9:00 pm. Sign up sheets are posted in front lobby, please indicate number of adults and children in the column behind your names. Thanks! We do need to find some portable gazebos for use that day, (we would need 10) if you have one available please contact your small group leader or Jan and Maricha K.



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!

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING FOR VBS will be held on Wednesday, June 20: Orientation @ 7pm, Refresher @ 8pm. A second training session will be held on Thursday, June 21: Orientation @ 10 am, Refresher @ 11 am.

ASSISTANT NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER - We are looking for someone to assist our Children's Church Director starting September. If you have questions please contact Carrie T

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 - OFFICE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE - The Office of Social Justice works to develop a deeper understanding of and response to God's call to let justice flow like a river in both our personal and communal lives, as well as in the structures of our societies. When we talk about social justice, we mean God's original intention for human society: a world where basic needs are met, people flourish, and peace (shalom) reigns. God calls us, the church, to participate in the renewal of society so that all--especially the weak and vulnerable--can enjoy God's good gifts. for more info see justice.crcna.org

Next Week - Aboriginal Ministries (Canada) - The CRC's Aboriginal Ministry in Canada seeks to support healing, reconciliation and restored relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples in Canada. It is rooted in a recognition of our Creator's love for all of creation; the experience of Christ's healing presence that brings peace between God, people, and creation; and the work of the Holy Spirit, who empowers people to live out the Creator's love in community. The Canadian Aboriginal Ministry Committee works with CRC members and congregations to respond to God's call to live in reconciled relationships as covenant (treaty) people before our Creator. It provides leadership and support for learning about Aboriginal justice and reconciliation and in putting good words and theology of healing, reconciliation and justice into action.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday (June 10) 9:15 am Weekly Prayer Meeting in Library
10:00 am Worship Service

June 16 - Ebenezer 40th Anniversary Celebration

July 16-20 - Shipwrecked! VBS **July 22** - VBS Sunday

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

This past week, council members met again to discuss the faith and life of our church. As always, we open with prayer and devotions. Our "prayer bowl" was passed around and each of us prayed for you, our congregants, by name. This is our monthly tradition - it gives us an opportunity to pray very specifically for each member of our congregation!

Plans for the installation of new council members have been made for July 8th. The names of those people who are willing to let their name stand for office will be announced on June 24th.

A new congregational procedural meeting checklist has been developed and approved - this will alleviate any confusion over process at congregational meetings.

We continue to explore opportunities for ways to better utilize the space we enjoy while trying to accommodate our growing family! Our Facilities Review Committee has come with some useful suggestions which we will further assess. We have been richly blessed - what a beautiful problem to have!!

Council continues to monitor Pastor Jason's workload. We are ever mindful of the joyful burden our growing family places on him. To assist with that in a small way, if you have a pastoral

concern, please feel free to contact your district elder. Your personal joys and concerns will be held in highest confidence and your elder will gladly assist in any way possible.

We continue to work on formulating a plan for our "re-visioning". As always, we ask for your continued prayers as we humbly serve our Lord and King and you, our congregation!

In His Service, Clerk of Council



CAMP REHOBOTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - We will be starting our summer camps next month. God has answered our prayers for more volunteers, but we still need help for the following weeks:

R&R – July 1-6 – Nurse, 10 Counsellors (large need)

Adult 1 – July 7-13 - 3 counsellors

Adult 2 – July 14-20 - Techie, Assistant Cook, 5 counsellors

Independent – July 21-29 - Bible Leader, 2 Cooks, Techie, 10 counsellors (large need)

Youth Week – July 30-August 3 – Bible Leader, Techie, 5 Counsellors

Please contact camp@rehoboth.ab.ca for more information, or apply online – www.rehoboth.ab.ca/camps/ Thank you! Please pray that our Camps go well this summer, that everyone has a great time, stays healthy, we get good weather – but most importantly, that our campers know that God Takes Care Of Everyone!

Kid's Sermon Notes

by _____

What was your favourite song?



Who is preaching?

What is the main Bible passage?

Book:

Chapter:

Verse:



Draw a picture of something you heard today, either from a song or from the sermon.

What Can we learn from this passage?

What would you like to pray about?



List some words you heard but don't understand:



Community & Denominational Announcements

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

PIANO RECITAL - Leduc School of Music will be holding their year-end piano recital here at Ebenezer Thursday, June 14 @7pm and our congregation is invited! The Senior Piano Students of the music school will be performing including our very own Kaija and Levi Meetsma!

Refreshments to follow.

PRAYER TOUR - On Sunday, June 10th from 2-4pm, you're invited to **Bethany Homes** (near Wetaskiwin) for a prayer tour. You will have the opportunity to meet the staff who work there and hear about the programs offered, participate in a self-led prayer walk, and enjoy refreshments. Questions? Call Jared Jorstad at (780) 361-8870.

PRAY FOR SYNOD 2018 - Please pray for the delegates, staff, and deliberations at Synod 2018. From Thursday, June 7—Thursday, June 14, approximately 600 delegates and staff of the CRC and the RCA will be gathered at Calvin College to partner for global impact for the Glory of God. For more information and to sign on to pray, go to crcna.org/synod/prayer call the church office at 780-962-4700.

Thank You to Our Volunteers

Ushers: Dennis P & Ruby P

Next Week: Andrew V & Dennis V

Greeters: Fred & Linda K

Next Week: Gary & Jenny F

Coffee Duties: Alex & Alinda B, Jason & Yoka T, Gary & Jenny F

Next Week: Fred & Linda K, Sam & Beth G, Elly M

Worship Team: Alice & Team

Next Week: Youth

Projection & Audio: Wes & Pete

Next Week: Ted & Dan

Serving Elder: Henk S

Next Week: Pete V

Nursery: Supervisor - Natasha D

Tod: Natasha D, John W, Isaac M

Inf: Cindy H, Emily Me, Sophie C

Next Week: Supervisor - Lisa K

Tod: Lisa K, Jay K, Lane T,

Inf: Kim M, Julie S, Lois D

Children's Church

3 year olds: Joanne K, Lisa K

Next Week: Christine H, Levi H

4 year olds: Jordan S, Edson V,

Next Week: Glen H, Carrie T

