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Joining in His
Victory

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*Restoring all people to
God's living truth and
equipping them to
passionately live it out!*

Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to the sixth Sunday of the Lenten season. This season we are focusing on drawing near to God through deepening our prayer life as we journey towards the cross and the empty tomb. This morning we're celebrating Palm Sunday considering the connection between Melchizedek, Jesus and our joy in the Lord. Please join us for coffee, tea, juice and fellowship after the service!

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Song: Praise is Rising

God's Greeting

Song: All Glory, Laud and Honour

Time of Confession

Song: Come as You are

Prayer of Assurance

Song: Just as I am

Baptisms

Song: Hosanna

Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering: **1 - Ebenezer Ministries**

2 - Riseup Society

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

Scripture: **Psalm 110**

Message: **Melchizedek, Jesus and Rejoicing**

Song: Psalm 110

Closing Blessing

Song: Shine on Us



Church Family

Congratulations to **Glen & Christine H**, who celebrate their **10th Wedding Anniversary**, and to **John & Wendy T**, who celebrate their **40th Wedding Anniversary!** We rejoice with you and your families in these special milestone blessings!

Our Christian condolences go out to **Leona and Harold H** and their family as Leona's mother, **Jane P**, peacefully passed to her heavenly father last week Wednesday. Her funeral will be here at Ebenezer most likely Tuesday, April 11. Thank you for continuing to remember their family in prayer.

Please remember in prayer these and others who are struggling with illness or injury, those who are recovering from surgery, and those who are grieving. We pray God's peace, comfort, and healing for you all.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - We will have our annual Good Friday service this Friday, April 14 @ 7:00 pm.

WIDOWED LUNCH BUNCH - We will meet today @ 12:30 at Terry and Alice V's home.



YOUNG LADIES WINE & CHEESE NIGHT- an ongoing casual gathering of Christian women (ages 20-30) where we share and support each other in our growing faith. Our next evening will be held tonight at Kristy I's house. For more information contact Chelsea D or Kristy I.

THANK YOU - Thank you for your support and prayers for our trip to Kenya. We were blessed to see how God worked there through the different projects that we were involved in. We were able to distribute 210 Days for Girls Kits, work on an orphanage, drill a well, and started a new church building on the site. There is still additional funding needed to complete these projects. If you would like to contribute, please contact one of us. Thanks again, Wilbur and Linda H

CHILDREN'S CHURCH - There will be no Children's Church classes next week as it is Easter Sunday. Thank you!

MISSING ITEM - a Ladies' black sweater (from Rikki's) went missing after the funeral on March 24. It was left in the kitchen pantry. If anyone might have taken it by mistake could you please return it to the church, thank you!

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!



March 2017 Council Highlights

- Council continues to meet in prayer and with devotions before each meeting. This meeting began with a devotional and then members present broke into groups of 3 to hold each other accountable in 3 areas: a) Are we praying for those on our "elder" lists? b) Have we contacted those on our "elder" lists? c) How is our own spiritual health?
 - Council noted that Monica & Roy have done outstanding work on the Safe Church Policy but that a full committee should support them in their work. As council is directly responsible for the implementation of the policy for insurance purposes, it was agreed that Monica and Roy should have more support from council and the congregation.
 - Ebenezer Classic planning has begun- council approved the designation of the funds from this event to be distributed as follows: 50% of the funds raised will go to the HUB and 50% will go to Capital Improvements, with a strong suggestion that the funds be used for classroom cabinetry.
 - Budget presentation by Josh K – Budget approved for ratification at congregational meeting March 21, 2017.
 - Nominations for council positions were discussed.
 - Various ministry reports were received for information
- NOTE:** At the recent congregational meeting, the budget was passed.

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 - RISEUP SOCIETY - Established in 2007, Riseup Society Alberta is an equipping and healing women's outreach centre responding to the reality of domestic violence and abuse. Riseup provides group support, counselling and resources for women impacted by intimate partner abuse, and educates individuals and community groups about preventing and responding to abuse. For more info see www.riseupsociety.ca

Next Week - HOME MISSIONS - Next week, Easter Sunday, we will be collecting an offering for Christian Reformed Home Missions. In this coming week, consider how ministry taking place in your own community makes a difference in your life. Prayerfully consider supporting Home Missions as they spread the Gospel through starting churches, engaging communities, and developing disciples.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Today	11:45 am	Pre Profession of Faith Class
Monday	7:00 pm	Friendship
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Celebrate! Musical Practice
Wednesday	6:45 pm	GEMS
Friday	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service
Sunday(Apr 16)	9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	10:00 am	Easter Sunday Service

Saturday, April 22 - KubKar Races *Note Date Change*

Sunday, April 23 - Friendship Sunday, Celebrate Life! Musical

Sunday, April 30 - GEMS Sunday

Sunday, May 7 - Evening Speaker, Henry Matarrita Jerusalem Missionary

May 16-20 - Church Garage Sale Fundraiser

OH SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG; SING TO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH! - You are invited to an evening of song and praise Good Friday evening, April 14, at Grace Reformed Church in Leduc who will once again be hosting our annual sing-a-long. Besides singing all of our favorite songs, by request, from the Psalter Hymnal "The Essence of Praise" men's choir and the Elossais sisters will, once again, be performing and singing with us. Our usual accompaniment of trumpet, organ, and pianist will also be in attendance. Join us at 7:00 p.m. for a wonderful time of fellowship in praise and song to God and Jesus Christ our Lord and savior. Directions: 2mi. west of Leduc on highway 39, ½ mi south on RR. 255.



EMMANUEL HOME 2017 - Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity CRC, 13427 57 St, Edmonton. 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 or to sign up, go online: www.emmanuelhome.ab.ca/invest/society.html or contact Darren Sinke dsinke@emmanuelhome.ab.ca | 780-478-2051.



5TH ANNUAL EBENEZER CLASSIC - Are you eyeing those golf greens just waiting for the snow to melt? Let us help you scratch your itch because it's time to start planning the 5th Annual Ebenezer Classic Golf Tournament! This event has raised significant funds for the New Church Development Fund, Ebenezer Ministries, and, most recently, RiseUp Society! But it requires a team effort, so we're looking for team members. Volunteer roles include everything from pre-tournament canvassing to tournament day set up, course jobs, and more! You do not have to be a golfer to be involved in this fundraising event (just ask Nicole!). Want to get involved? Any questions? Give Josh V a call.

Community and Denominational Announcements

FATHER, INTO YOUR HANDS - In the finality of Jesus Christ's dying words we discover hope. Join our Groundwork conversation on Luke 23:26-31, 44-49 to understand Jesus' experience and see how he teaches us about our relationship with God and life after death in one simple dying sentence. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

JOIN A CANADA-WIDE CHOIR - The O Canada Choir is a virtual choir project, performing a new arrangement of O Canada in honour of our nation's 150th birthday. Individual singers and musicians can download sheet music and mp3 accompaniment tracks from the website, They then record themselves on video performing their part and upload it to the website to be combined into one massive performance. The website can be found at <http://www.ocanadachoir.ca> . An introductory video is available to watch at <http://intro.ocanadachoir.ca> .

KARUNIA COURSE - Anger for Men, a 6-week course held Wednesdays, April 19 to May 24, 2017 7:30pm to 9:00pm. See our website for more info: <http://www.karunia.ca/courses/>

LDESA AND THE HUB - Check out our new office at 5010 50 Ave (west side entrance), we welcome all to visit. A reminder that our annual "Seeds of Hope" fundraiser that we count on each year for the majority of our funding is April 22 at the Executive Royal Inn. Amazing meal, excellent entertainment, abundant silent auction and fun filled live dessert auction. Tickets \$40 Available at our office or Coldwell Banker!

LEDUC VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BANQUET - April 27, 2017 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm at the Leduc Recreation Centre. Theme: Volunteers Make Us Happy Campers! Dress: Plaid is the New Black! Business Casual Attire. Tickets available at www.eventbrite.com

VBS-STYLE ENGLISH CAMP IN ASIA - Join a missionary and fellow volunteers in sharing the Gospel with children through games, activities, and lessons at a church in Asia from July 11-30.

WALK WHERE JESUS WALKED - Visit the Holy Land on a learning tour this summer, August 8-18, on a trip where historic Christian sites are paired with today's Christian people. Visit crwm.org/HolyLand for more information or to apply.

AVAILABLE FREE IN THE DIGITAL LIBRARY - "Preventing Child Abuse: Creating a Safe Place" is available free to all in the CRC through the Digital Library (crcna.org/Library). This book will guide churches and nonprofit organizations through the process of designing and implementing the policies and procedures they need to keep their children safe.

FROM MOSIE TO MOZART - April 22, 7 p.m. - Join the Edmonton Christian Male Choir, and special guests, Essence of Praise and the Mighty Power Singers, for an evening of songs at Trinity Christian Reformed Church, 13427 - 57 Street NW. Tickets are \$15, available from Choir members or at the door. Children 14 and under are free. Find out more at www.facebook.com/ECMChoir

AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, CLOSE TO HOME! - Camp Rehoboth provides a one-week camp experience for people with developmental disabilities near Lacombe, AB. For one week you can leave the busyness of life behind you and be a special friend to a child or adult, and show them the love of Christ. It is a week of spiritual growth for both campers and volunteers! Our camper spots are getting filled, and we are hoping our volunteer list gets filled as well. For more information, check out our website: www.rehoboth.ab.ca/camps, or send us an email at: camp@rehoboth.ab.ca. With your help, we can "FLOURISH in the land."

VOLUNTEER FOR FORT MCMURRAY HOME RECONSTRUCTION - World Renew is happy to announce that volunteers are welcome from May 13-September 2, 2017, to help rebuild homes for families who suffered through last year's wildfire in Fort McMurray, Alberta. For details and to sign up to volunteer, visit worldrenew.net/albertafires or call 1-800-848-5818.



Thank You to Our Volunteers

Ushers: Dennis V, Andy Z, Marilyn Z **Good Friday:** John T, Andrew V, Howard O
Next Week: Dennis P, Ruby P, Ted K

Greeters: Hank & Henry G **Good Friday:** John & Wendy T
Next Week: Gary & Jenny F

Coffee Duties: Jay & Laura A, Stephen T, Andy & Joanne V
Good Friday: No Coffee
Next Week: Wes V, Clarence & Tiny M, Brent & Kelly L

Worship Team: Grace & Team **Good Friday:** Alice & Team
Next Week: Marianne & Team

Projection & Audio: Jamie & Matt **Good Friday:** Wes & Pete
Next Week: Nicole & Mike

Serving Elder: Evan S **Good Friday:** TBA **Next Week:** TBA

Nursery: Supervisor - Tammy M **Good Friday: Supervisor - Janette G**
Infants: Alex B, Alesha S, Susan V **Infants:** Janette G, Henk S, Bethany G
Toddlers: Johan M, Jenna D, Edson V **Toddlers:** Mike D, Mennie S, Naomi G

Next Week: Supervisor - Janette G
Infants: Emily Mu, Wilbur H, Petro K
Toddlers: Jon L, Linda H, Anke K

