

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

June 4, 2017

PENTECOST



Led by the
Spirit

Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer! Today is Pentecost Sunday. Today we remember and celebrate the day when God poured out His Holy Spirit upon His people. That was a day of blessing, expansion and diversity for God's Kingdom as the covenant promises of God began to extend beyond the bounds of ethnic Israel to every tribe, nation and tongue. May each one of us experience the power and presence of the Holy Spirit as we reflect on this glorious event that happened so long ago and continues to affect us today. Please join us for coffee, tea, juice and fellowship after the service!

Welcome and Prayer

**Songs: *Be Still for the Presence of the Lord*
*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness***

Greeting

Song: *Come As You Are*

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

Song: *Behold the Lamb*

Congregational Prayer and Announcements

Thank Offering: **1 - Ebenezer Ministries**

2 - Christian Reformed World Missions

Children's Message

(Children ages 3 & 4 leave for Children's Church)

Song: *Ancient Words*

Scripture: **Ruth**

Sermon: **The Beautiful Broadness of God's Grace**

Song: *You Shine*

Parting Blessing

Parting Song: *Shout to the North*

Church Family

Congratulations to **Miriam P** who recently graduated from Jerusalem University College, in Israel, with a Master's Degree in Biblical History and Geography. We rejoice with you in this special accomplishment and wish you God's blessings in your future endeavours!

Congratulations and Happy birthday to **Cor H** who is celebrating his birthday today! We wish you God's blessings on your special day and all year through!

Please remember **Bev C, Leona H, and Andy & Shirley L** in prayer and others who are struggling with illness or injury, are recovering from surgery, or who are grieving. We pray God's peace, comfort, and healing for you all.

ANNUAL WEDDING SHOWER - Ladies, it is time for an evening of fun and fellowship as we



celebrate with our recent bride and brides-to-be at our annual church shower, Tuesday, June 6 at 7:30 in our fellowship hall. You are invited to show your support to these ladies as begin an exciting new adventure in their lives. If you wish to participate in our group gift place your donation in the marked box on the table in the foyer. Suggested donation is \$3-\$5 per bride. Please bring a plate of goodies to share!

PARKING UPDATE - We are extending the seniors' parking to include all parking spaces along the sidewalks. At present, the limited space in our whole parking area requires us to conserve space. Please park so that space is not wasted and be considerate to leave parking spaces closer to the front doors for those with mobility difficulties.

VBS MEETING & CRAFT BEE - We would like to invite those involved in VBS this year to a meeting and craft bee here at the church on June 12 @7:30pm

CARE GROUP UPDATE - Over the last year we have journeyed together as we try to envision a new structure for our care groups. We have heard stories of joy, stories of new beginnings, and stories of frustration. As a way to address the many differing roads to building community, your Care Group Committee is in the process of doing some restructuring and would like some feedback from the congregation. On June 18 we will distribute a short questionnaire that will be collected at the same time. There will be 3 questions:

You are happy with the present structure and would like to continue to build on that.

We would like to pursue a more intentional (read: frequent or purposeful) model.

We are unable to commit to any involvement at this time.

After we gather this new information, there will in all likelihood be some realignment of the groups. Thank you for your support.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - We are created by God and built for a purpose! If you are willing to celebrate God's grand design with our youngest generation come help out at VBS this summer! July 17-21, 9:30am - 12:00pm. Sign up sheet at the back of the church or talk with Kelly L or Christine H for more info. Check out the church website for printable registration forms!

UPDATE ON OUR REFUGEE FAMILY - (Syrian refugee couple we are co-sponsoring together with Ingelwood and The River CRC's) The winter has held some challenges, but the A's are progressing well in the English Instruction program. A committee member has been developing work resumes together with them both, and there is a possible job opportunity for S in the auto parts industry through a contact from 'The River' church. This job is contingent on S getting his driver's license. S has been working on this, and only the road test remains, which he hopes to do shortly. S and R have been worshipping regularly at Ingelwood church. They really enjoyed the times they were here at Ebenezer, but are loathe to ask for or depend on rides. Perhaps we will see them occasionally when they have 'wheels'! The A's are still looking for a good used vehicle. If you have any leads on this, please email Grace D

ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRY NEEDS YOU! - The Administrative Ministry Team is looking for more members. Please prayerfully consider joining our ministry. We meet about once a month. For more information please contact Pete V or the church office. Thank you!

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 - CHRISTIAN REFORMED WORLD MISSIONS - Christian Reformed World Missions (CRWM) exists to glorify God by helping the CRC to respond obediently to our Lord's commission to witness to the good news of God's Kingdom and make disciples of all nations. We see the CRCNA vigorously participating in Spirit-led mission with churches and other Christian organizations throughout the world so that together we are proclaiming the gospel to more and more people who have not heard it--healthy churches are emerging and the Kingdom of God is advancing. For more info see crwm.org

Next Week - 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

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Tuesday 7:30 pm Wedding Shower
Council Meeting

Sunday (June 11) 9:15 am Weekly Prayer Meeting
10:00 am Worship Service

Monday, June 12 - VBS Meeting and Craft Bee
Friday, June 16 - Covenant Christian School's Graduation Ceremony
Saturday, June 24 - Ebenezer Classic Golf Tourney
July 17 - 21 - Maker Fun Factory VBS
August 11 - 13 - Annual Church Campout

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! - The annual Church Campout will be taking place August 11-13, at Willey West Campground near Drayton Valley! Church Life will be releasing registration forms shortly!



Community and Denominational Announcements

LEDUC FOODBANK LANDSCAPERS AND GARDENERS - The FoodBank has been given permission to redo the planters in front of the Kitchen learning center into garden beds to be used in the kitchen classes with clients. We are looking for a group of people who could help with this project. We also have the option of converting the east side of the bldg. into raised garden beds for the same purpose. If you are interested in helping with this please contact the food bank as soon as possible.

WITH ONE VOICE: HYMNS AND CHORAL WORKS OF THE REFORMATION ERA - In celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the Edmonton Lutheran (LCC)-Roman Catholic Dialogue Group invites you to With One Voice: Hymns and Choral Works of the Reformation Era. Sunday, June 11, 2 PM, St. Joseph's Basilica (10044 113 Street, Edmonton). Everyone welcome. Admission is by donation with proceeds going to support Catholic and Lutheran charities.

PROLIFE BBQ! - Everyone and their families are invited to a free PRO-LIFE BBQ! Monday evening, June 19th from 5-8 pm. @Queen Mary Park Community League Hall, 10844 117 Street N.W. Edmonton. There is plenty of parking and room for children to play. We will be revealing an exciting NEW INITIATIVE that has resulted as a spin-off from our previous successes! If those of you who like to cook or share could bring something, it would be welcome, but it is NOT necessary. It will go, rain or shine. EVERYONE WELCOME! Please RSVP if you are coming, and tell me how many you will bring.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR SYNOD 2017 - Please continue to pray for the discussions and decisions that will take place at Synod 2017. Synod begins on Friday, June 9 in Palos Heights, Illinois, and will run until June 15. Resources and topics for prayer can be found on the Synod Prayer Support page. crcna.org/synod/prayer

LIVING THE 8TH FIRE - To walk the road of reconciliation with our indigenous neighbours. Let's gather around the fire together and get to know our neighbours. At The Lady Flower Gardens – 3830 195 Ave NE Edmonton 9am – 3pm Saturday June 24. \$20 per person, to register please contact Jesse: yournadc@gmail.com or 780-819-7488. In Partnership with NADC and ENHC; part of each registration will be donated to the EALT Agricultural Legacy Fund. Lunch and snacks provided.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NEEDED - Mission Thrift Store is a volunteer-driven, non-denominational Christian organization that currently operates more than 48 thrift stores across Canada and supports the BFM Foundation (Canada) and Bible League Canada. We are looking for a Volunteer Coordinator position available (20h/wk). For application details, please email John.Feddes@ualberta.ca.

HOW BIG IS YOUR GOD? - If you think you know everything there is to know about God and fully understand his character, Habakkuk might say you need a bigger faith. Join us in discussing Habakkuk 3 as the prophet confronts us with one powerfully big God. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com



Thank You to Our Volunteers

Ushers: Dennis V, Andy Z, Marilyn Z	Next Week: Ted K, Andrew V, Howard O
Greeters: Dick & Judy O	Next Week: Dennis & Ineke V
Coffee Duties: Gerard & Wendy B, Jon & Janna P, Warren & Carrie T	
Next Week: Pete & Birgit M, Rudy & Karen G, Janette G	
Worship Team: Alice & Team	Next Week: Marianne & Team
Projection & Audio: Wes & Pete	Next Week: Nicole & Mike
Serving Elder: Dick D	Next Week: Norm H
Nursery: Supervisor - Lisa K	Next Week: Supervisor - Lisa K
Infants: Alex B, Bea M, Lois D	Infants: Jordan S, Alinda B, Anke K
Toddlers: Lisa K, Jay A, Seth A	Toddlers: Rikki L, Michelle O, Damien B



World Renew Famine Appeal

- Severe drought and conflict has placed millions at risk of starvation in Africa. World Renew is helping feed hungry families in South Sudan, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia and Nigeria. The Government of Canada has announced a 1:1 match for all donations made between March 17 and June 30 for humanitarian responses to this crisis. In addition, through World Renew's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, your donations are eligible for a further match up to 4:1. With these matches, your gifts will go up to five times further! Please donate today to demonstrate God's love to millions in need. For more information on our response, please visit www.worldrenew.net/famine.

VOLUNTEER FOR FORT MCMURRAY HOME RECONSTRUCTION

- World Renew is happy to announce that volunteers are welcome from May 13-September 2,, 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.



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