

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY 2018

"SIMPLY JESUS"

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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 week 2 of our Lenten journey to the cross and empty tomb. This week we join Jesus as preaches on the sabbath in his hometown synagogue. May each one of us hear the gentle voice of Jesus in our hearts as we listen to His Word this morning.

Lord's Day 12

Q 1. Why is he called
"Christ," meaning
"anointed"?

A. Because he has been
ordained by God the
Father and has been
anointed with the
Holy Spirit to our chief
prophet and teacher who
perfectly reveals to us the
secret counsel and will of
God for our deliverance;
our only high priest who has
set us free by the one
sacrifice of his body, and
who continually pleads our
cause with the Father; and
our eternal king who
governs us by his Word
and Spirit, and who guards
us and keeps us in the
freedom he has won for us.

Welcoming the Word

Young Person: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Call to Worship

Songs: Open the Eyes of My Heart

Hosanna

God's Greeting

Song: Lord I Need You

Confession and Assurance

Apostles Creed

Song: Psalm 19

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering:

1 - Ebenezer Ministries

2 - Edmonton Native Healing Centre

Children's Message

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

Scripture: Luke 4:14-21

Message: The Year of the Lord's Favor

Song: This is the Gospel of Christ

Parting Blessing

Song: Mighty to Save

Please join us for coffee, tea and juice after the service!

Church Family

Arlene L's son-in-law, **Wayne L**, is home from the hospital. We are thankful that his infection has been successfully treated and pray for his continued recovery and strength.

Please continue to remember **Evelyn T, George V, and Mary S** in prayer as they continue to recover.

Please remember in prayer those 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.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - We are looking for musicians, vocalists, readers and dramatists for our Good Friday service. If you have any interest in being part of this special service, please let Pastor Jason know. Thanks!

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!



CHILDREN'S CHURCH ASSISTANT NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER - Children's Church is happy to announce that the Children's Church Administrator for 2018-2019 will be Carrie T. Carrie has worked with Alice V this past year and will be leading the ministry next year. We are now looking for someone to assist her starting September with the intent of becoming the Ministry Leader 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.

CRAFTING RETREAT - Will be held this coming weekend starting on Friday, March 2nd at 4:00 pm and finishing up on Saturday, March 3rd at 4:00 pm. Crafters of all ages are invited join us at the church for this fun event where you can work on your favorite crafts (scrapbook, knit, weave, sew, quilt, crochet, embroider, etc.). We will have soup and buns on Friday night and then a potluck lunch for Saturday. Please let us know if you are planning to attend so we can prepare accordingly. If you have any questions and/or would like to help with set up and food preparations, please contact Freda MO.



WIDOWED LUNCH BUNCH - will meet again for lunch at the home of John and Joyce D on Sunday, March 11 at 12:30 pm. We welcome anyone who is a widow or widower.

DAYS FOR GIRLS WORK BEE - We will be having our next Days for Girls Work Bee on Saturday, March 10th so if you are interested in being part of this fun day, please mark your calendars accordingly. We will be sewing and assembling kits and would welcome anyone (12 years old and up) who is able to help out with a variety of tasks including pinning, cutting, ironing, putting in snaps, sewing, etc. We will start at 9:00 am and finish by about 4 pm (lunch will be provided). Our target is to complete 75 kits at our Work Bee. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please signup on the Days for Girls Work Bee sheet on the bulletin board by the mailboxes. We would also greatly appreciate baking (regular and some gluten free) of any kind, if you have any questions about the baking please contact Jenny R.



THANK YOU - In the month known to celebrate LOVE, we want to send some love your way. In 2017 we supported 445 families, couples, or individuals and provided over 520 financial support in the way of rent and damage deposits, food, fuel, medical needs, transportation needs (bus & Taxi) and various other needs as they were required. We provided emergency support to the homeless and served over 200 adults and children providing winter wear. These vast services were only possible by the generosity of our community. A huge part of that support was funded by the Ebenezer golf tournament last summer. We are so blessed to have had this donation. We want to once again extend a huge “thank you” to those that participated and to the congregation for making your charitable choice the Leduc & District Emergency Shelter Association (Leduc Hub). Bless you all!

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 - EDMONTON NATIVE HEALING CENTRE - Our goal is to journey along side the urban Aboriginal population reconnecting people to culture and ceremony. We firmly believe that our world belongs to God the Creator and through this window of opportunity we are able to show and teach that the ceremonies of old can be redeemed in Christ. By presenting Christ as the centre of our culture and ceremonies new life is breathed into our old ways. For more info see e-nhc.org

Next Week - CANADIAN FOODGRAINS BANK - The mission of Canadian Foodgrains Bank is to end global hunger. We do this by collecting grain and cash donations for projects submitted by our 15 member agencies and their partners. We also provide expert advice to our members and partners; manage the procurement and supply of food commodities; and engage in public policy and education activities related to hunger and food security. For more info see foodgrainsbank.ca

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Wednesday	10:00 am	Coffee Break
	6:45 pm	GEMS
Friday	3:45 pm	Easter Ensemble Practice
Friday 4pm - Saturday 4pm		Craft Retreat
Sunday (Mar 4)	9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting in Library
	10:00 am	Lent Service

March 10 - Days for Girls Work Bee

March 17 - Kub Kar Races

March 30 - Good Friday Service

February 15, 2018 Council Meeting Highlights

Hello, Congregation! Our church council (both elders and deacons) meets monthly to discuss the affairs of this church and provide direction and oversight to the various ministries. Occasionally the elders and deacons meet separately to discuss our specific areas of ministry. This month we held separate meetings and the notes below reflect the topics discussed at our elders meeting.

Our meetings always begin with devotions and prayers for specific members of our congregation and end with prayer as well. In this way we always try to keep these meetings focused on God and what He is doing at Ebenezer.

Soon we will begin the process of seeking out nominations for new elders. We ask that you hold council in prayer as we look at the Biblical calling of elder and the roles and responsibilities involved. Please also begin to consider if there is anyone from our congregation that you would like to nominate for this position.

The question concerning funding for Christian schools continues to be an ongoing area for prayer. You may be aware that Cornerstone Christian School has lost funding from the local school district because they refused to edit the portions of the Bible they chose to teach about. The court case is beginning in Wetaskiwin Provincial Court House and the first court date is March 20, 2018. You are welcome to attend to show your support for this issue.

Council is also embarking on a process to re-visit our vision and mission statement – we want to make sure you know that you will have opportunity to be involved in this process when the time comes!

We are encouraged by the tremendous financial support you have supplied for the ministry and operation of this church. Thanks to each of you for your faithful and sacrificial giving. What a blessing it is to hear how generously you have given to enable the ministries of Ebenezer flourish! We praise God for this happy blessing!


As always, it is our pleasure to serve our God and King by providing leadership to this church. We seek to do nothing in our own strength but entirely through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. But we recognize that we can always improve. Your feedback is always appreciated so that we can continue to grow in our service to the church.

In His Service, Pastor Jason Dahlman

FOSTERING A SENSE OF BELONGING - Join us on March 6th from 7:00-8:30 pm at Trinity CRC, as we explore the foundational building block of “Belonging” in the context of Bullying, through the perspectives of family, school, and church. Come prepared to reflect on the importance of belonging, and how we can foster the sense of belonging in the communities around us. All ages are invited encouraged to attend. Call Jenna at 780-996-1586.

EMMANUEL HOME’S ‘RACE FOR THE AGES’ - in search of the golden YEG’ will be held on Saturday, May 26, 2018. Save the Date and register your four-person team by May 14, 2018. This race is not like any race we have ever done before! No route agents, no clues and you make your own route. All you need is a cell phone and the ability to click & send. Team members must each raise a minimum of \$300 in pledges. It promises to be a day of fun, fellowship, and prizes. Register by May 4, for early bird prize eligibility. For more information contact Maria mbos@emmanuelhome.ca or 780-478-2051. Register online at <http://emmanuelhome.ca/involved/race-for-the-ages>.

LENT PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR INDIGENOUS JUSTICE - The Christian Reformed Church has affirmed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. But what does that mean? This Lent, the CRC’s Canadian Aboriginal Ministry Committee invites you to enter into the themes of the Declaration through prayer. This is our prayer this week: You know the pain of losing a child. We pray for members of northern communities, as they struggle through the pain of suicide deaths. Bring comfort and peace to these families and communities. Disrupt, unsettle, and heal the forces and broken systems in which children end their lives. Bring healing, strength, and renewal to Indigenous children, youth, and their families. Join with us this Lenten season to pray: crcna.org/DeclarationPrayers

 **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.

VOLUNTEER YOUR GIFTS IN NICARAGUA - Do you have gifts in maintenance, special education, teaching, or graphic design? Resonate Global Mission has a number of open opportunities for you to serve in Nicaragua. Visit Resonateglobalmission.org/go to see all these opportunities and more.

"WHEN HELPING HARMS" WORKSHOP - Join World Renew and Diaconal Ministries Canada for a "When Helping Harms" workshop to learn how to help alleviate poverty and injustice through effective engagement in your global and local communities. Discover how food banks, deacon funds, short-term service trips and other benevolent activities can be more impactful and meaningful. The workshop will take place at Emmanuel CRC (3020 51 Street SW, Calgary) on Saturday, March 10 from 9am to 12pm (refreshments available at 8:30 am). Registration is free, seating is limited; please register today at www.worldrenew.net/whhworkshop. For more info, contact Yvonne Bosgra at 403-246-0795 or office@emmanuelcrc.org.

"FOCUS ON THE CROSS" WITH TODAY - Lent is a season to focus on the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Receive a free Today devotional series to help you refresh, refocus, and renew your faith during Lent. Subscribe at todaydevotional.com/lent.

CHRISTIAN CREDIT UNION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Please join us for appetizers, music, and fellowship as we celebrate the Lord’s blessings. Members will also be asked to approve bylaw changes to expand our membership requirements to include the entire Christian community. Thursday, March 8 @ Central Lions Recreation Centre 11113 - 113 Street, Edmonton. 6:30pm – Appetizers, 7:30pm – Business meeting. Get your FREE tickets at www.christiancu.ca or call 780.426.7165.

CANADIAN FOODGRAINS BANK SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEK! - Every year, churches across Canada collaborate with World Renew and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank to respond to God’s call to feed the hungry. In 2018, conflict continues to threaten the wellbeing of millions and one of the most essential needs – food – is not getting to those who need it most. World Renew is committed to changing this, and your gift next week will help make this possible. All donations made are eligible for a match of up to 4:1 from the Canadian Government!

JESUS CURSES A FIG TREE - The disciples are understandably surprised and confused when they observe a withered fig tree Jesus had earlier cursed. Join Groundwork as we study Mark 11 to contemplate the meaning of his actions and take to heart his teaching on faith and prayer which follows. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

EDUDEO GO - Walk, Bike, Run or Swim for Christ-centred education. - EduDeo GO is a GO! Over 30 people have already signed up to either run, walk, bike or swim to help build 4 urgently needed classrooms in the Dominican Republic. Join on your own, or as a group. Set a distance goal for April 1 – June 30. Compete with and challenge your friends. Sign up now at edudeo.com/GO



Thank You to Our Volunteers

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| Ushers: Ruby P, Dennis P, Luke K | Next Week: Andrew V, Andy Z, Marilyn Z |
| Greeters: Fred & Linda K | Next Week: Gary & Jen F |
| Coffee Duties: Daniel V, Dan & Emily M, Brent & Lisa K | |
| Next Week: Gezinus & Bea M, Charlene V, George & Donna D | |
| Worship Team: Youth Team | Next Week: Alice & Team |
| Projection & Audio: Ted & Dan | Next Week: Wes & Pete |
| Serving Elder: Jordan S | Next Week: Henk S |
| Nursery: Supervisor - Natasha D | |
| Tod: Jon L, Keira D | Inf: Natasha D, Kelly L, Christina P, Mercedes L |
| Next Week: Supervisor - Lisa K | |
| Tod: Angelica G, Karen H, Lane T | Inf: Lisa K, James H, Michelle T (Bryan), Amy A |

