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The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners . . .

Isaiah 61:1

The wind that began Pentecost changed everything—it launched the new church into its new mission. And it was only the beginning of the story!

The book of Acts says the incredible sound of the wind is what drew the crowd of onlookers. Being filled with the Holy Spirit must have been an overwhelming experience of God's power! The apostles were convinced: the whole world needed to hear about Jesus Christ.

God's power on Pentecost drew a crowd, healed a man who could not walk, baffled the rulers and elders, and even brought an earthquake. What a legacy to claim as we launch our own mission today!

Have you claimed this mighty Spirit's power? Have you put it to work on the mission God has given to you? Each one of us is a missionary; we all have a calling to live out the gospel.

As you embark on this mission, Resonate Global Mission is here to walk with your congregation. Now that Christian Reformed Home Missions and Christian Reformed World Missions have joined as one agency, we are equipping the Christian Reformed Church for mission at home, around the corner, and around the world.

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Good Morning and Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer. Today we resume our travels through the Heidelberg Catechism. In our last Catechism sermon we observed as Jesus ascended up into heaven and considered how His presence in heaven benefits us right now. Today we will think together about the comfort we get from knowing that one day He is coming

Lord's Day 52

Q: How does Christ's return "to judge the living and the dead" comfort you?

A: In all the distress and persecution, with uplifted head, I confidently await the very judge who has already offered himself to the judgement of God in my place and removed the whole curse from me. Christ will cast all his enemies and mine into everlasting condemnation, but will take me and all his chosen ones to himself into the joy and glory of heaven.

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

Welcome and Prayer

Song: I Sing the Mighty Power of God

God's Greeting

Song: God is Here

Time of Confession

Song: Seek Ye First

Prayer of Assurance

Song: Build Your Kingdom Here

Communion

Song: This is the Gospel of Christ

Announcements

Thank Offerings:

1- Ebenezer Ministries

2- Camp Rehoboth

Scripture: Luke 17:20-37

Sermon: A Comforting Return

Song: You are My All in All

Parting Blessing

Song: Because of You

Church Family

We rejoice with **Jonathan & Rikki L** and their family after the birth of their twins, **Aubree and Christopher** on April 27, 2018!

Congratulations to **Rolf and Colleen V** as they were united in marriage yesterday!

Congratulations to **Hank & Henny G** as they celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on May 9!

Birth Announcement: Sadie H and her family would like to announce the arrival of Eve Constance Marie into this world on April 23, 2018. We celebrate with Eve's adoptive family on the new addition to their family.

Sadie, along with her family's support decided early in the pregnancy to bless another family with the birth of her baby! In the past 9 months there have been many conversations filled with many emotions. Sadie has grown in her faith and truly wants what's best for her and both of her daughters. It is an open adoption and she is thankful that she'll have a chance to stay in contact with Eve and her family. We also praise and thank God for providing a family for Eve that has a strong Christian faith and Christian values.

Sometimes doing what's best can still be difficult and emotionally heavy. We ask for understanding, sensitivity and love. We also want to extend gratitude and thanks for all the prayers and support we have all ready received.

Eph 1: 4,5 *Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what is wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.* Please continue to remember this family in your prayers and also others who are struggling with physical or emotional difficulties. We pray that God will provide you with peace, comfort and healing.

WIDOWED LUNCH BUNCH - will be held at the home of Pastor Jason and Marco today after the service. We welcome anyone who is widowed. For more information feel free to contact Beth N. Directions: Take Highway 2 south to Millet. Take a right (go west) at the Petro Canada. Follow Hwy 616 out of Millet. Take your first right at Blackie corner. Take your first left. We are the 1st yard on the right.

Photo Directory - It's time for an updated photo directory! Linda T will be taking pictures before (9:00-9:45am) and after church today and on May 13 and 20th. Please find a time to have your family picture taken so we can get to know each other better!

Pastoral Needs - Regarding any pastoral needs that you may have, please remember to let your district elder know so that he/she can assist you as necessary. If you are unsure who your district elder is please consult the list on the bulletin board beside the mailboxes.



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.

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.



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.

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! If anyone is able to help set up on May 15 and 16th, work at the sale or help with clean up, please contact Bea M.

The Alberta March for Life This yearly event will take place at the Edmonton Legislature grounds (Churchill Square is under construction) on **Thursday, May 10** beginning at 12:30pm. This year's theme is "Amber Alert: Missing Generations". Given the federal attestation controversy and the recent provincial Bubble-zone bill, we could really use some extra Evangelical support this year. The March's evangelical worship service will take place at 10:30am, **Thursday May 10** at *New Destiny Church*, 10605 96th Street, in downtown Edmonton. Everyone is welcome. For more information go to: <http://albertamarchforlife.com>.

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 - CAMP REHOBOTH - Rehoboth runs its annual Camp Program in July. Campers are screened and invited back every summer for a week of fun and fellowship. Camps are staffed entirely by volunteers in various positions. Every year we need 200 volunteers for these camps to run smoothly. This is a Christian camp with a focus on the Bible and God's unconditional love for all his children regardless of their abilities. To our campers and volunteers, Rehoboth Camp is a highlight of the summer! Each week is staffed with Camp Directors, Nurses, Bible Leaders, Cooks, and Counselors. <https://www.rehoboth.ab.ca/camps/>

Next Week - 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

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Wednesday 7:00 pm Cadets
Sunday (May 6) 9:15 am Weekly Prayer Meeting in Library
10:00 am Worship Service
May 17-19 Garage Sale/Bake Sale **May 23** - Church Bridal Shower
May 26 - Days for Girls Work Bee **June 16** - Ebenezer 40th Anniversary Celebration

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 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 guests of honour are Candice V bride of Wes V Colleen V very recent bride of Rolf, Emily H fiancé of Teagan S, Maggie V fiancé of Ryan S, Meghan K fiancé of Ryan D, Mariska T fiancé of Justin Z, Tamara D fiancé of Nicholas P and our most recent bride-to-be Christina P fiancé of Dan V! Donations of 3-5 dollars 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!



Opportunities to Serve

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!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 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. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this position and if you have any questions please talk to Kelly L or Christine H. Thank you!

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. 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.

Thank You to Our Volunteers

Ushers: John T, Howard O, Ted K **Next Week:** Ruby P, Dennis P, Luke K

Greeters: Luke & Alyse Kwantes **Next Week:** Roy & Teena Van Boom

Coffee Duties: Josh & Michelle K, Roy & Teena V, Norm & Grace H

Next Week: Andrew V, Art & Linda T, John & Wendy T

Worship Team: Grace & Team **Next Week:** Alice & Team

Projection & Audio: Jamie & Matt **Next Week:** Wes & Pete

Serving Elder: Gord W **Next Week:** Grace B

Nursery: Supervisor - Carol W

Tod: Kara B, Laura A, Damien B **Inf:** Carol W, Carrie B, Amy A

Next Week: Supervisor - Janette G.

Tod: Janette G, Jon L, Joe D, Naomi G **Inf:** Dan M, Christina P, Mercedes L



Community & Denominational Announcements

Edmonton Christian Schools 25th Annual Auction: Saturday, May 12 at Edmonton Christian High School, 14304 109 Avenue. Doors open and Silent Auction begins at 4:00 p.m. while the Live Auction gets underway at 5:30 p.m. New donations are gladly accepted until the event and volunteers are needed. For a continually updated list of items to be auctioned, check our website: www.edmchristian.org. For more information, contact the Society Office at 780-476-6281. See you there on May 12!

28th Annual Rehoboth Golf Classic in Stony Plain – June 2, 2018 Help support adults with developmental disabilities: sign up for the 28th Annual Rehoboth Golf Classic fundraiser in Stony Plain. Register online at www.rehoboth.ab.ca, or request a Registration Form by emailing to golfclassic@rehoboth.ab.ca. This year, tournament proceeds will help build new cabins at Rehoboth Camp near Gull Lake!

EMMANUEL HOME 2018 Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, May 14, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity CRC. All are welcome! Special Presentation: Seniors and Social Work (Patricia Gartner, RSW). 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, go online: emmanuelhome.ca/membership or contact Darren, dsinke@emmanuelhome.ca

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 or call 780-478-2051.

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

THE KING'S UNIVERSITY

Campus Visit Opportunities

Consider a university with nationally recognized programs, world-class research opportunities, and where discovery and career prep happen in Christian community. Dates for our 2018 visit events are on our website: www.kingsu.ca/visit. If you have questions about King's events, programs, or applying for admission, please contact Admissions at 780-465-8334 or email admissions@kingsu.ca. King's Admissions is also happy to arrange a meeting or campus tour with an Admissions Counsellor. Schedule a personal visit Monday to Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

2018 Volleyball Summer Camps

Registration for [Eagles Volleyball Summer Camps](#) is open! Sign up for boys and girls camps ranging from ages 9 to 17. The camps are co-hosted by The King's University and Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary (located in Sherwood Park) and run between August 27 and 30. For more information or to register, go to kingsu.ca.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY is now on TV, 5 episodes a week, Monday to Friday!! You will find this broadcast on YES TV at 1:30 pm each weekday. You can also try streaming Yes TV on iOS, Apple TV, Android and Roku. Experience the FOCUS ON THE FAMILY BROADCAST in a whole new way!!

THE BANNER ONLINE - Keep the conversation going, check out www.thebanner.org !

Ministry Information & Contacts

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