

### Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer. God reveals Himself to us in many different ways. Through the general revelation of creation we see the beauty and power of our creator. Through the special revelation of Jesus Christ we encounter the love of God. And through gathering together on the Lord's Day I pray we will all experience the comforting presence of our Triune God. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

### Lord's Day 40

Q107. Is it enough, then, that we do not kill our

Neighbour in any such way?

A. No. When God

condemns envy, hatred, and anger, he commands us to love our neighbour as

ourselves, to show

patience, peace,

gentleness, mercy, and friendliness toward him, to protect him from harm as much as we can, and to do good even to our enemies... Welcome

Song: Here I Am to Worship

God's Greeting

Song: Hope of the Nations

Time of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Song: They Will Know we are Christians

**Announcements** 

Thank Offering: I Will Rise (Worship Team)

1 - Ebenezer Ministries

2 - Our Missionaries

Children's Message

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

Scripture: Deuteronomy 5:17

Catechism: Q & A 107

Sermon: Life is Sacred

Song: Jesu, Jesu Fill Us With Your Love

Parting Blessing

Song: Shine On Us

## Church Family

**Darren H** has received word that his dad is in the ICU and is not expected to be discharged. Darren has gone to Vancouver to be with his dad in his last few days and will stay until after the funeral. Please pray for safe travels, healing hurt relationships and strength at this tough time.

**Natasha D** has had her MRI and it has been determined that the problem is coming from moderate degeneration of the knee (moderate Osteoarthritis). Improvement will be slow but the symptoms can be lessened through medication and physio. They would like to thank you for continued prayer and support.

**Koen T**, 6 year old son of John & Wendy T's nephew, has just been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. The family is waiting to hear from the oncologist, what the next steps will be, and what treatment they will need to pursue. They are asking for prayer for healing but also for peace, and strength during this very difficult time.

**Ellie V**, a sister to Dick DeKlerk, passed away on Wednesday in Calgary after a short battle with cancer. Funeral services will be held in Calgary on Tuesday.

We continue to remember others who are struggling with physical or emotional difficulties. We pray that God will provide you all with peace, comfort and healing.

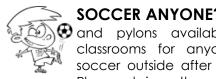


outside of Drayton Valley! If you can't camp, join us for the day on Saturday,

August 11th for a day of fun that will wrap up with a potluck at 6:00 p.m. (BYO meat and a salad to share) and campfire! Registration forms for the Church Campout are now in your mailboxes (extras are on the table in the foyer)! Please put your completed registration forms and payment in mailbox 155 (Josh and Nicole V) by August 5th.







**SOCCER ANYONE? -** There are soccer balls  $oldsymbol{ol}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}$ classrooms for anyone interested in playing soccer outside after church during coffeetime. Please bring them back into the church afterwards. Thank you!

**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.

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.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** - The church office will be open 9 am - 1 pm Tuesdays - Fridays through July and August. The bulletin deadline will be 9 am Thursdays.

PHOTO DIRECTORY - If you haven't had your photo taken for the upcoming directory, please submit a photo to the church office asap. Thank you!

**CLASSROOMS** Beautiful new cupboards have been installed in the classrooms. Some of the old cupboards can go. If anyone is interested in them please contact the church office as soon as possible.

# Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday (August 5) 9:15 am Weekly Prayer Meeting in Library

> 10:00 am Worship Service

August 10-12 - Church Campout!

## 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 - OUR MISSIONARIES - The two families we support in our church are the Geisterfer's and the Strydhorst's. The Geisterfer family is based out of Honduras and the Strydhorst family is based out of Africa. Each year we commit to giving each family \$3000.00. For more info about their missions, please visit the Christian Reformed World Missions website and look up each family individually.

Next Week - COVENANT CHRISRIAN SCHOOL TUITION RELIEF: Covenant's Mission Statement is as follows: Together parents and staff are committed to providing a uniquely Christ-centered education that promotes academic, social and spiritual growth. The Tuition Relief fund is to help those families who desire a Christian education for their children but are unable to afford the cost. For more info see covenantchristian.ca

**INVITATION TO VOLUNTEER! -** Hello Congregation! When have you ever known a Sunday bulletin without an opportunity to volunteer... well, this Sunday is no different! As you may be aware, we received feedback through our Search Committee process that our Church Vision was open for review. In response, council has embarked on a process to review and potentially renew our church's vision. At our recent council retreat, the elders were led through several activities which broadened our perspective and also caused us pause for much thought. At this time, council is extending an invi-I tation for volunteers to participate in a workshop and provide feedback to council on the preliminary visioning work. If you feel that this is an area of interest and perhaps skill and passion, please reply to Grace B - clerk@ebenezercrc.com or Gord W - gord.winkel@ualberta.ca . This will require an initial commitment of approximately 2 hours where we engage in a review of the visioning process and results from the council retreat. We're looking forward to hearing from you...

**TOUR THE BIBLICAL LANDS OF ISRAEL** March 11 – March 22, 2019. Experience a refreshing renewal of your faith, and gain a deeper understanding of the Bible, as you tour the biblical lands with teaching host, Pastor Peter Tuininga, and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See many of the biblical places (Jerusalem, Galilee, Caesarea, Jericho and much more), and gain spiritual and historical insights which will make the Bible come alive for you. For complete information, cost, and registration, go to website::toursofisrael.wordpress.com or call Peter Tuininga: 1 289 877-8433or e-mail: peter.tuininga@gmail.com.

#### SUPER EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FOR THE DOE (Day of Encouragement)

is back! For the month of August, the first 40 people to register for the 2018 DOE will be able to register at the discounted rate of For more information go to \$40. www.classisalberta.ca/nadc. Because it is early, you do have the option of registering without picking your workshops by selecting the undecided tab. Two features that have been added are a new full day workshop tract for church administrators. This option will be brought to you by Bryan Haley from the CRC's ReFrame Media aroup called Church Juice. It will include a morning and afternoon workshop that will be focused on a variety of church administrative work. The other new item will be a mid-day musical interlude featuring an emerging Edmonton artist named Clinton Richardson. Check him out on youtube or at www.clintonrichardson.ca. See the link below to start your registration now... www.regonline.ca/doe2018edmonton.

DISCOVER CAMBODIA WITH WORLD RENEW: - Join World Renew staff person, Kathleen Lauder, on November 1 - 11, 2018, to discover firsthand how God is at work in Cambodia through World Renew. Come and learn about sustainable community development. Witness the transforming power of long-term, community-led change in everyday life! Fellowship with Cambodian Christians and encourage them as brothers and sisters in Christ. Visit the communities where World Renew is working as well as cultural and historic sites in Cambodia. Space is limited, so secure your spot on this exciting tour by registering before July 15, 2018. For more information or to register, email globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net.

**CALLED TO LIFE -** Join ALIES and The Back Porch at Called to Life on Friday, September 21 at the Edmonton Inn and Conference Centre. The guest speaker will be Abby Johnson, author of the book "Unplanned". The Alberta Life Issues Educational Society (ALIES) and The Back Porch is Edmonton's resource centre providing information and support for women considering options like abortion in the midst of a crisis pregnancy. For more information, see the poster on the bulletin board.

# Community & Denominational Announcements

THE LAST SUPPER - PEACE LUTHERAN 2018 VBS - Where: Peace Lutheran church

(4606 48a St. Leduc ). When: Wednesday Aug. 15 9am-1:30pm. What: Please join us for our fun filled VBS featuring the story of The Last Supper. Program will run from 9 am to noon. Parents are encouraged to join in at noon and have a pizza lunch and enjoy a camp style service, events to conclude with a fun water battle so please bring a change of clothes and a towel, \$10 per family and includes pizza lunch. Please bring a peanut free snack, a towel and change of clothes and energy to have a great time! Registration will be open at 8:30 or you could print our registration form off our web page or grab one off the table in the narthex and bring it and the program fee into the office during office hours.

WHY, GOD, WHY? - Why do we suffer? Does God cause bad things to happen? If not, why does he even allow them? How can we maintain faith in God when everything is going wrong? Study Job 1-3 with Groundwork to see. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

NO STAR BASEBALL - Liz and Scooter manage to lose Grandpa's prized baseball. What can they do to make it right? Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. Free Giveaway: Kids Corner's "Know Your Bible Activity Book, Part 2!" Can you figure out all Kids Corner Bible puzzles? www.kidscorner.net.

#### Thank You to Our Volunteers

**Ushers**: Luke K, Dennis V Next Week: Andy Z, Marilyn Z

Greeters: James & Cindy H Next Week: Luke & Alyse K

Coffee Duties: Darren & Scarlett H, Terry & Alice V, Harry & Karen D

Next Week: Christina P, Brett & Kelly L, Ed & Grace B

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

**Projection & Audio:** Ted & Dan

Serving Elder: Grace B

**Nursery: Supervisor** - Lisa K

Inf: Kristy I, Michelle (Bryan) T, Esther H Next Week: Supervisor - Natasha D

Inf: Michelle K, Candice P, Jolene V

Children's Church:

3 year olds: Joanne K & Esther H

4 year olds: Alinda B & Alex B

Next Week: Jamie & Matt

**Next Week:** Herman B

Tod: Lisa K. Brett L. Owen V

Tod: Natasha D. Dale H. Julie B

Next Week: Bethany G & Sam G

Next Week: No Class