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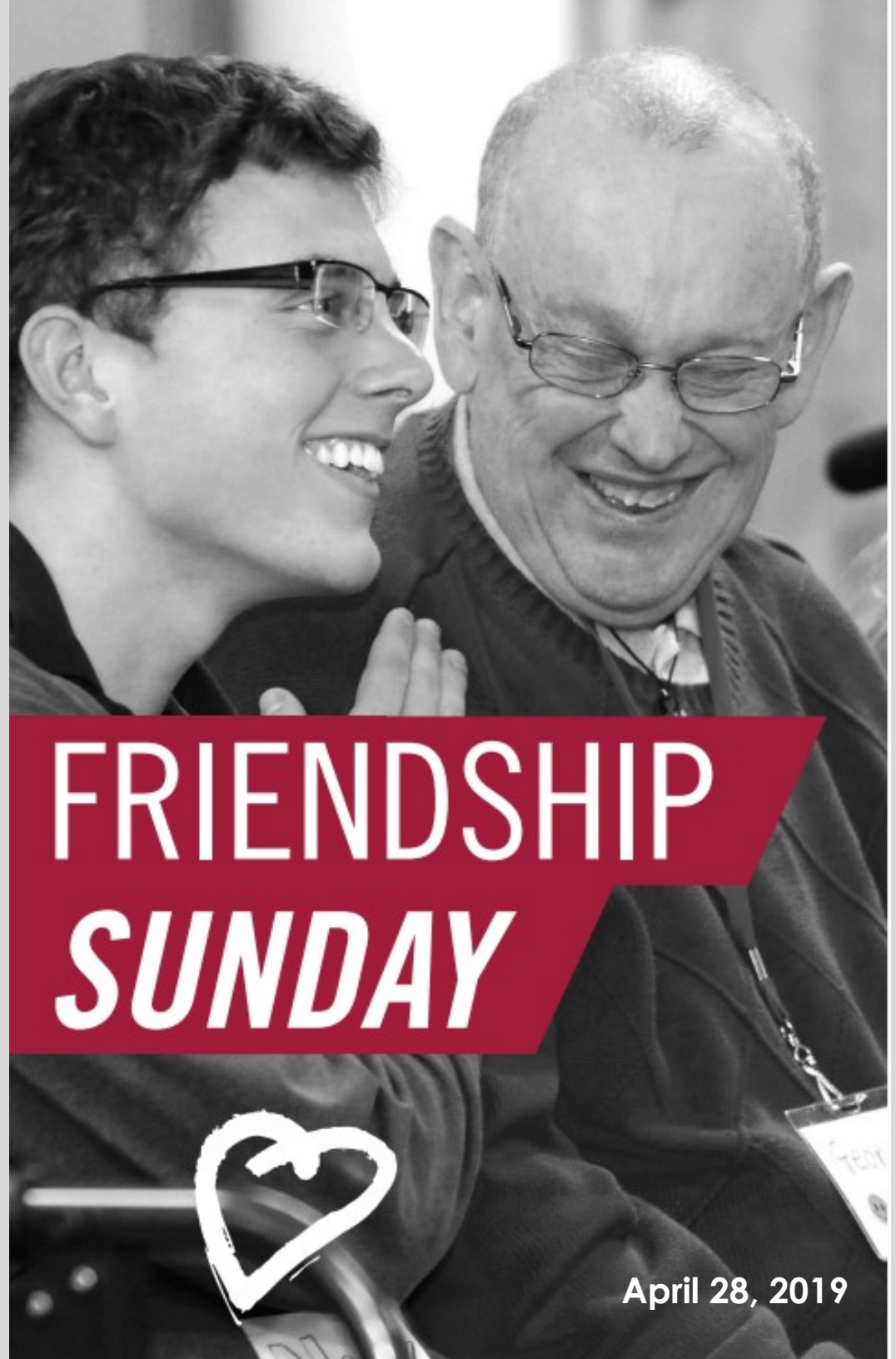
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**FRIENDSHIP  
*SUNDAY***

April 28, 2019

# Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer. Today is Friendship Sunday! This gives us the opportunity to celebrate what God is doing through the Friendship Ministry. Our Friends have been doing a series of studies this year entitled "Jesus Face To Face" and this morning we'll be considering a time when four friends brought their paralyzed friend to have a face to face encounter with Jesus. May we all be blessed this morning as we consider the Friendship Ministry and ways that we can be faithful friends to one another. - Pastor Jason

## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

**SONGS** — *Come Now is the Time to Worship*

## GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

**FRIENDSHIP SONGS**— *What Can I Do?*

*Be Glorified*

*He Knows My Name*

## FRIENDSHIP MINISTRY UPDATE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

## FRIENDSHIP POWERPOINT

## THANK OFFERING

1 - Ebenezer Ministries

2 - Friendship

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SONG** — *Lead Me, Guide Me*

**SCRIPTURE READING** — Luke 5: 17-26

**SERMON** — Meeting Jesus Through Other People

**SONG** — *You Never Let Go*

## BENEDICTION

## SHALOM - FRIENDSHIP EXITS

**CLOSING SONG** — *Go Now In Peace*

# Church Family

Congratulations to Per S and to Bernice S who both will celebrate their 87th birthday tomorrow, April 29th.

Congratulations also to Cor & Joyce H. On Wednesday, May 1st they will celebrate 65 years of marriage. Praise God for this wonderful gift!

Please continue to remember Beth N as she deals with the effects of her cancer treatments.

Liz D's daughter Jen had a fall and was recently diagnosed with post-concussion syndrome. Please pray for her as she goes through the healing process.

*If you are experiencing physical or emotional difficulties, please speak to Pastor Jason, your district Elder, a Deacon or contact the church office. We want to support you in your journey. We pray that God will provide you with peace, comfort and healing.*

# Welcome Center

*Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you,  
for the glory of God. Romans 15:7*

Are you new to Ebenezer? We hope you experience the presence of God as you worship today and feel welcomed by those around you. Do you have questions about who we are or what we do? Please stop by the Welcome Center either before or after the service to connect with a member of our Welcome Ministry. We are so glad you have joined us today!

If Ebenezer is your church home, we'd like to make you aware of a few new opportunities. Donation coupons are now available for purchase at the Welcome Center on Sunday Morning. Automatic Withdrawal Forms are also available for pick-up. Have you seen our new pens? Drop a donation in the jar at the Welcome Center and you can take one home today! Money will go towards Debt Reduction. Thank you so much for your financial commitment to Ebenezer.

**CLASSIS LUNCHEON** – Saturday, May 11 the Classis Renewal Team (approx. 55 people) will be meeting here at Ebenezer. We are looking for volunteers to help with preparing and serving lunch. If you are able to help out please stop by the welcome book to sign up or call Jen at the office! Thanks!

## 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: FRIENDSHIP** - The mission of Friendship ministries is to share God's love with people who have intellectual disabilities and to enable them to become an active part of God's family. Their ministry is international, inter-denominational, and 30 years old. They have helped equip churches from more than 75 denominations in 28 countries around the world to include people with intellectual disabilities. For more info see [friendship.org](http://friendship.org)

**Next Week: GEMS** - The mission of GEMS Girls' Clubs is to help bring girls into a living, dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ. Our vision is to see girls around the world actively and enthusiastically expressing love for God and others—girls equipped, motivated, and passionately engaged in living out their faith. Together, our goal for every club meeting is to grow bigger hearts. Together, we will learn how to love and care for one another, other people, ourselves, and our relationship with God. And we'll do this by learning about Jesus Christ, what He has done for us, and His plans for each of our lives. For more info see [gemsgc.org](http://gemsgc.org)

**QUESTIONING CHRISTIANITY**— You are invited to a 7 part streaming series hosted by Dr. Tim Keller that will discuss questions about Christianity.

Topics include:

How can you believe in something that you can't prove?

Does life have meaning beyond what I make of it?

Am I only as good as my resume or my latest achievement?

Can hope exist in the face of death and all the evil in the world?

Starting April 25, 7 -8:30 p.m. at West End CRC for 7 consecutive Thursdays. Come out and bring a (questioning) friend to think about faith. Contact Geoff Vogan [gvogan@gmail.com](mailto:gvogan@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Coming Up @ Ebenezer

<b>Sunday, April 28</b>	<b>@ 9:15 am</b>	Weekly Prayer Meeting
<b><u>Friendship Sunday</u></b>	<b>@ 10:00 am</b>	Worship Service
	<b>@ 11:45 am</b>	Catechism
	<b>@ 7:30 pm</b>	Youth Meeting
<b>Monday, April 29</b>	<b>@ 7:00 pm</b>	Friendship Wrap-up
<b>Wednesday, May 1</b>	<b>@ 6:30 pm</b>	Cadets
<b>Friday, May 3</b>	<b>@ 6:30 pm</b>	GEMS Sleepover (pick up Sat 12:45pm)
<b>Sunday, May 5</b>	<b>@ 9:15 am</b>	Weekly Prayer Meeting
<b><u>GEMS Sunday</u></b>	<b>@ 10:00 am</b>	Worship Service
<b>Monday, May 6th</b>	<b>@7:30 pm</b>	Creation Care

**CREATION CARE MEETING MAY 6TH @ 7:30 PM:** *When it comes to creation care we are often faced with discouragement, we lose hope and we feel like the problem is just too big or too far gone for us to do any good. **But there is hope.** There are so many incredible stories of people doing amazing things to care for creation all over the world. Join Cindy Verbeek, Northern BC Project Coordinator for A Rocha Canada and BC's Climate Witness Project representative for a hope-filled exploration of the biblical basis for our hope and stories of those who are bringing this hope to life.*



**GRAB YOUR SAFARI HATS** and sign up to help out at Vacation Bible School July 15-19, 2019 from 9:30 – 12:00! We're looking for snack and game coordinators, group leaders, nursery leaders and more! Together we'll be learning with our kids that even when life is wild, God is good! To reserve your spot on the safari, contact Nicole VDK or Karen H.

# Denominational News

**INTERMISSION SILENT RETREAT** We have a few spots left for our May retreat! Take time to rest and reconnect with the God who keeps inviting us to a deeper and richer life. InterMission happens at King's Fold Retreat Centre in the foothills west of Calgary, May 31-June 2. Two nights accommodation, five meals, spiritual direction, group gatherings for prayer and all the amenities of the retreat centre. \$425. To register contact [rev.klok@gmail.com](mailto:rev.klok@gmail.com) or visit [thestudionschool.com](http://thestudionschool.com) Deadline: May 11/19.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday, September 28 – 5 to 9:30 p.m. at The King's University  
**THE KING'S UNIVERSITY 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BANQUET AND SILENT AUCTION**  
Mark your calendars and join us as we celebrate 40 years of faithfulness with an evening of dinner, entertainment, and a silent auction. Enjoy fellowship with faculty, staff, alumni, supporters, and friends of The King's University as we reflect on God's goodness over the past 40 years and imagine His plans for a promising future. Please contact the Development Office at 780.465.8314 or watch [kingsu.ca/banquet](http://kingsu.ca/banquet) for more information.

**DEAR CRC CONGREGATIONS:** The *Agenda for Synod 2019* is now available in digital format on the [Synod page](#) of the Christian Reformed Church in North America website. [Download it today](#) to stay up to date on matters before the Christian Reformed Church. Synod is scheduled to meet June 14-20, on the campus of Calvin College.

**CAMP REHOBOTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Camp Rehoboth is a volunteer-run summer camp ministry for persons with developmental disabilities. Our largest needs are Nurses/LPN's and Counsellors (16+)/Counselors in Training (14+), who are people willing to be a friend. Camp will be starting soon, and we need your help in the following ways:

R&R – June 30-July 5 – 1 Nurse/LPN, 1 Night Watch, 10 Counsellors  
Adult 1 – July 6-12 - 10 counsellors  
Adult 2 – July 13-19 – 1 Nurse/LPN, 4 Assistant Cooks, 15 counsellors  
Independent – July 20-28 – 2 Nurses/LPN's, Techie, 10 counselors  
Youth Week – July 29-August 2 – 1 Nurse/LPN

Please contact [camp@rehoboth.ab.ca](mailto:camp@rehoboth.ab.ca) for more information, or apply online – [www.rehoboth.ab.ca/camps/](http://www.rehoboth.ab.ca/camps/) Thank you!

**WALKING AND TALKING WITH JESUS** – May 11, 7 p.m. – Join the Edmonton Christian Male Choir and special guests, the Mighty Power Singers and The Minstrels, for a delightful evening of music at Trinity Christian Reformed Church, 13427 - 57 Street NW. Tickets are \$15 from ECMC members or at the door. Children 14 and under are free. Coffee and fellowship afterward. Find out more at [www.facebook.com/ECMChoir](http://www.facebook.com/ECMChoir)

## Thank You To Our Volunteers!

**Ushers:** Marilyn Z, Andy Z

**Next Week:** Tim C, Bev C

**Greeters:** Fred & Linda K

**Next Week:** Henk & Mennie S

**Welcome Centre:** Charlene V

**Next Week:** Wendy T

**Coffee Duty:** Matt & Jamie B, Brent & Lisa K, Tom T

**Next Week:** Johan & Tammy M, Graham & Brianne R, Charlene V

**\*\* IMPORTANT:** For coffee duty, please be at the church by **9:15 a.m.** in order to have enough time to set the coffee out. *Thank you so much!*

**Serving Elder:** Terry V

**Next Week:** Grace B

**Worship Team:** Marianne D

**Next Week:** KerryAnne H

**Projection & Audio:** Mike R/Nicole V

**Next Week:** Dan V/Ted K

**Nursery Supervisor -** Linda K

Inf: Linda K, Matt B, Beth Ga, Beth GR

Tod: Jenna D, Joe D, Seth A

**Next Week:** Nursery Supervisor - Janette G

Inf: Janette G, Angelica G, Linda H, Clara D

Tod: Natasha D, Sam G, Lyon D

*If you have a conflict, please arrange for a substitute.  
If you need help with this, please don't hesitate to call the office.*

The volunteer schedules are available on the website [ebenezerCRC.com](http://ebenezerCRC.com).

