

May 5, 2019

Gems is a belonging place for girls. It is a place where Jesus thinks we're pretty pearls, Gems is a place for each of us, and Gems is a place for girls all over the world to meet the saviour.

GEMS girls' group

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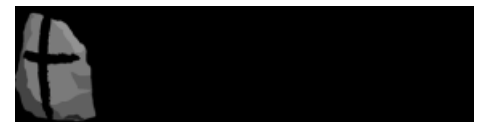
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Welcome to Ebenezer!

Today is GEMS Sunday! We welcome all our GEMS Girls and their families. Today is a day to celebrate the past year and share with you what we've been learning. Our theme this year has been, "Blessed to Be a Blessing". Thank you for your support and encouragement over the past year. We hope you are blessed by the service. - your GEMS Club

WELCOME & PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP: Gems Litany

SONGS — *Bless the Lord O My Soul (10,000 Reasons)*
Good Good Father

GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

SONG — *Hosanna*

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE READING

SONG — *This is Amazing Grace*

GEMS: Aim and Annual Theme Verse

SONG — *When Peace Like a River* (chosen by Per and Bernice S)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THANK OFFERING

1 - Ebenezer Ministries

2 - GEMS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Children ages 3 - Grade 3 leave for Sunday School)

SCRIPTURE READING — **2 Corinthians 9:8**

SERMON — **Blessed to Be a Blessing**

SONG — *Blessed be Your Name*

PARTING BLESSING & CLOSING SONG — *We Receive Your Blessing*

Church Family

Beth N continues to receive radiation treatment daily. Praise God that overall she is doing quite well. She is experiencing some complications with her hearing. Please continue to remember her in your prayers.

Per S is scheduled for surgery on May 15th to remove a large kidney stone. Please keep him and Bernice in your prayers.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER SIGNUP Calling all parents and willing volunteers! We are looking for summer leaders and helpers for the 3 & 4 year olds. Pick a weekend or two that will work for you! Sign-up can be found at the welcome Center. 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: 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

Next Week: PROLIFE EDMONTON - Edmonton Prolife aims and objectives are to promote respect for all human life from conception to natural death, to uphold and defend the right to life, the basic right on which all other rights depend. Edmonton Prolife contributes to the understanding of the people of the Greater Edmonton area, by education, that society has a duty to protect this right

A controversial pro-life film called **"UNPLANNED"** was released in the United States on March 29th. The film chronicles the story of Abby Johnson, a former abortion advocate who has gone on to have a strong voice in the pro-life movement. At this point the film is only scheduled for one screening in all of Canada. You can attend this screening for free at the Edmonton Expo Centre on May 14th at 6:30 PM. For more information contact Pastor Jason.

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

PETE & THE REPETES CONCERT Friday, May 24, 2019 @ 7:30 PM here at Ebenezer. For more information, see poster on the bulletin board.

LAWN BOWLING FUNDRAISER: You are invited to Cornerstone Counselling Centre's 3rd Annual Bowl for Balance Lawn Bowling Tournament and Silent Auction on June 1st, 2019. See Bulletin Board (Denominational News for May 5, 2019), for more details.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, May 5 <u>GEMS Sunday</u>	@ 9:15 am @ 10:00 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting Worship Service
Monday, May 6	@ 7:30 pm	Creation Care
Sunday, May 12	@ 9:15 am @ 10:00 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting Worship Service
	@ 11:45 am @ 7:30 pm	Catechism Youth Meeting

FAKE NEWS & CREATION CARE...

Ever wonder if the recent news on April 3, 2019 is true? According to a new government report from Canada's Changing Climate Report (CCCR) **'Canada is, on average, experiencing warming at twice the rate of the rest of the world**, with Northern Canada heating up at almost three times the global average. Fake or true? Good or bad?

Come out for an evening of **"Learn and Discern"** and learn more about a Creation Care initiative established by the Office of Social Justice and World Renew. The initiative, more specifically called the Climate Witness Project {CWP}, is designed to walk with congregations as they seek to be better stewards of the resources they have been given, as they learn about the realities of climate change, and as they find their voice to speak to their public officials about common sense climate policy that will benefit the earth, people around the world who are poor and vulnerable, and future generations.

Elco Vandergrift, a regional organizer with the CWP, will share more about this project and facilitate a conversation on **Monday May 6, 2019 @ 7:30 PM – 8:45 PM here at Ebenezer**.

We look forward to seeing you.

GARAGE SALE, BAKING AND PLANT FUNDRAISER Sale times: Thursday May 16 2pm- 8 pm, Friday May 17 10 am -8 pm, Saturday May 18 9 am - noon. Please bring your donations to the church on Tuesday May 14. We are looking for volunteers! Come help with setup Tuesday at 1pm or anytime Wednesday. Saturday at noon we will begin cleanup. Come by and give us a hand! Questions or wish to volunteer? ask Bea M or Evelyn V. Thank you.

COMMUNITY GARDEN: Don't have space for a garden at home? We still have a number of plots available in our Community Garden. If you love to garden, consider joining the Garden Team to help out with this year's planting and harvest! Talk to Jen F at the office to get involved.

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 with any questions.

Denominational News

GEMS CAMP 2019 - Only a few more weeks to get your registrations in for GEMS CAMP 2019! We have room for about 20 more girls, so send your registrations in soon. We are still in need of 2 more cooks, 2 more counselors, and several more CIT's. Please prayerfully consider these opportunities and if you feel led to joining us in one of these positions, please contact Bonnie Bennick at gbbennik@platinum.ca. Thank you!

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 for more information, or apply online – www.rehoboth.ab.ca/camps/ Thank you!

JOIN REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES for the Annual Stony Plain Golf Classic on June 1, 2019 at The Ranch Golf and Country Club. Details and registration available online or by contacting the Rehoboth Office at 780-963-4044.

EDMONTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS GOODS & SERVICES AUCTION: Saturday, May 11 at Edmonton Christian High School, [14304 109 avenue](http://14304.109.avenue). Bring the whole family and enjoy the live and silent auctions, kid's games, good food, free babysitting and, best of all, fun and fellowship! Doors open and Silent Auction begins at 4:00 p.m. while the Live Auction gets underway at 5:00 p.m. Donations of new items are gladly accepted until the event. 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 11!

Thank You To Our Volunteers!

<u>Ushers:</u> Tim C, Bev C	<u>Next Week:</u> Luke K, Andrew V
<u>Greeters:</u> Henk & Mennie S	<u>Next Week:</u> Jason & Yoka T
<u>Welcome Centre:</u> Wendy T	<u>Next Week:</u> Marco D

Coffee Duty: Johan & Tammy M, Graham & Brianne R, Charlene V
Next Week: Andy & Joanne V, Carrie & Warren T, Evelien T

**** 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!*

<u>Serving Elder:</u> Grace B	<u>Next Week:</u> Herman B
<u>Worship Team:</u> KerryAnne H	<u>Next Week:</u> Grace D
<u>Projection & Audio:</u> Dan V/Ted K	<u>Next Week:</u> Matt K/ Jamie B

Nursery Supervisor - Janette G

Inf: Janette G, Angelica G, Linda H, Clara D
Tod: Natasha D, Sam G, Lyon D

Next Week: Nursery Supervisor - James H

Inf: James H, Francine K, Barry H, Theo D
Tod: Alex Bakker, Leanne K, Elliott 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.*