

Ministry Information & Contacts

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May 12, 2019

Welcome to Ebenezer!

"One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts."
Psalms 145:4 Good morning and thank you for joining us today. On this Mother's Day we return thanks to God for the many faithful mothers here who "declare God's mighty acts" to their children both with their words and their lives. May all our Ebenezer Moms be blessed in a special way today.

WELCOME & PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP:

SONGS — *Praise to the Lord*

The Perfect Wisdom of Our God

GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

SONG — *Ancient Words*

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE READING

SONG — *As the Deer*

SONG — *Lord I Need You*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THANK OFFERING

1 - Ebenezer Ministries

2 - ProLife Edmonton

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

SCRIPTURE READING — *Proverbs 4:10-27*

Serving Elder, Herman B

SERMON — *Acquiring and Imparting Wisdom*

SONG — *Psalms 19*

PARTING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG — *My Friends May You Grow In Grace*

Church Family

Update on baby **Wyatt B**: Last week, we celebrated the removal of the jet pump that oxygenated Wyatt's lungs and that now all he needed was a CPAP machine. This week, his oxygen needs are still quite high, and a second steroid designated specifically for his lungs has been added to his ventilator. This has helped a bit and we are hopeful for further decreases in the amount of oxygen required from his machines. We ask for your continued prayer with regards to his lung development and oxygen requirements. We have also been informed that he is extremely small even for a "preemie", so our prayer is that the additional protein fortifier they're giving him will help him grow. The doctors are hopeful that this will help Wyatt pack on healthy weight. Thank you, everyone, for your continued support and prayers. Current weight as of May 8 was 2 pounds 8 ounces. Thanks again for your continued prayers! - Grace & Ed B

A note from **Cor & Joyce H**: A Thank You to all for the prayers, cards and Best wishes received for both my birthday and our 65th wedding anniversary. We had beautiful and great days. We thank you all for the love and care we receive at all times. We have been greatly blessed.

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

Congratulations to **Aaron & Heather L** on the birth of their daughter on Thursday, May 9. We rejoice with you in this precious gift from God.

Please continue to remember **Beth N**.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MISSIONARIES, LEANNE & CASPER GEISTERFER Greetings from Tegucigalpa! I'm so happy to be back home today, after a few weeks of being on the road for a combination of planned travel for World Renew meetings, and some unexpected additional time for the funeral of my father, Earl Talen. The Lord blessed him with 92 years, of which 67 were with my mom. He was a man of faith and was ready to see his Lord, but we miss him very much.

I encourage you to read our April Newsletter (posted on the Deacon's Corner bulletin board). God has been faithful in blessing the work of some very dedicated women. Blessings, Leanne and Caspar Geisterfer (World Renew and Resonate Global Mission)

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS. It's that time of year again for those who have served faithfully for three years to step down and for new officebearers to be selected. This year Grace B finishes her term as elder and Jan K and Matt K finish their terms as deacons. We are thankful to God for their faithful and joyful service to Ebenezer. We are also thankful for the following lists of people who have agreed to let their name stand for office. **Elder:** Freda MO, Roy V, Josh V, John W. **Deacon:** Harry D, Fred K, Alyse K, Bea M, Birgit M, Wim R. We will have a congregational affirmation and the drawing of lots on June 9.

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: 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.

Next Week: DEACONATE

NEW VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES AVAILABLE! Greeters, Ushers, Coffee Volunteers, Nursery Workers, Serving Elders, Welcome Table Volunteers... This is for you! Are you planning your summer? Check out the May - September Serving Schedule to see when you next volunteer.

You have three ways to access this information:

1. Find a copy of the Volunteer Schedules posted in the Council Room (the Nursery Schedule is posted at the Nursery Window)
2. Copies of the schedules are available online at www.ebenezercrc.com
 - scroll down to the bottom of the homepage
 - click on the Volunteer Schedule button located on the left side
 - The new password is: **Ephesians**
3. Contact Marco or Wendy by email or phone to request a paper copy.

Thank you so much for your cheerful service!

(Please Note: we will continue to send out email reminders the two weeks prior to your date of service.)

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.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, May 12 Mother's Day	@ 9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	@ 10:00 am	Worship Service
No Catechism		
	@ 7:30 pm	Youth Meeting
Tuesday, May 14	@ 1:00 PM	Garage Sale Set-up
Wednesday, May 15	@ 9 AM - 4 PM	Garage Sale Set-up
Thursday, May 16	@ 2 PM - 8 PM	Garage Sale
Friday, May 17	@ 10 AM - 8 PM	Garage Sale
Saturday, May 18	@ 9 AM - 12 PM	Garage Sale
Saturday, May 18	@ 12 PM	Garage Sale Clean-up
Sunday, May 19	@ 9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	@ 10:00 am	Worship Service

A controversial pro-life film called "**UNPLANNED**" was released in the US 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 this Tuesday, May 14th at 6:30 PM. For more info contact Pastor Jason.



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; Did you know that over the past few years we have had community gardens here at Ebenezer? There are about 20 garden plots available. Both community & church members have had plots.

There is no charge for a plot, we just ask that you help with tending to the two Leduc Food Bank plots (watering, weeding, etc.) throughout the season. We also plant a few rows of potatoes and in the fall we have a potato harvest and invite the community to come dig some for themselves! Planting day is Monday, May 20! If you are interested in a plot or would like to join in on the fun, please contact Jen @ the church office. (780-986-4119).

Denominational News

SYNOD 2019 MEETS JUNE 14-20. Access the Agenda online at <https://www.crcna.org/synod>. All CRC churches across the continent are requested to remember the deliberations of synod in their intercessory prayers on Sunday, June 9, and Sunday, June 16.

COME BE A DIFFERENCE-MAKER and help build a classroom at either El Shaddai Christian School in Nicaragua or Presbyterian Day School in Belize. EduDeo Ministries is sending two Alberta-wide HANDS Teams from February 17-27, 2020 to Nicaragua and Belize – and we want you to join one of them! For more information or to sign up, contact Bernie Kolkman (403-357-6853, kolkman@telus.net) or John (289-527-0003, jhuizinga@edudeo.com).

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:

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.

DRIVERS NEEDED The Canadian National gathering of the Christian Reformed Church is happening at Kings University the weekend of May 24th to the 26th. We are looking for volunteers to shuttle approximately 120 people from the airport to Kings on the 23 and 24 and back to the airport on the 26th. If you can help on any of those dates please let Royce know by email (royce@albos.com) or text (780-446-7852) (please be specific with the times you are available). And once I have a schedule I will let you know when your assistance will be required. THANK YOU!

INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN STUDIES 2019 Spring issue of *Perspective* is now available online at <https://ir.icscanada.edu/handle/10756/620103>. Read how your offerings and denominational shares make a difference in the lives of our students!

THE COUNCIL OF DELEGATES, representing each of our 48 CRC classes, met on May 2-3, 2019, in Grimsby, Ontario. Highlights of the decisions made by the COD are posted on the bulletin board. Extra copies are available at the Welcome Centre.

More news and encouragement can be found at

<http://www.ebenezercrc.com/news>.

A paper copy is posted on the Bulletin Board.

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.

Thank You To Our Volunteers!

Ushers: Luke K, Andrew V

Next Week: Mike D, Dennis V

Greeters: Jason & Yoka T

Next Week: Ed & Monica V

Welcome Centre: Marco D

Next Week: Jen F

Coffee Duty: Andy & Joanne V, Carrie & Warren T, Evelien T

Next Week: Dan & Emily M, Gezinus & Bea M, James & Cindy H

**** 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: Herman B

Next Week: Gord W

Worship Team: Grace D

Next Week: Alice V

Projection & Audio: Matt K/ Jamie B

Next Week: Pete V, Wes V

Nursery Supervisor - James H

Inf: James H, Francine K, Barry H, Theo D
Tod: Alex B, Leanne K, Elliott D

Next Week: Nursery Supervisor - Glen H

Inf: Glen H, Petro K, Mike D, Koen D
Tod: Dale H, Alinda B, Calum H



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

You can find the volunteer schedules online at **[ebenezercrc.com](http://www.ebenezercrc.com)**. Password: Ephesians