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Ecclesiastes:
Finding the Good Life

Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good Morning and Welcome to Ebenezer! The prophet Jeremiah wrote, "Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls." This morning we begin to take a walk down the ancient and good path of the book of Ecclesiastes. Lord willing, this walk will last throughout the summer and will take us to wonderful and unusual spiritual places.

WELCOME & PRAYER

SONGS — *Come Christians Join to Sing*
What a Savior

GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

SONG — *How Great Thou Art (Chosen by Henny Groenewold)*

BAPTISM - Raleigh Marie Fisher

SONG — *Lord I Need You*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THANK OFFERING

1 - Ebenezer Ministries

2 - Youth Unlimited Wetaskiwin

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

SCRIPTURE READING — *Ecclesiastes 1:1-11*

SERMON — **Life Before Death**

SONG — *Rock of Ages*

PARTING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG — *On Jordan's Stormy Banks*

Church Family

Jacob Gerrit was born to **Brendan and Alicia B.** Congratulations! We rejoice with you as you welcome this sweet child, a gift from God.

Congratulations to all our **Grade 12 graduates!** It is a joy to see God's faithfulness in your lives. Let us remember the youth as they make plans for their future endeavors.

Beth N would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support. She finished her treatments a week ago and is so grateful for everyone who has come along side her in this journey. You have all been a wonderful blessing.

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 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.

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS. Elder: Freda MO , Roy V, Josh V, John W.

Deacon: Harry D, Fred K, Alyse K, Bea M, Birgit Mr, Wim R and Warren T. We will have a congregational affirmation and the drawing of lots on June 9.

After much discussion and prayer council has received and accepted the resignation of Andy T. Andy has served faithfully as an elder for the past year and has blessed many people. But during that time he has come to the conclusion that serving on council is not compatible with his current schedule. He is therefore stepping down with the support of council. This means we will be adding two new elders from the list of candidates instead of just one.

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: YOUTH UNLIMITED WETASKIWIN - The programs of Youth Unlimited Wetaskiwin are designed to connect with youth where they are: lunch time programs at junior high and high schools, hosting concerts, camping and canoe trips in summer, ski trips in winter and a floor hockey league for Millet, Wetaskiwin and Hobbema youth. Wetaskiwin and Millet also have youth drop-in centers. Our programs give opportunities to get kids off the streets or off their computers and engaged in life. Through this we hope to encourage these young people to take their negative experiences and turn them into something positive for the future. For more info see youthunlimitedwetaskiwin.com

Next Week: BACK TO GOD MINISTRIES



WORSHIP TEAM MEMBERS WANTED! Do you play an instrument or just love to worship God through singing? Some of our worship teams are looking for new members and we're also putting together a brand new team. If you would like more information about joining a worship team, please contact Pastor Jason or any of the members of the worship committee: Bea V (chair), Alyse K (clerk), Wilbur H (elder), Grace D, Susan S.

WALK FOR LIFE ON JUNE 1ST to support the Pregnancy Care Center in Edmonton. Dan & Natasha D and their family plan to walk in this fundraiser. Would you like to support them through a pledge or are you interested in walking yourself? Talk to Dan or Natasha for more details about this event.

CELEBRATING LINDA KNOPPERS AT CCS - Please join us at Covenant Christian School for an **Open House on Saturday June 1st from 2:00pm - 4:00pm** (speeches @ 3:00) to celebrate Linda's teaching career and retirement! Everyone is welcome!

GARAGE SALE REPORT: Thank you to all those who donated items to the Garage Sale this year. Thank you also to those who volunteered their time to organize this event and make it a success. We raised \$3,160.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, May 26	@ 9:15 am @ 10:00 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting Worship Service
	@ 11:45 am @ 7:30 pm	Catechism Youth Meeting
Wednesday, May 29	@ 6:30 pm	Cadet meeting
Sunday, June 2	@ 9:15 am @ 10:00 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting Worship Service
Saturday, June 8		Volunteer Appreciation Meal

Ebenezer News

SAVE THE DATE: Mark your calendars for June 8th. The Elders will be serving a Volunteer Appreciation Meal that you won't want to miss!

SENIOR'S COUNTRY DRIVE – On Monday June 10, we will be taking a leisurely trip to the country and visit two farms! Wim & Jenny Ruysch's Diary Farm, where we will have lunch and tour the farm. From there will we tour the Twisted Sister Alpaca Ranch and Mill! If you are interested in attending please sign-up at the welcome desk or call Jen at the office.

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, see the sign-up up sheet at the welcome centre or contact Nicole V or Karen H.



Update on COMMUNITY GARDEN; Thank you to Sunnycrest Farms for the seed potatoes. They were planted as well as the two plots for the Food Bank. The rest of the plots have now been spoken for. We look forward to seeing growth in our plants and in our relationships with community members! Please pray for the fruitfulness of this outreach ministry. Thank you.

Message from GEMS MINISTRY: Do you love Jesus? Do you love girls? Our GEMS club is looking for new counsellors to join this exciting, impacting and fulfilling ministry. Please talk to Leanne K or Charlene V for more information.

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).

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.

RECONCILIATION TRIP - The CRC's Youth Ambassador of Reconciliation Program is looking for young people to participate in their week-long cross-cultural reconciliation trip and leadership program in Indigenous justice and reconciliation. The trip will bring participants to sites of racism, resistance, and reconciliation around southwestern Ontario. Program dates: August 10-17, 2019. Registration deadline: July 1, 2019. Contact Iona Buisman at ibuisman@worldrenew.net for more details.

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.

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!

More news and encouragement can be found at

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

A paper copy is posted on the Bulletin Board.

Thank You To Our Volunteers!

Ushers: Dennis P, Ruby P

Next Week: Howard O, Ted K

Greeters: Henk & Mennie S

Next Week: John & Wendy T

Welcome Centre: Wendy T

Next Week: Charlene V

Coffee Duty: Jordan & Alesha S, Norm & Grace H, Nathan V

Next Week: Ben & Sandy, Graeme & Susan B, Harry & Karen D

**** 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: Andy T

Next Week: Henk S

Worship Team: Jordan S/Jason D

Next Week: Marianne D

Projection & Audio: Dan V/Ted K

Next Week: Mike R/Nicole V

Nursery Supervisor - Linda K

Inf: Linda K, Dan H, Tamara P, Naomi G

Tod: Sadie H, Emily Me, Levi H

Next Week: Nursery Supervisor - Lisa K

Inf: Lisa K, Jenna D, Candice P, Andrea K

Tod: Matt B, Mennie S, Ryman 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 [ebenzercrc.com](http://www.ebenzercrc.com).