

July 14, 2019

Ministry Information & Contacts

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Ecclesiastes:

Finding the Good Life



EBENEZER
Christian Reformed Church

Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer! This morning we get to feel the freedom of acknowledging the limits of our own wisdom. It can be truly liberating to come to the end of our intellectual capacities and recognize that there are many things we simply don't know. True faith does not require that we have an answer to every question but simply means that we trust God with childlike faith even when we don't understand everything. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service. - Pastor Jason

WELCOME & PRAYER

SONG — *Come People of the Risen King*
This is My Father's World

GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

SONG — *My God*

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

SONG — *Lord, I Need You*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THANK OFFERING

1 - Ebenezer Ministries 2 - Deaconate

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Pre-Kindergarten age children leave for Sunday School)

SCRIPTURE READING — *Ecclesiastes 8:1-17*

SERMON — *The Limits of our Wisdom*

SONG — *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

PARTING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG — *Be Unto Your Name*

Church Family

Beth N is in her second round of treatments. An MRI will be done at the end of July to evaluate the progress of treatment and set a future course. Please pray for Beth and the family as this second round is expected to be more difficult.

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 giving 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 and T-shirts? T-shirts are \$10 each and pens are \$1. 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.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: For the months of July and August we will be open from 9am - 1pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If you have a concern that arises outside of Office Hours, please contact Pastor Jason or your District Elder. Thank you!

PROJECTION TECHNICIAN WANTED! We're looking to train another projection technician! If you're interested in the technical side of worship at Ebenezer, contact Nicole V or talk to her after church. We require technicians to be of high school age and the commitment involves being available every 5-6 weeks, worship practices (typically Thursday evenings) as well as projection on Sunday morning.

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: DEACONATE - Deacons are church officers whose main job description is to administer the mercy of Christ to all people. The deacons are also called upon to motivate the members of Christ's church to faithful, obedient stewardship of their resources on behalf of the needy. Along with loving deeds and with gifts of money and assistance, the deacons serve the needy with counsel, leading people to see the grace of our loving Savior and recognizing the Lord through whom all blessings flow.

Next Week: ONE BOOK

NEED A HELPING HAND? Anthony K is currently not working, so he would be happy to join you on yard or house projects you are tackling this summer. Feel free to talk to Emily Meetsma or Ted Koopmans for more information about his interests and availability.

DIG DEEPER ON SOIL STEWARDSHIP - July 25th - 26th join a forum for farmers, agronomists, soil researchers, and others and come to Carman, MB (U of M farm research site close to Winnipeg). Ten African agronomists have been invited to come to learn and share about conservation agriculture (CA) as it relates to our programming work and food security in general. Follow the link for more details and to register at no cost: www.foodgrainsbank.ca/soil

STAMPS, STAMPS, STAMPS: Do you love stamps? Do you receive international mail? Bea Martens is collecting used postal stamps from around the world. They will be use to raise funds for the church. For more information, please contact Bea at 780-985-2147.

CAMP REHOBOTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Camp Rehoboth is a volunteer-run summer camp ministry for persons with developmental disabilities. Camp is underway, but there is still a need for the following positions:

Adult 2 – July 13-19 – 10 counsellors, 1 Night Watch

Independent – July 20-28 – 1 Nurse/LPN, 5 counselors

Thankfully, the other weeks are full of campers and volunteers!!

Please contact camp@rehoboth.ab.ca for more information, or apply online – www.rehoboth.ab.ca/camp/volunteers Thank you!

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, July 14	@ 9:15 am @ 10:00 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting Worship Service
Tues, Wed, Thurs	9am - 1pm	Summer Office Hours
July 15 - 19	9:30 am - 12	ROAR Vacation Bible School
Sunday, July 21	@ 9:15 am @ 10:00 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting Worship Service



JOIN THE VBS SAFARI: Registration is now open! Register your children for Roar VBS from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on July 15-19! Kids, invite your friends and neighbours to join you on this safari exploring God's goodness! You can access the registration form in several ways: Head to our website, Scan the QR code provided, or enter the link provided!

Link: <https://forms.gle/Ty3RjA3C7WNMSYYZ7>

A decorating bee is going on right after the service today. Many hands make light work! See Karen & Nicole for instructions.



UNPLANNED, THE MOVIE - Due to the Pro-Life Lobby, this movie will now be opening in theaters across the county. It will be showing in Edmonton at the Cineplex Odeon South Edmonton Common from July 12 - 18th. Come out and show your support for this delicate but important issue. See the Bulletin Board and the Unplanned website for more details: <https://www.unplannedfilm.com/canada>.

Denominational News

CALVIN SYMPOSIUM ON WORSHIP 2020 - The annual Calvin Symposium on Worship is a 3-day conference sponsored by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and the Center for Excellence in Preaching. It will be held Thursday, January 30, 2020 - Saturday, February 1, 2020 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The conference brings together a wide audience of artists, musicians, pastors, scholars, students, worship leaders and planners, and other interested worshippers. People come from around the world for a time of fellowship, worship, and learning together, seeking to develop their gifts, encourage each other and renew their commitment to the full ministry of the church.

Ebenezer is hoping to send a group of worship leaders to this Symposium. If this is something you may be interested in, please let any member of the worship ministry team know. They are: Grace Deunk, Bea Vlieg, Wilbur Hofstra, Alyse Kwantes, Susan Schuurman and Pastor Jason.

More news and encouragement can be found at
<http://www.ebenezercrc.com/news>.
A paper copy is posted on the Bulletin Board.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – July 2, 2019 Council Meeting

As always, our council meetings always begin with devotions and the prayer bowl.

New council members were warmly welcomed to council and a brief summary of recent discussions was provided for the new members.

A review of the installation of elders and deacons was conducted and recommendations were made. The congregational affirmation will be done one week prior to the drawing of lots; prayer will be offered immediately preceding the drawing of lots, and during the installation service, council members will be encouraged to lay hands on the new council members during the installation prayer.

Joanne K and Petro K joined our meeting to present a possible new curriculum. Council supports this new curriculum and is looking forward to its implementation. Ministry leadership positions were explored. An update on new ministry leaders will be provided soon.

We had a brief discussion about the possibility of calling a part-time pastor to serve alongside pastor Jason and we look forward to further discussion on this topic at the next congregational meeting. In his Service, (former) Council Clerk, Grace B

*Note from Pastor Jason: For the past 3 years Grace has been serving faithfully and sacrificially as our Elder/Clerk. This is not an easy job but Grace has done it with joy and excellence and I know I speak for all the members of council when I say it was a blessing to serve with Grace and we will miss her at our meetings.

WHICH CAME FIRST? ADDICTION OR DEPRESSION? Join us July 18 as we explore the relationship between addiction and depression. FREE 6:30pm- 8:30pm. Live Webinar Broadcast. Sign up by emailing dskidmore@calgarydreamcentre.com. Donations gratefully accepted.

Thank You To Our Volunteers!

Ushers: Howard O, Ted K

Next Week: Marilyn Z, Andy Z

Greeters: Gerard & Wendy B

Next Week: Gary & Jen F

Welcome Centre: Linda K

Next Week: Marco D

Coffee Duty: Jason & Yoka T, Art & Linda T, Miriam P

Next Week: Ted & Joanne K, Luke & Alyse K, Andrew V

Serving Elder: Roy V

Next Week: Gord W

Worship Team: Jordan S/Jason D

Next Week: Alice V

Projection & Audio: Dan V/ Ted K

Next Week: Pete V/Wes V

Nursery Supervisor - Glen H

Inf: Glen H, Michelle (Brent) T, Christina V, Bethany G

Tod: Jenna D, Sandy V, Issac M

Next Week: Nursery Supervisor - Linda K

Inf: Linda K, Matt B, Wendy B, Levi M

Tod: Natasha D, Jay A, Jacob M



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).