

August 18, 2019

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**Ecclesiastes:**

*Finding the Good Life*



## Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer. This morning Ecclesiastes provides us with the opportunity to think together about the inevitable end of life that we all face and how our coming death can inform our daily living. We are so blessed here at Ebenezer to have the example of so many seniors who have lived lives of joyful faithfulness. In particular we thank God this morning for Cor Hofstra who went home to be with the Lord earlier this week. May each one of us live in such a way that when the time comes for us to depart this world we can do so with peace and confidence in the Lord. - Pastor Jason

### WELCOME & PRAYER

**SONG** — *Praise the Lord Sing Hallelujah*  
*I Love You Lord*

### GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

**SONG** — *All Things Bright And Beautiful*

### CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

**SONG** — *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

#### THANK OFFERING

1 - Ebenezer Ministries      2 - Citizens for Public Justice

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*(Pre-Kindergarten age children leave for Sunday School)*

**SCRIPTURE READING** — Ecclesiastes 11:7 - 12:8

**SERMON** — *Living Life Backwards*

**SONG** — *Be Unto Your Name*

#### PARTING BLESSING

**CLOSING SONG** — *All Is Well*

## Church Family

We extend our Christian condolences to Joyce H and the extended Hfamily in the passing of their beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. **Cor H** went to be with His Lord and Savior early Monday morning. We praise God for His legacy of faith and love in our community. Please pray for the family as they grieve their loss.

Congratulations to **Herman B** who will celebrate his **75th birthday** on August 22. We thank God for you and wish you God's blessings on your special day and all year through!

Congratulations go out to **Jon & Rikki L** who will celebrate their **5th anniversary** on August 23. May you continue to experience God's faithfulness in the years to come.

*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.*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - This is the last week of Sunday School for pre-kindergarten age children. Sunday School will start up again for all ages near the end of September. Children are invited to stay with their parents during the service for the next few weeks.

**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.

## 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!

## 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: CITIZENS FOR PUBLIC JUSTICE** - The mission of CPJ is to promote public justice in Canada by shaping key public policy debates through research and analysis, publishing and public dialogue. CPJ encourages citizens, leaders in society and governments to support policies and practices which reflect God's call for love, justice and stewardship. For more info see [www.cpj.ca](http://www.cpj.ca)

**Next Week: FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES**

## Delight In Creation

**The brand-new DELIGHT program launches this September!** Our church family will have opportunity to nurture our children ages 3-grade 3. Each Sunday offers a new story of faith and new connections together!

**The Promise:** "Praise God! Blessed is each one of you who fears our God, who finds **great delight** in God's commands! Your children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed." **Psalm 112**

**The Foundation:** " For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse." **Romans 1:20**

**The Task:** "I trust in you, God, and do good; as I live, I strive to be faithful. I **delight** in You, and You will give me the desires of my heart. I commit my way to You; I trust in you, and you will act." **Psalm 37: 3-4**

Get ready to be involved in this exciting and rich experience! Together we will become mentors, helpers, support team, and story tellers. If you already know how you would specifically like to be involved, please contact our coordinators, Joanne K or Petro K. More information to follow.

## Coming Up @ Ebenezer

<b>Sunday, August 18</b>	<b>@ 9:15 am</b>	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	<b>@ 10:00 am</b>	Worship Service
<b>Tues, Wed, Thurs</b>	<b>9am - 1pm</b>	<b>Summer Office Hours</b>
<b>Sunday, August 25</b>	<b>@ 9:15 am</b>	Weekly Prayer Meeting
	<b>@ 10:00 am</b>	Worship Service

**GEMS GIRLS CLUB - GEMS Girls Club** - Our GEMS Club (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior) is a club for girls in grades 4-8. Plans are underway for the upcoming season which will begin on September 25th. In order for this important ministry to run well a few **more counsellors are needed**. If you are interested in joining this fun, impacting and fulfilling ministry please talk to Leanne K or Charlene V for more information.

**A REHOBOTH CONNECTION in LEDUC?** Ron Bos, director at Rehoboth Christian Ministries, and colleagues, will be coming out to Ebenezer on Tuesday, August 20 at 7 pm. Please join us as we explore the possibilities of more direct support and/or residential services for the folks among us with developmental disabilities. If you require more information, please contact Joanne K.

**ABUNDANT HARVEST/DECLARING FREEDOM TO CAPTIVE SOULS/PARTICIPATING IN SOMETHING ONLY GOD CAN DO AT YOUR CRC CAMPUS MINISTRY!** The University ministry invites graduate and undergraduate students, recent alumni, and young adults in careers to join our campus community for food, fellowship and conversations. We meet every Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Campus Ministry space (HUB 176, one level below HUB Mall) starting September 5th. For more info contact Rick Mast at [rmast@ualberta.ca](mailto:rmast@ualberta.ca) or just show up!

**EDMONTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS GOLF TOURNAMENT** is on Saturday, September 7th at the Sandpiper Golf & Country Club in St. Albert. We have spots available for golfers and foursomes. All proceeds go toward the West School Building Project and a request has been made for sunny and warm weather. Registration forms are available on our web site: [www.edmchristian.org](http://www.edmchristian.org) or call 780-408-7933. Join us!

**VOLUNTEER/LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE:** Free 4 Part Leadership Training Course and Certification. Dates will be September 14, October 12, November 9 & December 14. For more information, see the poster on the bulletin board.

## 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 D, Bea V, Wilbur H, Alyse K, Susan S 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 along with  
News from The Kings University**

**THE 2019 DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT** registration website is up and ready for you to secure your spot at the cheapest price! The date for the DOE is Saturday November 2, 2019; Remember November. [www.regonline.ca/doesdмонтон2019](http://www.regonline.ca/doesdмонтон2019)

This year we are so happy to be partnering with World Renew to commemorate 40 Years of Welcome! Our churches will be joining with World Renew to celebrate the work that they have been doing with the Canadian government as well as with churches in our area over the past 40 years and more!

The day will include addresses from Lewis Cardinal, Ida Kaastra-Mutoigo & Rebecca Walker, Jennifer Henry and more. It will also feature stories and testimonies from refugees, refugee families, churches and committee members. This is open for everyone to take part in, whether you have been involved in refugee sponsorship work or not. Celebrate what has been accomplished with us and be encouraged with us for the work that remains to be done ahead! Workshops will explore a variety of topics around inclusion and hospitality, so there is something for everyone to come, be inspired, encouraged and grow in God's mission. More details, posters, brochures to follow but why wait, register now and ask a friend to join you... [www.regonline.ca/doesdмонтон2019](http://www.regonline.ca/doesdмонтон2019)

## Thank You To Our Volunteers!

**Ushers:** Dennis P, Ruby P

**Next Week:** Howard O, Ted K

**Greeters:** Jason & Yoka T

**Next Week:** Ed & Monica V

**Welcome Centre:** Tammy H

**Next Week:** Linda K

**Coffee Duty:** Dick & Judy O, Wim & Jenny R, Matt & Kendra F

**Next Week:** Jay & Francine K, Dale & Karen H, Jordan & Kristy I

**Serving Elder:** Henk S

**Next Week:** Art T

**Worship Team:** Alice V

**Next Week:** Jordan/Jason

**Projection & Audio:** Pete V/Wes V

**Next Week:** Mike R/Nicole V

**Nursery Supervisor -** Carol W

Inf: Carol W, Emma H, Jay K, Sophie C

Tod: Raquel D, Joe D, Lane T

**Next Week: Nursery Supervisor -** Kara B

Inf: Kara B, Brett L, Beth G, Amy A

Tod: Janna P, Barry H, Owen V



*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).*

**WORSHIP LEADERS AND ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:** Please plan to gather on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. here at the church, as we unite together in a time of praise and worship. The format will be somewhat different than in the past, in that we will join together as one mass team, singing old favorites, and working through new material together. If you have a favorite song selection (old or new), please let Grace D. or Jason D. know. We hope to have a list of the songs and key signatures for you well in advance. Bring your instrument or voice so that we can make a joyful noise together!