

Welcome to the Worship of God

Sunday, January 3, 2010

We extend a special welcome to guests who join us today! Pastor Gary Bomhof will bring the message today.

Children **ages 3 to grade 3** will be dismissed for *Sunday school*. There is supervised nursery care for infants to age 3 today. Parents should accompany children who leave the worship service for any reason.

Guests at First Church are cordially invited to a time of fellowship and friendship in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service.

We Worship Our Great and Mighty God
*indicates to stand if able

Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Songs

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Hymn of Praise – PsH 297 Psalm 103

“O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to the Lord”

(children ages 3 to grade 3 dismissed)

Service of Reconciliation

Call to Confession - Silent Prayers of Confession

Song – *“Grace Like Rain”*

Assurance of Pardon

Summons to New Life

Song – *“I Lift Your Name”*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – Philippians 1: 1-14;

Text: vss. 9-11

Message – **A Prayer for the New Year**

*Hymn of Response – PsH 566

“In You is Gladness”

Pastoral/Offertory Prayer

Our Tithes & Offerings

First Church Ministry Budget

Central AB Women's Shelter

*Blessing

*Doxology – PsH 175

“Unto God Our Saviour”

Serving Today...

Greeter: Shari Westera

Helping Hands: Jerry Sanguin

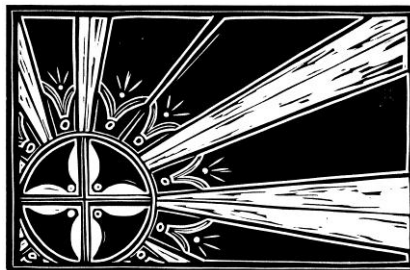
Nursery:

FIRST CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

...congratulations to **Art & Laura van Zanten** who were united in marriage this past Tuesday! Blessings on your new life together.

...continue to pray for **Matt Pierik, Val Meinema, and Audrey Bylsma**

...Remember the many people who are unable to worship with us regularly due to illness or age including **Lies Visser, Nell Drost, Mrs. Spyksma, Winnie Tensen, Audrey Vermeer, John Lindhout, Henk Krikke, and Winnie Krikke.**



Epiphany

During the season of Epiphany we focus on God revealing himself to the world in Christ Jesus. The rays spreading out from the centre of the sun represent the dispersion of the gospel to the four corners of the earth. The cross reminds us of Jesus Christ, the one who brings together the vertical and horizontal, the earthly and heavenly, and brings life from death. The hope of this gift is for all generations in all places. As children of the light we must bear this light to those we encounter in our daily lives. Elizabeth Steele Halstead

FIRST CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

YOU ARE INVITED to a time of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall after the morning worship service. Your hosts today: Mike & Wilma Sandstra

NEW YEAR'S GREETING As we stand on the cusp of a new year and a new decade we are like the Magi coming to the Lord as seekers – seeking hope, meaning, healing, joy, peace, and life. In short, we come seeking Christ. In all our activities during the coming year may we discover and find these things in abundance as we work together as family in Christ at First Church, Red Deer. A blessed New Year is extended to you all. From your staff: Carla Kranenborg, Anita Andersen, Jane Sanguin, Elsie McKinnon, Dale Dickau, Cathy Tilstra, and Pastor Gary Bomhof.

FOUNDATIONS II begins next Sunday at 6.00p.

THE WINE & ROSES CLUB (the name fits because wine is best when aged and roses are beautiful and so are seniors) will meet at 10:00 am this Wednesday for coffee and social interaction after which we'll sing a number of hymns/songs after comments are made about the author and the circumstances for its writing. All seniors are welcome and urged to attend!

SCRIPTURE, PRAYER, MEDITATION For six to eight evening services, beginning in February, Pastor Jack Hielema will guide us through a process called "scripture, prayer and meditation". He introduced this program in Prince George and it proved to be very valuable to those who participated. The goal will be for every participant to have a deeper understanding of God's word and to develop a more vital relationship with him. It is also our prayer that this may help to bind us together in the Lord.

In the mean time Pastor Jack is looking for up to 10 individuals/couples who will be given some advance training in January and who will then be able to give some leadership to the process of learning how to read the Bible, pray and meditate. Feel free to contact him if you would like some further information.

TODAY devotional booklets for Jan/Feb are here. A reminder that you can access the Today Devotional on our website at www.firstcreddeur.org. Help save paper!

YEARBOOK 2010 The CRC denomination yearbook will be available January 29th. You can order a copy by going to the Faith Alive Christian Resources page at: www.FaithAliveResources.org.

CURLING FUN SPIEL Is set for *Saturday, January 23rd*. Sign up your team or sign up individually so you can be put on a team. Sign-up sheets are on the youth bulletin board. Remember: you need to have one person 50 years old or more and one person 18 years old or younger!

BOTTLE DRIVE is set for *Wednesday, January 13th!* If you'd like your bottles picked up, please sign up on the youth bulletin board or email Cathy at cathyvanessen@shaw.ca! All proceeds go towards SERVE 2010! We take all dairy recycling, pop juice, water bottles, and cans, alcohol bottles, and cans...anything you pay a fee for!

Youth Happenings....

- ***Hey youth it is that time already....***time to sign up for YC 2010! YC will take place May 28 to 30, 2010, the signup sheet is up and space is limited so don't wait too long! Keep after church Sunday Jan 10 open for a quick meeting to talk about fund raising, you need to bring at least one parent! Questions? Talk to Cathy Nicolay

-***Acts of Light*** drama team on break.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

RED DEER MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION has made a commitment to be in prayer weekly for a Christian organization in the City of Red Deer. In this way we are showing our unity and support for each other. This week our prayer is for St. Luke's Anglican Church.

THE CHURCH PLANTER WHO TAUGHT Deepbali to read and write in an adult literacy class also introduced her to Jesus. Deepbali's whole world changed when she began to understand a new way of life that did not require her to give everything to the hundreds of gods around her. She now understands that Almighty God made her and the world around her, and sent His Son for her. She has amazing tools she found in Scripture for how to live her life, raise her family, and be an effective wife and leader in her community! Please pray for Deepbali as she witnesses to her neighbours. For more information on how you can provide Bibles, training and literacy resources for church planters, please contact The Bible League of Canada at www.bibleleague.ca or call 1-800-363-9673.

CRWM: Join UNLEASHED! - A new webinar series for ministry leaders, council members, and missions committees. Join the free workshop by participating on the phone while viewing the presentation on your

computer. Email crwmwebinars@crcna.org to register (deadline is three days prior to the event). For more information, click on the Resources tab at www.crwm.org. All webinars are from 12 – 1 p.m. (EST). Upcoming webinars are: Jan. 20: Church Missions Coaching, Feb. 17: Fundraising Ideas for Short-Term Missions, Mar. 17: Ministry Among Muslims, Apr. 14: Short-Term Missions.

ABORIGINAL MINISTRIES - Did you know...that the three urban Aboriginal Ministries in Winnipeg, Regina, and Edmonton pour over 450 cups of coffee each day? A cup of welcome in Jesus' name on a cold day is often the first step in building relationships. (Did You Know...is brought to you by the Canadian Aboriginal Ministry Committee. To learn more about the CRC's ministry with Aboriginals in Canada, visit the CRCNA Aboriginal Ministries webpage at www.crcna.org/pages/cm_aborig_index.cfm)

FAITH ALIVE - Save 70% on many CRC-specific titles including "Grace Through Every Generation," "Our Family Album," and more! Sale runs now through February 5. Visit www.FaithAliveResources.org/Sale or call 1-800-333-8300.

FREE A FAMILY is an alternative to child sponsorship that enables North Americans to support entire families living in poverty. This support helps families learn how to read and write, start a business, send their children to school, and care for their families' health. At the same time, North American supporters benefit from learning about and praying for a specific family, as they follow that family's progress for many years. Updates on families are received regularly and are either put in your mail slot or in the info rack in the west hallway. You may now receive updates via email! Contact Chinyere Nwachukwu at: cnwachukwu@crwrc.org to request your updates be sent to you. You can also visit the CRWRC website at: www.crwrc.org.

Birthdays Greetings!

Jan	4	Al Badger Soleil Urbani
	5	Lorraine Warkentin
	6	Sue Elgersma Laurel Fisher Hennie van der Hoek
	9	Nathan Lodewyk Henny Sypkes

Stewardship notes....

Today's Tithes and Offerings

First Church Ministry Budget
Central AB Women's Shelter

Future Offerings:

Jan 10 – Youth Unlimited – Compass 21
Jan 17 – World Missions - Timmerman

Our giving – Dec 20/27

Budget	\$23,706.00
CRWRC	\$ 3,753.00
Loaves & Fishes	\$ 1,174.00
Hospice	\$ 985.00
Mtg/Bldg	\$ 3,360.00

Serving next week....

Greeter: Ev Oosterhoff
Helping Hands: George Groeneveld
Coffee: Wes/Sadie Bylsma
Nursery:

This week at First Church...

Tues	9.30a	Coffee Break
	7.30p	Evening Coffee Break
Wed	10.00a	Wine & Roses
	12.00p	KEYS
	7.30p	Education Team meeting
	7.30p	Youth Band Rehearsal
Sunday	10.00a	Morning Worship
	6.00p	Foundations II

Library Hours: Tuesday: 9.30a – 11.30a
Sunday's – after am worship services

Check the church web site: www.firstcreddeer.org for current information.

