

Welcome to the Worship of God

Sunday, January 10, 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 5 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

Gathering Song – “Come Into His Presence”

Welcome/Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God’s Greeting

*Songs of Praise

“We Gather Together”

“Here I am to Worship”

*A Time of Friendship

Children dismissed

Service of Reconciliation

Call to Confession – “Power of Your Love”

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God’s Call to New Life

Song – PsH 424

“Spirit of the Living God”

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – Matthew 3: 13-17

Message – **Heaven Re-opened**

*Hymn of Response –

“See Christ, Who on the River’s Shore”

Pastoral/Offertory Prayer

Our Tithes & Offerings

First Church Ministry Budget

Youth Unlimited

*Blessing

*Doxology – “Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

Serving Today...

Greeter: Ev Oosterhoff

Helping Hands: George Groeneveld

Nursery: Jo-Ann Bomhof, Yvonne Dubois

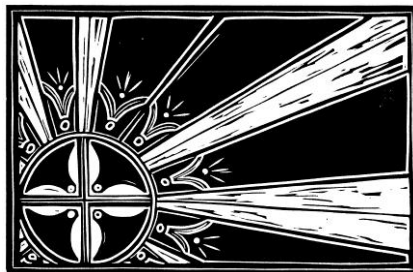
FIRST CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

...**Dick Ten Hove** will be going to Calgary this week to have an implant placed in his heart which, is hoped, will strengthen his heart and give him a better quality of life.

...continue to pray for the **Bylsma** and extended families as they mourn.

...continue to pray for **Matt Pierik, Val Meinema**.

...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. Today, with the Bylsma family, we honor the memory of Audrey Bylsma. Your hosts today: Wes & Sadie Bylsma

FOUNDATIONS II tonight at 6.00p.

MEN'S BREAKFAST We hope to begin again with our Men's Breakfast/Study group on Saturday, January 23rd. A more extensive announcement will be coming next week.

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.firstcreddeer.org. Help save paper!

SINGING AT VALLEY PARK this Wednesday, January 13th at 6.30pm. Come and join us!

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!

ADDRESS UPDATE:

Chris/Corina Harden
124 Dunham Close
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Youth Happenings...

- **YC! YC!** Make sure your name is on the sign up sheet! Do not forget the meeting today after church to talk about fundraising; you need to bring at least ONE parent with you. We will meet in the council room. Coffee, juice, and snacks will be available, so not to worry about stopping in the Fellowship Hall first. Any questions can be directed 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. Mary's Church.

SERVICE & LEARNING OPPORTUNITY:
HONDURAS WATER PROJECT 2010 Clean water, improved health, and hope for a Honduran village. A possible life-changing experience for the team participants. That's what awaits the members of the 16th Honduras Water Service and Learning Project. A partnership of NADC, CRWRC, and the King's University College, the project takes place during 3 weeks of May this year. Team building and orientation is planned for several evenings and one weekend in March. If you are interested in joining this great short-term mission experience, please call the NADC office @ 780-423-0456 ASAP for more information and an application form, or send your request to nadmc@telus.net. The deadline for applications is Feb 5TH, 2010. Space is limited.

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.

RECOGNIZING that providing education is an effective outreach to parents and children, enterprising church planters go into small villages, gain the permission of community leaders, and offer to teach children basic skills. As they introduce children to learning through Bible-based materials, education takes a strategic direction by teaching them with a Christian worldview. The children are introduced to Jesus Christ and His great love and promises for them. Many of these children become lifelong followers of Jesus Christ! Please pray for these children as they carry God's message into their homes. 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.

THE RED DEER BIBLES FOR MISSIONS STORE has donated \$115,000.00 to the Bible League this year. From all 34 stores across the country an amount of \$4,315,960.00 has been sent to the Bible League! WOW! God has blessed this venture beyond imagination. We thank all the volunteers for their committed work. Thanks and praise to the Lord for His blessings!

The Red Deer BFM

CRWM PROJECT GIVING GUIDE ONLINE - Visit www.crwrm.org/projects for a list of current CRWM projects that need financial support. Projects are listed according to country and ministry type and include a photograph and brief description on each project. See the Project Giving Guide to get involved in a personal way with specific projects that will help missionaries in their ministry.

CRWM: UNLEASHED! Webinar Series - Jan.20 at 12-1 p.m. (EST). A free webinar on "Church Missions Coaching". Join us to learn how to bring your missions potential to life. Email crwmwebinars@crcna.org to register (deadline is Jan. 15). For more information, click the Resources tab at www.crwrm.org.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Sunday, January 17, the Christian community in Red Deer will mark the beginning of the week of prayer with an Ecumenical Service, 7.00p at Sunnybrook United Church; 12 Stanton St. Rev. Dr. Fran Hare of Gaetz Memorial United Church will be the guest speaker. The theme for the Week of Prayer is "You Are Witnesses" (Luke 24: 48). The service was developed by our Christian brothers and sisters in Scotland, acknowledging the 100th anniversary of the Edinburgh Mission Conference of 1910.

Today's Laugh

"Gold Watch"

A boss to a retiree:

"As a symbol of our gratitude, we have created this special gold watch to serve as a reminder of your many years with the company. It needs a lot of winding up, is always a little late, and every day at quarter to five, it stops working."

THOUGHTS.....

This week at First Church...

Today	6.00p	Foundations II
Mon	6.30p	GEMS/Cadets
	7.00p	Friendship
Tues	9.30a	Coffee Break
	2.00p	Private Luncheon - Hall
	7.30p	Evening Coffee Break
	7.30p	Deacons meeting
Wed	8.00a	RD Ministerial meeting
	12.00p	KEYS
	7.30p	Admin Team meeting
Sunday	10.00a	Morning Worship
	2.00p	Soliloquy Concert
	6.00p	Evening 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.

Birthday Greetings!

Jan	10	Megan Brouwer Melissa Oostenbrug Aletta van der Berg
	11	Kevin Lodewyk Aaron Pierik Jesse Sietzema
	12	Brian Drok Jake Teuling
	13	Nealeen Venema
	14	Art Plunz
	15	McKenzie Tilstra
	16	Megan Meyer

Stewardship notes....

Today's Tithes and Offerings

First Church Ministry Budget
Youth Unlimited – Compass 21

Future Offerings:

Jan 17 – World Missions – Timmerman
Jan 24 – Mortgage/Building Fund

Serving next week...

Greeter: Jack Soley
Helping Hands: Ted Oostenbrug
Coffee: Art/Laura van Zanten
Nursery: Jim/Michelle Driedger/Beatty Vriend