

Welcome to the Worship of God

Sunday, January 17, 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

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Welcome/Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*We Sing Praises to God

"Indescribable"

"Lord Let Your Glory Fall"

*A Time of Friendship (children dismissed)

Service of Reconciliation

Call to Confession – *"Closer"*

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The Call to Living Anew – *"Flow Like a River"*

Prayer for the Spirit's Guidance

Scripture Reading – Matthew 4: 1-11

Message – **Tempting Propositions**

*Hymn of Response – PsH 489

"When Peace Like a River"

Pastoral/Offertory Prayer

Our Tithes & Offerings

First Church Ministry Budget

World Missions – Timmerman's

*Blessing

*Doxology – PsH 253

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Serving Today...

Greeter: Jack Soley

Helping Hands: Ted Oostenbrug

Nursery: Jim/Michelle Driedger, Beatty Vriend

FIRST CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

...**Dick Ten Hove's** procedure in Calgary went well; we pray that as a result his heart may be a little stronger and give a little bit more energy.

...pray for **Dale Dickau** as he receives his radiation treatment on Thursday in Edmonton.

...**Ann Pisesky** is scheduled for knee surgery this Wednesday in Red Deer.

...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.**

EVERLASTING
PRAISE

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: Art/Laura van Zanten

TONIGHT at 6.00p join us as the Timmerman's present their ministry work.

FOUNDATIONS II tonight at 6.00p.

MEN'S BREAKFAST has been postponed to **January 30** because of the curling fun spiel. For more info contact Art van Zanten.

CURLING FUN SPIEL Is this *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!

PRIZE DONATIONS The Youth are looking for prizes to give away at the Curling Fun Spiel this Saturday. We kindly ask if anyone is able to donate prizes for the Fun Spiel please contact Cathy Tilstra. Thank you!

SHOUT OUT to the new usher last week! On time, large smile and knew the young people by name. I was impressed! *Dan Wind*

THANK YOU to Lena Drok and all others who were involved with the children's Sunday School program. We are thankful for your time and talents. The children were delightful as always!

GEMS/CADETS Tomorrow will be a skating/sledding event at Bower Ponds. We will meet at the Pond's at 6.30p and have fun 'till 8.00p.

FROM THE LIBRARY It's still winter! Time to snuggle up with a good book. Maybe you read the review of 'The Little Coat' in Red Deer Life. We have purchased that book. It's about WWII in Holland and how a little girl met up with a Canadian soldier from Calgary. It gives even more appreciation for the Canadian Army.

MANY THANKS to Dan and Tini Wind who graciously offered to undertake the cost of a lap top computer for Noah's Ark Playschool. Thanks as well to those of you who bought Ollie Bollen from the Wind's. The profits of which were used for the new computer. We have always been the recipients of many donations, for which we are so grateful! *Anita & Jane*

HAITI A special collection for CRWRC will be taken

next Sunday to enable them to contribute to the massive relief and rebuilding work that needs to take place after this week's devastating earthquake. Funds collected before Feb 12 will be matched 1:1 by our Federal Government.

Youth Happenings....

-***Acts of Light*** drama team will meet at Matt Pierik's house this Wednesday – 7p-9p.

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. Vladimir Ukrainian Church.

CRWRC RESPONSE TO HAITI EARTHQUAKE - On January 12, a massive earthquake struck Haiti about 10 miles from the capital city where both CRWRC and CRWM staff are stationed. Praise God that all CRC missionaries and their families are safe. Financial donations are urgently needed to help CRWRC respond to the immediate and long-term needs of earthquake survivors. Gifts marked "Haiti Earthquake 2010" can be given online at www.crwrc.org, by calling 1-800-730-3490, or by sending a cheque to CRWRC, 3475 Mainway, PO Box 5070 STN LCD 1, Burlington, ON, L7R 3Y8.

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.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY Tonight, the Christian community in Red Deer will mark the beginning of the week of prayer with an Ecumenical Service, 7.00p at Sunnyside 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.

A CHURCH PLANTER invited 5 year old Saanji to join an after-school class at the edge of his village. Although Saanji does not attend school, he has learned about words, letters, and numbers. The church planter helps kids understand their world and to introduce them to Jesus. Saanji will bring his new experience back to his tent where his mother will listen carefully. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will tug at her heart so she will come and meet this church planter and come to know her Saviour. More adults come to Christ through what their children learn in the children's ministries than through any other method! 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.

INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE @ KING'S – Next Week the King's University College will be hosting its first student-lead Interdisciplinary Studies Conference entitled "Home (not so) Sweet Home(less)" focusing on the issue of home here in Edmonton, across the globe and in our own lives. Among a wide variety of art displays, concerts, and speakers will be Brian Walsh, the CRC campus minister from the University of Toronto and author of *Beyond Homelessness*, Jim Gurnett from the Edmonton Coalition on Housing and Homelessness, as well as Chris Turner, a columnist for the *Globe and Mail* and author of *The Geography of Hope*. The conference will be held at the King's University College in Edmonton on January 20th and 21st. This free-ticket event is open to the public. For more information please visit www.kingsu.ca.

FROM PASTOR HERMAN'S DESK: Several weeks ago, I began to make a list of all the volunteers who keep the ministries of our church going. I eventually gave up because there are just too many! First of all, there are the elders and deacons of whom we have eight and six respectively. Maybe they don't consider themselves as volunteers because they were "recruited." But then, perhaps all the volunteers in our church were "recruited." They were asked, "Will you please do this for us?" And they replied, "Oh, OK, if you can't get anybody else." When I speak of volunteers, however, I mean such who are involved with the ministries of the church who do not get paid for it. Staff members get paid, volunteers don't.

Even so, we have a lot of them and I am still

working on making a list of all of them for the benefit of the council and anyone else who may wish to have a copy.

There are the Ministry Teams: the Administration Team, the Education Team, the Worship and Arts Team, the Congregational Life Team and the Diaconal Ministries Team. Then we have several GEMS counselors as well as CADETS counselors. We have Sunday School teachers and helpers. We have several worship teams and volunteer musicians who help us to learn to sing new and old songs. We have Nursery Attendants, Ushers, Greeters, Helping Hands personnel, refreshments schedulers, and servers. And there may be some that I have not yet mentioned. As I said at the beginning, I'm having a difficult time counting them all and will probably forget someone; if I have, please be gracious and forgive!

I suspect that many (most?) of us take all these volunteers for granted. To correct that, I hereby, on behalf of the Lord and on behalf of the church, express to all you volunteers . . . whatever your service is - - a very BIG and HEARTY **THANK YOU!** You may think that what you do is very small, but keep in mind that the smallest contribution accomplishes much. Just think of that little fellow who put his finger in a leaky Dutch dyke. Were it not for that little finger, the Netherlands would probably no longer exist!
- - Pastor Herman

Today's Laugh

'Dangerous Cargo'

Our supply clerk at the factory where I work discovered a box that was left on the loading dock with this warning printed on it: DANGER DO NOT TOUCH!

Management was called and all employees were told to stay clear of the box until it could be analyzed.

When the foreman arrived, he donned gloves and safety glasses, and then, very carefully opened the box. Inside were 25 signs that read: DANGER! DO NOT TOUCH!

Birthday Greetings!

Jan	17	Sharon Brunner Dustin Snideman Matthew Werkema
	19	Gertie Bakker Rhonda Skorobohach Tini Wind Dave Tilstra Michelle Sytsma
	20	Bram van Dorp
	21	Milan Urbani
	23	Leah Brunner Carol Johnson Kate Hessel

Stewardship notes....

Today's Tithes and Offerings

First Church Ministry Budget
World Missions – Timmerman

Future Offerings:

Jan 24 – CRWRC - Haiti

Jan 31 – Central AB Pregnancy Care Centre

Our giving – Jan 3/10

Budget	\$18,187.00
Women's Shelter	\$ 915.00
Youth Unlimited	\$ 681.00
Bldg/Mtg	\$ 3,450.00

This week at First Church...

Today	2.00p	Soliloquy Concert
	6.00p	Timmerman's
	6.00p	Foundations II
Mon	6.30p	GEMS/Cadets
	7.00p	Friendship
Tues	9.30a	Coffee Break
	5.30p	Step-Up
	7.30p	Evening Coffee Break
	7.30p	Worship/Arts Team
Wed	12.00p	KEYS
	1.00p	H1N1Clinic
	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.

Serving next week...

Greeter: Carly Duduman

Helping Hands: Jesse Mlynarski

Coffee: Cor/Herma Pikkert

Nursery: Anita Andersen/Donna Kooiman