

Welcome to the Worship of God

Sunday, January 31, 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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Gathering Songs – *“Come All You People”*
“Blessed Be the Name of the Lord”

Welcome/Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Praise to God – PsH 430 & 436

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God” (Tune: 378)

“This is My Father's World”

*A Time of Friendship

Service of Reconciliation

Call to Confession – *“Merciful God”*

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

We Live God's Way

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading – Matthew 12: 22-45; Text: 43-45

Message – **Cleanliness is Next to the Devil**

*Hymn of Response – PsH 427

“Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit”

Pastoral/Offertory Prayer

Our Tithes & Offerings

First Church Ministry Budget

Central AB Pregnancy Care Centre

*Blessing

*Doxology – *“Be Unto Your Name”*

Serving Today...

Greeter: Tyler Westera

Helping Hands: Mike Sandstra

Nursery: Rolanda Huizenga, Tyler/Jobena Westera

FIRST CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

...**Ann Pisesky** is now home and recuperating well.

...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.**



FIRST CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

YOU ARE INVITED to a time of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall after the morning worship service. *Today we are honored to celebrate the 90th birthday of Henry Drok! The family will be serving cake.* Your hosts today: Roger & Carolyn Neufeld

YOUTH we are meeting tonight at 6 - 7p for a games night. Contact Yvonne Prins for more info.

EVENING GATHERING next week, Feb 7 at 6.00p when we view the final two segments of "The History of Christianity". All are invited.

WINE & ROSES will meet again this Wednesday at 10.00a for refreshments and social interaction and then at about 10.30a, we'll have Pastor Gary join us to interact with us about the life of First Church – a question/answer time when we may ask anything (within reason, of course) concerning the ministries and activities of our church.

TECHNICIANS NEEDED for our media department. We are looking for those interested in the 'technical' service of our morning worship; power point, sound, lighting, videotaping. Training is provided by our head technicians: Brian Drok, Anthony Prins, and Jason Visser. If interested, please contact one of the aforementioned.

DID YOU KNOW? There are song sheets provided in regular and large print for all songs not in the Psalter hymnal. If you have difficulty in seeing the screen, ask an usher for a song sheet!

EACH OTHER Have you noticed how often scripture talks about "***each other***"? In connection with Scripture, Prayer, and Meditation starting February 21, read and meditate on the apostle's words in Romans 1: 12, "***that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each others faith.***" You and I, and I (we) and you. *Pastor Jack*

NEED SOME FIRE WOOD? Please feel free to help yourself to the trees that have been cut down.

NOTICE Registration for the 2010/2011 Noah's Ark Playschool year is scheduled for this Thurs, Feb 4 at 6.30p. Doors open at 5.30p. For more info, contact Jane or Anita @ 403.314.0739.

CHURCH USER GROUPS Due to fire regulations please remember to CLOSE all hallway doors at the end of your function. Thank you. *Administration Team*

HAVE SOME SPARE TIME? The Admin team is looking for some volunteers to paint the heating ducts in the sanctuary. If you can help please contact Garth Stange at 403.318.2822 or garths@borderpaving.com.

2009 ANNUAL REPORT I am requesting that if you would like a report published about your team/groups work in 2009 that you submit report to: firstcr@telusplanet.net by **FEB 21** latest. Thanks, Dale.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY There will be an updated directory published in the spring. If you have changed address, telephone, etc. please inform the church office.

LOST & FOUND BOX will be emptied Feb 15. Please look for your missing items. One car seat and one blue jacket are under the coat rack.

YOU CAN HELP the Red Deer Food Bank. Steve van Arragon of A & J Piano Services (our church piano tech) is asking our congregation to bring non-perishable food items and place them in the large grey tub outside the church office door. When the tub is full, Steve will give us a free piano tuning! (Value: \$105.00) Let's do this in one Sunday! Thanks, Dale

NEWSLETTERS & INFO Missionary newsletters and Credo information will now be sent via email. If you are not on the church email list, several copies will be available in the information rack by the west doors.

Youth Happenings....

-***Acts of Light*** drama team meets February 3, 6.45 – 8.00p. The meeting with parents has been postponed to another date. Please watch here for details.

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 Streams Christian Church.

THE RED DEER SOCIETY FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION will be holding its annual meeting at the Gateway Christian School Central Campus gym at 7:30 pm. Please plan on attending this very important meeting as we have several different items that need to be discussed and voted on including the future of our high school. If you haven't already purchased your yearly membership, you can do so any time between 7

and 7:30 when the membership table is open. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

WINSPEAR EXTRAVAGANZA! A Winspear Extravaganza featuring Duo Majoya (Joachim Segger, piano and Marnie Giesbrecht, organ) Alvin Lowrey trumpet, Brian Jones, percussion and visuals by Kathryn Sparks, will take place on Friday Feb. 5 at 8 pm at the Winspear. Works include "Pictures at an Exhibition" by Mussorgsky, Elgar "Enigma Variations" and "Music for Organ and Piano" by Howard Bashaw. This concert is presented by the MACH series, U of A and sponsored by the Davis Trust, AFA, U of A and The King's University College. For further details please see the web site: <http://www.majoya.com/upcoming.php>.

CANADA'S PREMIERE SAXOPHONE QUARTET @ KING'S An exciting touring program of all new Canadian music for saxophone quartets played by Canada's premiere saxophone quartet from Montreal, Quebec will be visiting King's. The Quasar Saxophone Quartet will be performing at The King's University College on Saturday, February 6, 2010 at 8:00 pm in Knoppers Hall. Tickets are sold at the door - \$15 for general admission and \$10 for students, seniors and King's alum. Contact Dr. Charles Stolte at 780-465-3500 ext. 8092 for more information.

INTER-CHURCH CURLING BONSPIEL and banquet will take place on Saturday, February 20th. The cost for the event which includes three games, the banquet and some prizes is \$160.00 per team. Space limited to 16 teams. Teams must be registered by Feb 12th. Call Steven Watson @ 403.346.7682. or l.m.watson@shaw.ca or Alan Watson @ 403.347.3180.

THE CLIENTS, STAFF & BOARD would like to thank all those who contributed to Rehoboth in 2009, especially during this past year's Annual Membership Campaign. A total of \$620.00 in membership fees and \$1625.00 in donations for a total of \$2245.00 was contributed by members of First Church. A special thanks to Pat Brouwer for coordinating the campaign on behalf of Rehoboth. If you were missed during the campaign and would still like to contribute towards the drive, please send in your membership and donation directly to Rehoboth, 3920 * 49 Avenue, Stony Plain, Alberta, T7Z 2J7. THANK YOU for helping Rehoboth "Make Room" for individuals who live with disabilities!

WWW.CRCNA.ORG/HAITI - This CRC "Help Haiti" page has the latest news, donation links, and background about our 30+ years of ministry as a denomination in Haiti. You can also follow

developments at www.facebook.com/crcna or www.twitter.com/crcna.

PARKLAND REFORMED CHURCH is pleased to invite you to a conference titled The Value of Friendships on March 5-6 2010. Rev. Alan Strange from M.A.R.S. will be speaking. Topics will include Seeking friendships, Building Friendships, Blessings of Friendships, Christian Relationships, and Sustaining Relationships. There is no cost and breakfast and lunch on Saturday will be provided at the church. Please contact Janice Rypstra at 403.885.5638 or brijanryp@telus.net to for questions or to register.

WORLD MISSIONS Prayer for the Nations: In celebration of this year's Winter Olympics, Christian Reformed World Missions has created a five minute prayer video highlighting ways to pray for countries represented in the Olympics and the ministries of CRWM. To download the video, visit www.crwmm.org/flags.

FROM PASTOR HERMAN'S DESK A recent advertisement came in our mail stating that it was a "wonderfully blessed time rejoicing in and praising the Lord with our concert." That was no doubt true. The implication, however, seemed to be that one is praising and rejoicing in the Lord **only** when she/he is engaged in singing, which is not true.

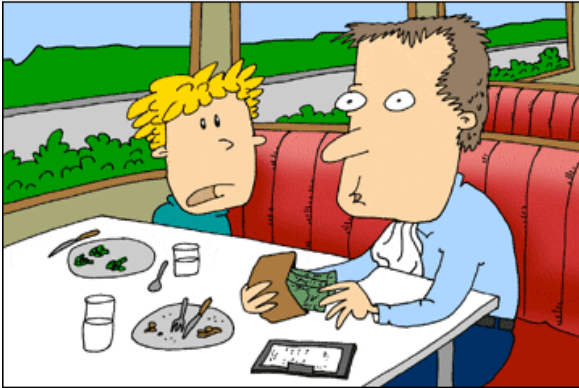
I'm not a very good singer. I tried to get on the Back to God Hour Choir when I first attended Calvin College. Professor DeJong listened to my "singing" and suggested that perhaps I should try something else first! Fortunately, I've learned over the years that although you may not have the gift of singing, you may have other gifts by which to praise and rejoice in the Lord!

In fact, the school or church janitor can praise and rejoice in the Lord while sweeping the floors and washing the walls. A carpenter can do the same as he constructs a home and a businessman can do the same while buying and selling the goods which he advertises in the local newspaper. A journalist, a doctor, a teacher, a preacher, a mother, a father, a student -- all of these can be rejoicing in and praising the Lord **while** they are doing whatever they are called and gifted to do! The work we do can, and ought to be, a song of praise to the Lord. The apostle Paul, led by the Holy Spirit, even said it: "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Col. 3.16) which means that **everything** we do should be done with a joyful, thankful, appreciative heart and to the best of our ability according to the gifts the Lord has given us. That's when it becomes a song of praise to the Lord! We are not here first of all to

build our own egos or to provide ourselves with a large nest egg for when we retire. We are here to “seek God’s kingdom first of all” trusting that he will provide us with all that we may need.
 Seeking to live that way is what makes the angels sing! Think about that!
 - - Pastor Herman

Today’s Laugh or Thought...

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Birthday Greetings!

Jan	31	Henry Drok Sid Postma
Feb	2	Betty Tytsma Alissa Westera
	3	Benny Borgman Addie Jentink John van Dorp Emily Dunstan

This week at First Church...

Today	3.30p	Afrikaans Worship
	6.00p	Foundations II Group Night
Mon	6.30p	GEMS/Cadet's
	7.00p	Friendship
Tues	9.30a	Coffee Break
	7.30p	Evening Coffee Break
Wed	10.00a	Wine & Roses
	6.45p	Drama rehearsal
	7.30p	Education Team
Thur	6.30p	Playschool registration
Fri	7.00p	Private function - Hall
	9.15p	Hockey - Kinex
Sunday	10.00a	Morning Worship
	6.00p	Evening Gathering
	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.

Stewardship notes....

Today's Tithes and Offerings:

First Church Ministry Budget
 Central AB Pregnancy Care Centre

Future Offerings:
 Feb 7 – Benevolent Fund
 Feb 14 – Ministry Shares

Our Giving...Jan 17/24

Budget	\$ 8,502.00
Haiti	\$28,961.00
Timmerman	\$ 1,710.00

Serving next week....

Greeter: Bill Scholten
Helping Hands: Jeff Visser
Coffee: Jo Maetche/Elsie McKinnon
Nursery: Sharon Stange/Sonya Wagenaar