

Welcome to the Worship of God

Sunday, March 21, 2010 – *Lent 5*

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 Songs

“Who Paints the Skies?”

“Indescribable”

“Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty”

Welcome/Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God’s Greeting

*Hymn of Praise – PsH 431

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

*A Time of Friendship (children dismissed)

Service of Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Silent Prayers of Confession

Song – PsH 32 vs. 1, 2

“How Blest Are They Whose Trespass”

Assurance of Pardon

God’s Direction for Our Lives

Song – “Think About His Love”

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – Matthew 20: 1-16

Message – **Equal Pay for Unequal Work**

*Hymn of Response – PsH 497

“How Vast the Benefits Divine”

Pastoral/Offertory Prayer

Our Tithes & Offerings

First Church Ministry Budget

Red Deer Hospice

*Blessing

*Doxology – PsH 410

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Serving Today...

Greeter: Martha Jonker

Helping Hands: Rolph Westera

Nursery: Louise Rautenbach, Bruce/Michelle Sytsma

FIRST CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

...**Pastor Herman Salomons** continues to recuperate at home.

...continue to pray for those who mourn.

...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. Your hosts today: Bill & Rolanda Lodewyk

EVENING GATHERING "Praying in Jesus Name" Tonight at 6.00p we hope to come together to help each other to pray more to our heavenly High Priest. God's word is alive. Responding to it makes or breaks us. Let us be a sign to one another and to the world like Jonah (chapter 2 and Matthew 12). What a high privilege when older and younger believers meet in Jesus' name! *Pastor Jack*

FOUNDATIONS II tonight at 6.00p – 7.00p. Next week we will meet at **4.00p**.

EASTER AT FIRST CHURCH The chancel is already being readied for Maundy Thursday; we anticipate gathering around the table for communion. We will see the act of foot washing as presented by Acts of Light. The drama of the Passion will be re-enacted on Friday night. The joy of the Resurrection will begin with breakfast on Sunday morning followed by a glorious worship service to God! You will not want to miss any of these services! Invite your family, friends and neighbours.

Maundy Thursday Communion, April 1 – 7.00p
Good Friday Tenebrae, April 2 – 8.00p
Resurrection Sunday Breakfast, April 4 – 9.00a
Resurrection Sunday Worship, April 4 – 10.00a.

CLASSIS ALBERTA NORTH Minutes from the recently held session are available at the kiosk in the west hallway.

THE FREEDOM SINGERS will be here in concert at First Church, Saturday, April 10. Come and hear their story of incredible escape from persecution in a ship container; enduring storms, lack of food, water and air. Their testimony is not only riveting, but encouraging to all who have faith. A free-will offering will be taken to help support their ministry. See Nick Korver for more info.

FYI If you have posters, info etc, that you would like displayed on the bulletin boards please drop them off at the church office. Thank you!

LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN The Single Senior's Tea presented by the GEMS and Deacon's is now scheduled for March 29 at 6.30p. For more info, speak to one of the Deacon's or check your mail slot.

REMINDER to all user groups. Please make sure all hallway doors **are closed** before you leave. Fire regulations require that all doors are closed. Thank you – Administration Team

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL – Do you feel a calling from God to serve our church as an Elder or Deacon? Do you know someone in our church whom you wish to nominate to be of service to the church on Council? If you have any questions about being an Elder or Deacon you can talk to a Council member. It is a noble task to serve as Elder or Deacon. You may email Barb Hessel at bhessel@shaw.ca or Dan Wind at windrd@telusplanet.net.

Youth Happenings....

-Foundations II meets tonight at 6:00p.

-Bowling Night –all Jr. & Sr. High youth are invited to a fun night of bowling. We will meet at Heritage Lanes at 6.00p, Saturday, March 27. After bowling pizza will be served at the Nicolay home. Pick up time is 10.00p. Please bring \$10 to help cover costs. There is a sign up sheet on the YBB. Sign up and bring a friend! For more info contact Craig Nicolay.

-Acts of Light drama team meets Wednesday, 6.45-8.30p. ***Please note the time change.*** We are rehearsing for Easter and need the extra time! All Acts of Light participants are asked to come with **lines memorized.**

-All Youth! 30 Hour Famine is booked for April 16-17. Sign up on the YBB if you want to join the cause! A World Vision rep will be meeting with us on Sunday, March 28th at 4.00p, so please come for your fundraiser packet and to hear what World Vision is doing with the money you raise.

-Job Posting The Education Team of First CRC is seeking a **Summer Ministries Student.** Applicant must be a committed Christian, and must have completed at least one year of post-secondary education. We are seeking a mature, team player who can demonstrate self-motivation, responsibility and bring leadership to our ministries. The position will be given to someone with a love and joy for children and youth, as well as the capability of coordinating a diverse group of youth and young adult volunteers. Skills in volunteer recruitment will be an asset. Organizational and communication skills are a must. The successful candidate will provide leadership and coordination of our summer ministries, including but not limited to two week-long camps and Summer Sunday School. Also, you will be required to assist and aide in Vacation Bible School. This full time position (approx. 40 hours/week) will run from May 17 – August 27, 2010. Please apply by sending your email and references before April 15, 2010 to

summerministriesjob@hotmail.com. Please include a pastoral reference.

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 Word of Life Centre.

CENTRAL ALBERTA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL is hosting its annual Fashion Show at the school, on Friday, April 23, 2010. Doors open at 6:30 and the fashion show will begin at 7:00 p.m. This year all proceeds will be donated to the Central Alberta Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada. CACHS catering are providing delicious desserts and a Silent Auction will be taking place throughout the evening. Tickets are \$20.00 each, or \$140. for a table of eight. There are only 200 tickets available and deadline to purchase tickets is April 20th. For tickets or more information, please contact Ann at the school @ 403-782-4535 or Sarah Sypkes @ 403.340.8373.

REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES is excited to announce a new week of Camp geared to campers who are over the age of 55 or require a more relaxed camp atmosphere. Retirement/Seniors week will run from June 28 – July 2, 2010. We require a complete roster of volunteers, cooks, nurses, directors to serve between 15-20 campers. A group of retired, semi-retired individuals from your congregation may be ready and willing to serve in this capacity. Please contact Linda Rosendal for more information - linda.rosendal@rehoboth.ab.ca. We also require volunteer counsellors to sign up for our regular weeks of Camp. July 3-9; 10-16; 17-23 (must be at least 16 years of age); and 24-30. If you have volunteered at Camp in previous years, please go to the Rehoboth website to the online volunteer application process. If you are a first time volunteer or would like more information about our camps, please contact Linda at linda.rosendal@rehoboth.ab.ca – 780-968-8483

SENIOR MUSIC STUDENT RECITAL Former member of our church, Wendy Nieuwenhuis, along with guest trumpeter will present a selection of works by Bach, Buxtehude, Mendelssohn and more. This is Wendy's senior organ recital as she graduates from King's. The recital will take place on Friday, March 26, 8.00p at West End Christian Reformed Church, 10015 – 149 Street Edmonton. Admission is free! Next year, Wendy will pursue her Master's degree in organ at the U of A.

NEW RECORDING from Cindy Morgan – “*Hymns – Some Glad Morning*”. This is a wonderful new work of old classics done in Cindy style. The CD is available on her website at: www.cindymorganmusic.com I would recommend it for your library! Dale

NEW CRC WEBSITE There's a new way to connect with others in the CRC about church ministries. You can ask questions, share experiences, get resources, read blogs, and more. It's called ***The Network*** and it covers dozens of ministry areas and roles. Check it out at www.crcna.org/Network

WORLD MISSIONS - Get out your paints, markers, and crayons . . . it's Poster Time! Christian Reformed World Missions' 2010 Poster Contest has begun. Create a poster with a missions theme and send it in to CRWM by April 16. Winning posters will be selected according to the following age categories: 6 and under, 7-8, 9-10, and 11 and above. For more information, talk to your Sunday School administrator and Missions Advocate or click on the “Get Involved” tab on www.crwmm.org

WITH THE DESTRUCTION of nearly all the schools and churches during 20 years of civil war in Southern Sudan, there are very few qualified teachers or leaders left to re-establish these institutions. As refugees begin to return to their ancestral homes, the need is very great. The Bible League of Canada is working with local church leaders to train church planters who will establish new churches in their communities. Marvellous stories of church growth and passionate new believers continue to flow out of Southern Sudan. Praise God for His faithfulness to the Sudanese people as they continue to build from the ashes!
The Bible League of Canada, www.bibleleague.ca

Today's Laugh

“Conductor Problem”

The symphony musicians had little confidence in the person brought in to be their new conductor. Their fears were realized at the very first rehearsal. The cymbalist, realizing that the conductor did not know what he was doing, angrily clashed his instruments together during a delicate, soft passage. The music stopped. The conductor, highly agitated, looked angrily around the orchestra, demanding, “Who did that? Who did that?”

Birthday Greetings!

Mar	23	Matt Pierik
		Antonia Teuling
	24	Theresa Harmse
	25	Chris Brouwer
	26	John Teuling
	27	Henk Jentink
		Merle Oosterhoff
		Elaine Bernard

Serving next week...

Greeter: Egon Gregersen
Helping Hands: Harvey Sypkes
Coffee: Bob/Sharyn Lodewyk
Nursery: Sharyn Lodewyk/Don Wielinga

Stewardship notes....

Today's Tithes and Offerings:

First Church Ministry Budget
Red Deer Hospice

Future Offerings:

Mar 28 – Friendship
Apr 1 – Shalom Counselling
Apr 4 – World Missions

This week at First Church...

Today	6.00p	Foundations II
	6.00p	Evening Gathering
Mon	7.00p	Friendship
Tues	9.30a	Coffee Break
	7.30p	Evening Coffee Break
	7.30p	Council meeting
Wed	12.30p	KEYS
	6.45p	Drama Team
	7.30p	Youth Band
Sunday	10.00a	Morning Worship
	3.30p	Afrikaans 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.