

# Jesus is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Sunday, April 4, 2010 – *Resurrection Sunday*

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**

Opening of Service – Monologue – *Kelsie Bakker*

\*Hymn of Praise – *PsH 388*

*“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”*

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

\*God’s Greeting

\*A Time of Friendship (*children to the front*)

Musical selections – *Sunday School Children*

We Praise the Risen Saviour

*“How Great is Our God”*

*“All Heaven Declares”*

Service of Reconciliation

Call to Confession – *“Come to Us, Beloved Saviour”*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon – *1Corinthians 15: 20-23*

God’s Will for Our Lives – *Philippians 2: 1-11*

Song – *PsH 387 “Alleluia, Alleluia”*

Prayer for Guidance

Scripture Reading – *Luke 24: 1-12*

Message – **He’s Alive**

\*Hymn of Response – *PsH 405*

*“I Serve a Risen Saviour”*

Pastoral Prayer/Offertory Prayer

Our Tithes & Offerings

First Church Ministry Budget

World Missions

Offertory – *“The Holy City” Melody McKnight, oboe*

\*Blessing

\*Doxology – *“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”*

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## Serving Today...

**Greeter:** Roland Goulet

**Helping Hands:** Allan Andersen

**Nursery:** Chris/Corina Harder, Barb Thompson

## FIRST CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

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

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## 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: Leon & Connie Oosterhoff

**FOUNDATIONS II** does not meet tonight. See you all next week.

**THANK YOU** to all who helped build the set items for Easter. Nick Korver – table, Gord/Lynette Klootwyk-benches, Jonathan Drok, bench. Your contribution to the productions is greatly appreciated! Thank you for the wonderful work!

**ANNUAL REPORTS** Hey Team leaders; I have yet to receive any reports for 2009! The congregation meeting is scheduled for April 21 so I need them to the office by April 15 latest. Thank you. Dale

**CHANCEL CHOIR** We begin our rehearsal on April 8<sup>th</sup> with a potluck dinner at 6.30p! The food request is as follows: Soprano/Alto – main dish/salad. Tenor/Bass – dessert. Buns and coffee etc will be provided. Looking forward to seeing all choir members again! Dale

**THE FREEDOM SINGERS** will be here in concert at First Church, this Saturday, April 10 at 7.00p. 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.

**WINE & ROSES** will meet this Wednesday at 10.00a. Join us for some fellowship, coffee, and Bible study. All seniors welcome!

**FROM THE LIBRARY** Did you ever have to explain dying and death to your little ones? We have just purchased two good books on this subject, with very simple text and excellent illustrations. “Jenny” by Stephanie Jeffs – coming to terms with the death of a sibling. “Josh” (same author) – coming to terms with the death of a friend. We also have “My Grandma has Gone to Heaven” by Alex Foxhall. Lost: A series of 4 video’s “The Visual Bible” – Acts. We have the cards but the person who took them forgot to fill in the info. Maybe one of the study groups has them? Let us know please.

**30-HOUR FAMINE** fundraising has started! Please support the youth in their plans to raise funds for World Vision’s work in countries around the world! On April 15 starting at 6pm the youth will be doing a 30 hour fast

ending at midnight on April 16th. Last year our youth were one of the top fund-raising groups in central Alberta!

**SERVE DINNER** is scheduled for Saturday, May 1st! Please mark the date on your calendar! Further details to follow!

**BOTTLE DRIVE** The youth will be having a bottle drive shortly after Easter! So please sign up on the youth bulletin board if you need your bottles picked up or feel free to drop them off at the church!

**NOTICE TO PARENTS** We are kindly asking that all small children be restrained from playing in the sanctuary after the worship service. There are many items on the chancel that could cause injury if played with. The instruments are off limits as well. Thank you.

**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!

### *Youth Happenings....*

-***Acts of Light*** drama team will next meet on April 14.  
-***Young Adults Retreat*** for all young adults in Classis Alberta North will take place on the weekend May 28-30 in Jasper. The cost per person is \$100.00. You will be staying at the Amethyst Lodge in Jasper. The speaker is Ryan Pedde of Bethel CRC in Edmonton and the worship team is “North of Tomorrow,” a group of young men from Lacombe. Check out [www.canyouthministry.com](http://www.canyouthministry.com) for further details (activities, schedule etc.) including a poster and registration form. Registrations must be in by May 10th. Contact Cathy if you are interested in going!

## **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 Bethany Baptist Church.

**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.

**RENOWNED PANFLUTIST** Liselotte Rokyta from the Czech Republic and Dutch-Canadian organ virtuoso Andre Knével are returning to Central Alberta as part of their Western Canada tour. The concerts will take place in the following locations:

Wed. April 14, - First CRC Rocky Mtn House, AB. (\$10 /pers-\$25 /fam.) Ph. 403.729.2770

Thurs. April 15, - Parkland Reformed Church, Ponoka, AB. (free-will offering) (8 km south on Hwy 2A, ½ km west on Spruce Rd.) Ph. 403.885.2782

Program will consist of improvisations, classical, sacred and gospel music. Net proceeds to a charitable organization.

**VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT** A fun, competitive, co-ed (3 guys, 3 girls) VB Tournament on April 10 at CACHS gym. Cost is \$60/team and proceeds will go to charity. Call Jen Zuidhof @ 403.782.6672 by April 5 to enter your team.

**EASTER TO PENTECOST DEVOTIONAL** - Christian Reformed Home Missions and Christian Reformed World Missions Easter through Pentecost devotional starts today. To sign up for, or download this joint CRHM-CRWM devotional go to [www.crcna.org/powerofthegospel](http://www.crcna.org/powerofthegospel).

**WE SERVE A RISEN LORD!** Hallelujah! To know and understand how God wants us to live our lives in His service, we need to spend time, daily, reading the Bible and in prayer. The Bible League of Canada (TBLC) is committed to providing Canadian churches and individuals with the resources that they need to practice this important daily discipline of listening and talking with God. Partnering with local churches to reach Canadians is an important aspect of our ministry here in Canada. Bibles for evangelism, Devotional Planners for discipleship, Bible studies for mentorship: please pray for all of these ministry opportunities in Canada! The Bible League of Canada, [www.bibleleague.ca](http://www.bibleleague.ca)

**GEARING UP FOR CAMP REHOBOTH** We need your help! Please join us for our first work bee at the camp. The date is April 14 at 9.00am. Even an hour or two is appreciated! Lunch will be provided. Call Hidde or Jackie at 403.782.7071 for more info.

**THE KING'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CHOIRS** invite you to their concert "Since the Art Song" on Monday,

April 19 at 8.00pm in the Winspear Centre, with special guest, international opera star, Pavlo Hunka (bass-baritone) and Dnipro Ensemble. Tickets are available at the Winspear Box Office 780.428.1414 and King's Bookstore 780.465.8306. Tickets are \$20/Adult, \$15/Students, seniors and alumni, \$5/children under 12.

**FROM PASTOR HERMAN'S DESK:** There's a great deal of confusion in our world about how one becomes a Christian. The cue is often taken from the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus (John 3) where Jesus makes it clear that he had to be born again to be a true follower of the Lord as a citizen of the Kingdom of God. And so today, the cry goes out: "You must be born again to be a Christian!"

But that immediately raises the question in the bosom of whoever hears that call, "How can I be born again? What must I do to achieve it?" And so, many years ago, Billy Graham wrote a book about it entitled, *How to Be Born Again*.

However, such a book only clouds the issue. Do you know of anyone who brought about their own birth? Did you arrange yours? Hardly! It was the Lord who, through the cooperation of your parents, arranged for you to come into existence. You didn't have any choice in the matter. All you did was to cry out for air when you came from your mother's womb and to get you started, the doctor probably gave you a smack on your bum!

Can anyone arrange their own re-birth? Can anyone choose to be born again? Hardly. It's the Spirit of God who brings it about. But when He brings that new birth about, you immediately begin to cry out like a believer -- you begin to believe in Jesus and seek to live his way which is a quest that continues all through your life.

Hence, if someone were to ask you, "When were you born again?" your answer has to be, "I have no idea. All I know is **THAT** I have been born again, because I love Jesus and want to walk in His way." We know the wind is blowing when we see what it does. It makes a noise and it moves things around. So also, we know that we (or anyone else) has been born again when we (and they) begin to do what born again people do, namely, believe in Jesus and to build their life on all that he did and said.

What must I do to be born again? That's not the question! Rather, the all important question is: Do you believe in Jesus? Are you seeking to live according to all that he did and taught? If you are busy with that question, you can be sure that you have been born again and, if you listen carefully, you can probably hear the angels sing! - - Pastor Herman

### ***Birthday Greetings!***

Apr	5	Jacob Pikkert
	7	Jack van Vliet
	8	Francois Harmse

### ***Serving next week....***

**Greeter:** Bill Lodewyk  
**Helping Hands:** Drok family  
**Coffee:** Don/Maureen Wielinga  
**Nursery:** Carly Duduman, Connie Sypkes

### ***Stewardship notes....***

#### ***Today's Tithes and Offerings:***

First Church Ministry Budget  
World Missions

Future Offerings:  
Apr 11 – Benevolent Fund  
Apr 18 - GEMS

### ***This week at First Church...***

<b>Wed</b>	9.00a	Adult Day Program
	10.00a	Wine & Roses
	12.30p	KEYS
	7.30p	Education Team meeting
<b>Thurs</b>	6.30p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sat</b>	7.00p	Freedom Singers Concert
<b>Sunday</b>	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](http://www.firstcreddeer.org) for current information.***