

Jesus is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Sunday, April 18, 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

"Shout to the North"

Welcome/Announcements

*Call to Worship

*Song – *"I Lift My Eyes Up"*

*God's Greeting

*Hymns of Praise to God

"Blessed Be Your Name"

"Be Unto Your Name"

*A Time of Friendship

Service of Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession – PsH 268

"Lord, I Pray"

Assurance of Pardon

We Live Empowered – PsH 424

"Spirit of the Living God"

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – Daniel 9: 1-24

Lord's Day Q & A 117 – page 916

Message – **The Gift of Prayer**

*Hymn of Response – PsH 579

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Pastoral/Offertory Prayer

Our Tithes & Offerings

First Church Ministry Budget

GEMS

*Blessing

*Doxology – *"These Are the Days of Elijah"*

Serving Today...

Greeter: Tini Wind

Helping Hands: Jim Seinen

Nursery: Jo-Ann Bomhof, Yvonne Dubois

FIRST CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

...our condolences to **Leida Salomons** on the passing of her brother-in-law, Allan Konyonenbelt.

...**Annie Vandermost** remains in the Intensive Care Unit at the Red Deer hospital. She continues to find peace and comfort through her risen Lord.

...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. This morning we celebrate the **89th** birthday of **Cor Bruin!** Cake will be served!

Your hosts today: Gerry & Jane Sanguin

FOUNDATIONS II tonight 6.00p.

STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER Tonight at 6.00p we come together believing "Our Father Loves Us" and that he helps us and teaches us to pray. We believe all the stanzas of PsH 265 in the Psalter Hymnal.

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY At 3.00p next Sunday, April 25 the annual Friendship Sunday service will be held at the Recreation Centre at Michener. Bussing arrangements have become difficult so it is easier for us to go to their venue rather than they come to ours. Put it in your plans to be there to show support for those who, each Monday evening, spend time with their clients. The clients too, really appreciate our presence and love to offer their hospitality as they welcome us to their home.

TALENT SHOW The SERVE 2010 team is recruiting performers for our talent show portion of the SERVE Dinner on May 1st. If you play an instrument, sing, act, or whatever special talent you may have and you'd like to participate in the talent show...please contact Rob Wagenaar!

30-HOUR FAMINE Thank you to those who supported the youth during the 30 Hour Famine!

SERVE DINNER is scheduled for Saturday, May 1st! Tickets are available at the kiosk after the worship service. Please come for a wonderful dinner to support the SERVE Team.

BOTTLE DRIVE The youth will be having a bottle drive shortly! 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!

LOOKING AHEAD....

April 25, 3.00p – Friendship Sunday at Michener Centre

May 2, 10.00a – the morning worship will be led by Rev. Steven Koster of Back to God Ministries

May 30, 6.00p – "Hymn Sing" This will conclude our evening services for this season.

Youth Happenings....

-**Acts of Light** drama team Wednesday – 6.45p.

-**SERVE Team** – remember to be at the church on Saturday, May 1st at 2.00p for dinner set-up and Sunday, May 2nd is the commissioning service.

-**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 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 all the Para-church organizations in Red Deer.

THIS SPRING WE ASK YOU to show your support for the mission of The King's University College. Prayerfully consider making a gift in addition to contributions made to King's through your church. Annual spring donations are a vital part of the university's existence. To contribute to Spring Campaign 2010, please send your gift using the form that was mailed to you. If you have not received Spring Campaign information in the mail, additional copies are available in the information rack. Please feel free to take one if you are interested. Contact the Development Office at 780-465-8314 or development@kingsu.ca with comments or questions. Thank you for supporting Christian education at King's!

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.

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.

MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST The annual Breakfast is to be held from 7.00a to 8.45a on Wednesday, April 28 at the Parkland Pavilion, Westerner Park. A table of eight is \$185. So far we have four people committed. If you are interested in attending and sitting at First Church's table, please contact either Pastor Gary or Elder Dick VandenBrink.

HAITI EARTHQUAKE UPDATE - CRWRC has begun construction of 900 transitional shelters and will soon begin building 720 permanent homes for earthquake survivors in Haiti. To assist with this process, CRWRC is hoping to hire three new staff members (a project manager, construction manager, and finance and administration manager). Priority will be given to qualified applicants who are currently living or have in the past lived in Haiti. For more information, please visit www.crwrc.org or contact Doreen at dhooqviets@crwrc.org.

CRWRC - The people of western China are reeling after 6 major earthquakes struck in just 3 hours on Wednesday. Hundreds of homes were destroyed in this farming area and thousands are now in need of immediate assistance. CRWRC is responding through the work of its partner organizations, providing emergency food and supplies. To support this effort, please mark your donation "China Earthquake 2010" and send it to CRWRC, 3475 Mainway, PO Box STN LCD 1, Burlington, ON, L7R 3Y8. Or give online at www.crwrc.org or by calling 1-800-730-3490.

SHALOM CELEBRATES An evening to celebrate God's faithfulness. May 16, 2010 – 7.00p at Kentwood Alliance Church. Refreshments to follow. Guest speaker, Ian Hartley; music by Jeff Lehman, Dallas Lundell, and Dave Grob; and update information and opportunities to partner with Shalom Counselling. More info on the bulletin board.

HINDU FUNDAMENTALIST GROUPS in India are so alarmed by the deep impact of ministries like The Bible League of Canada and other Christian groups that they are mounting massive anti-Christian campaigns. One group is circulating a slide presentation, full of false claims, designed to terrify Hindus and spur them to act. And they have reason to "fear": whole regions are turning to Jesus! Influential personalities are trusting in Christ! New believers are sharing their faith

enthusiastically! Praise the Lord for these breakthroughs. Please pray for continued spiritual growth in India The Bible League of Canada, www.bibleleague.ca

FROM PASTOR HERMAN'S DESK: Some Bible passages cannot but make one wonder: "Can this be true?" Take Luke 12.5: "But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him." Is. 8.13 is similar: "The LORD Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy, he is the one you are to fear, he is the one you are to dread," Are we supposed to be afraid of God? Is he that terrifying?

The Bible often speaks of the "fear of God" but we interpret that to mean, not that we are to be **afraid** of him, but rather that we are to **revere** him. He deserves our reverence and we may not take him or his words and works for granted.

Such passages drove me to look up the passages in the Bible that speak of God's wrath and anger. There are a host of such passages, some even speaking of God's "fierce anger" and "wrathful fury." It drives one to an appreciation of Heb. 10.31: "It is a dreadful (fearful) thing to fall into the hands of the living God." Indeed, dealing with the holy God is frightening!

God called the children of Israel out of Egypt, led them through the wilderness for forty years and provided for their needs in miraculous ways. He brought them into the Promised Land that "flowed with milk and honey." They were "his people." Yet, these "children of God" turned away from him and followed after other gods, thereby corrupting themselves to become arrogantly unjust, unloving, selfish, hypocritical and greedy in their dealings with each other, neglecting to "care for the orphan and widow and to keep themselves unspotted from the world." Therefore God turned against them in furious anger. Just read the first few chapters of Jeremiah!

Are we perhaps doing the same as ancient Israel? Have we begun to take God's love and mercy for granted and to think, "God will always forgive us; after all, he's a God of love and he'll always be gracious toward us." Oh? If he could become so furious with his Old Testament people, could he not become furious with his New Testament people too?

There was good reason for the tradition to call us to self-examination the Sunday before we would celebrate the Lord's Supper. We don't do that anymore. As a result, are we taking God's goodness for granted? Shouldn't we perhaps stand in fear of who God is and what he could do with us? Something awesome to think about, isn't it? - - Pastor Herman

Birthday Greetings!

Apr	18	John Jonker
	19	Sadie Bylisma
	20	Amanda Windhorst Benjamin Brunner
	21	Pam Teuling Ethel VandenBrink
	22	Parker Sanguin
	23	Jim TenHove
	24	Harry Veenstra Johanna Wiersma

Stewardship notes....

Today's Tithes and Offerings:

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Future Offerings:
Apr 25 – Cadets
May 2 – Noah's Ark Playschool

This week at First Church...

Today	6.00p	Foundations II
	6.00p	Evening Gathering
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
	7.30p	Cong Life Team (Elders)
Wed	9.00a	Adult Day Program
	12.30p	KEYS
	6.45p	Drama team
	7.30p	Congregation Meeting
Thurs	7.30p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
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.

Serving next week...

Greeter: Gerry Loonstra
Helping Hands: Dave Bomhof
Coffee: Gord/Ger Klootwyk
Nursery: Anita Andersen, Donna Kooiman