

Jesus is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Sunday, April 25, 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 Songs

"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

"Be Exalted, O God"

Welcome/Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Hymn of Praise – PsH 237

"We Praise You, O God"

*A Time of Friendship

GEMS Ministry Presentation

Cadet's Ministry Presentation

Song – PsH 292

"Living for Jesus"

Service of Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God's Rule for Life

Song – "My Life is in You Lord"

Prayer for Guidance

Scripture Reading – Romans 8: 12-17; Luke 11: 5-13

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Message – **Prayer: No Worries**

*Hymn of Response – PsH 440

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

Pastoral/Offertory Prayer

Our Tithes & Offerings

First Church Ministry Budget

Cadet's

*Blessing

*Doxology – PsH 634

"Father, We Love You"

Serving Today...

Greeter: Gerry Loonstra

Helping Hands: Dave Bomhof

Nursery: Anita Andersen, Donna Kooiman

FIRST CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

...our condolences are extended to **Alice/Alfred Prins** and their family with the passing, early Friday morning in Ontario, of Alice's father, Ed Kamminga who was 88. Recently Alice spent a number of week in her hometown and is now especially grateful to have had that opportunity to be with and minister to her parents.

...**Annie Vandermost** remains in Unit 32 at the Red Deer hospital where her condition seems to have stabilized.

...congratulations to **Tom & Henny Sypkes** who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past Thursday. We join them in praising and thanking God for the gift of love, commitment, family, and friends. A more formal celebration is to take place next month.

...**Pastor Gary** leaves for Chicago Wednesday morning to attend the Spring Board meeting of Back to God Ministries International and he hopes to be back late Friday evening.

...Remember the many people who are unable to worship with us regularly due to illness or age including **Lies Visser, Nell Drost, Mrs. Spykma, 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 **70th** birthday of **Harry Veenstra!** Cake will be served!
Your hosts today: Gord & Ger Klootwyk

FOUNDATIONS II Foundations II tonight is wind up night! Each class is going to the following homes for a BBQ, games, and fun! Parents please drop your children off at 6:00pm and pick them up at 7:30pm. Thank you! Grades 6-8 are at Meg Hessel's house (189 Duval Crescent); Grades 9-10 are at Trent Nicolay's house (45 Archer Drive); Grades 11-12+ are at Dave Tilstra's house (22 Dalton Close). Have a wonderful evening!

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY TODAY at 3.00p at the Recreation Centre at Michener. 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.

SERVE DINNER is scheduled for this Saturday, May 1st! Tickets are available at the kiosk after the worship service. Please come for a wonderful dinner to support the SERVE Team. ***Today is the last day to get your tickets!***

NEXT SUNDAY Rev. Steven Koster, director of English broadcasting of BGMI, will be here to preach in the morning worship.

BOTTLE DRIVE The SERVE Team will be having a bottle drive on Thursday, May 6! Please sign up on the youth bulletin board if you need your bottles picked up!

WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEB Sermon's from First Church are now available on the church's web page. Scroll down the home page and click on 'Sermon's from First Church'. Also, Noah's Ark has a new page designed by their RDC practicum student. Go to Ministries and click on Noah's Ark.

ALL SENIORS are invited to enjoy a day at the Calgary Zoo – Wednesday, May 19th. We are planning on leaving the church at 9.00am and hope to be home by 6.00pm. \$40 will pay for the trip and ticket to the Zoo and a guided tour. Please reply to Eveline VanderSchee @ 403.885.4387 or Pastor Herman @ 403.342.8870 by May 5th. "ALL are invited whether you think you are a senior or not!"

DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT HAVE YOU We believe in the Holy Spirit but does He have our heart. Scripture, Prayer, and Meditation are the important exercises to be in God's gymnasium. Today you receive notes on meditation as Isaac did (Gen 24:63) and Mary (Luke 2:19). It's deeply encouraging to meditate on the deep things of God's Word and Spirit. *Pastor Jack*

BRIDAL SHOWER Ladies, please join us on May 11 for a bridal shower for Rachel Konynenbelt. The shower begins at 7.00pm. Please RSVP to Sue Elgersma or Yvonne Prins.

ATTENTION COFFEE BREAK LADIES Just a reminder to be at the church no later than 9.00a, this Tuesday. We will be car pooling to the Pregnancy Care Centre to do our community project. See you then!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – JULY 5-9

We are excited to once again have the opportunity to host VBS for children ages 4-Grade 6 of our community. Our theme this year is "Hero Headquarters-where kids join forces with God." VBS is always a fun week as we work together to serve our community. Opportunities to serve include: teacher, classroom helper, early morning activities, kitchen, drama, nursery, data base, crafts, games, registration, sound, and power point. We encourage all youth entering Grade 7 and higher to be involved! We would love to hear any ideas you might have for enhancing our program. To volunteer or for more info, please contact Michelle Driedger 403-309-8855 or Connie Sypkes 403-340-8373. Looking forward to hearing from you and working with you as together we share the good news with children of our community!

NEWSLETTERS available today at the kiosk in the west hallway: *Credo Magazine, MAF – from the Weenink's.*

LOOKING AHEAD....

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.

June 13 – Chancel Choir Concert

Youth Happenings....

-**Acts of Light** drama team Wednesday – 6.45p. We will **NOT** meet on Wed, May 5th.

-**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 the Christian Schools in Red Deer.

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.

GEARING UP for Rehoboth Camp. Many thanks to those who helped at our first work bee. We are now on our final stretch. Our last work bee this spring will be April 28 at 9.00a. An hour or two of help is much appreciated! Lunch will be provided. Call Hidde or Jackie @ 403.782.7071 for more info.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE - 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 dhoogvliets@crwrc.org.

GET HELP WITH MINISTRY PROGRAMS - Ever wondered how other churches do their ministries? Now you can find out. On the CRC's new Network website you can ask questions, get advice, and find support from people across the CRC who are doing ministry just like you. So whether you're a Sunday school teacher, deacon, worship leader, sound technician, prayer coordinator, or involved in any other area of

ministry, there's a network for you. Post your questions on www.crcna.org/Network.

FROM PASTOR HERMAN'S DESK: The Bible often speaks of the wrath of God in frightening terminology. Reading the writings of the Old Testament prophets who spoke out against the ungodliness and idolatry of the children of Israel and Judah makes for very sober reading. I can understand it when I hear some people say that they don't want to have anything to do with that Old Testament God. He is more like a tyrant than a God of love.

Last week, I mentioned that I looked up all those passages in the Bible (both Old and New Testaments) that speak of the wrath and anger of God. That was hard on me and made me raise a lot of agonizing questions!

However, it became wonderfully liberating when I began to sense **WHY** God was angry with his Old Testament people. They were his people, of course, and he had done a lot for them out of his gracious love and fervent mercy. But those people turned against him. They insisted on their **own way**. In their arrogance, they not only ignored the God who had done so much for them; they also considered themselves worthy of all that they could obtain. After all, they were the "good guys" and the gentiles were the "bad guys" that still needed redemption.

With such an attitude, life becomes corrupted and sure enough, the children of Israel continued their rituals but forgot about what the Lord was really after, namely, to care for the fatherless, the widow, the poor, the mistreated, the neglected multitudes among them and their neighbouring nations. They simply forgot (ignored) their calling and were only interested in having their own way.

However, there are also those who struggle to live the way the Lord wants them to live. They feel guilty when they fail; they know that they frequently "miss the mark." They fall short of what they ought to be busy doing, which is true of every one of us in this congregation! We may be on the way to absolute perfection, but we certainly are not there yet by a long shot!

But here is the liberating good news: those who are struggling, yearning, wrestling to live His way is the ones God loves to save! The Pharisee prayed, "Lord, I thank you that I'm not like that evil guy over there." The tax-collector prayed, "Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner!" And you know which one received the Lord's favour, don't you? Awesome, isn't it?

- - Pastor Herman

Birthday Greetings!

Apr	25	Nicole VandenBrink
	28	Jeanette Rogers
	29	Ashley Oostenbrug
	30	Mike Sandstra

Stewardship notes....

Today's Tithes and Offerings:

First Church Ministry Budget
Cadets

Future Offerings:

May 2 – Noah's Ark Playschool
May 9 – Rehoboth

Our giving – April 11/18

Budget	\$18,286.00
GEMS	\$ 1,388.00
Benevolent Fund	\$ 873.00

Serving next week....

Greeter: Nicolay family
Helping Hands: George Groeneveld
Coffee: Sid/Pat Brouwer
Nursery: Sharon Stange, Sonya Wagenaar

This week at First Church...

Today	3.30p	Afrikaans Worship
	6.00p	Foundations II
Mon	6.30p	GEMS/Cadets
	7.00p	Friendship
Tues	9.30a	Coffee Break
	7.30p	Evening Coffee Break
	7.30p	Council meeting
Wed	9.00a	AB Health Services
	9.00a	Adult Day Program
	12.30p	KEYS
	6.45p	Drama team
Thurs	7.30p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Fri		GEMS Sleepover
Sat		SERVE Dinner
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.