

Jesus is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Sunday, May 16, 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

Welcome/Announcement

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Hymns of Praise

"God We Sing Your Glorious Praises"

"He is Exalted"

*A Time of Friendship (Children dismissed)

Service of Reconciliation

Call to Confession

"Children from Your Vast Creation"

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God's Direction for Our Lives

Song – PsH 545

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading – Romans 8: 18-39

Message – More Than Conquerors

*Hymn of Response – PsH 500

"How Firm a Foundation"

Pastoral/Offertory Prayer

Our Tithes & Offerings

Denomination Ministry Shares

(One collection only)

*Blessing

*Doxology – PsH 195

"Our God Reigns"

Amanda Lindhout Presentation

Serving Today...

Greeting: Pete Pierik

Helping Hands: Mike Sandstra

Nursery: Jim/Michelle Driedger, Beatty Vriend

FIRST CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

...**Annie Vandermost** is now a patient at the Red Deer Hospice. She is still very alert, but physically her condition is weakening. She prays that the Lord may soon take her home.

...congratulations to **Joel & Kyla Warkentin** who were united in marriage yesterday. May God bless them and be acknowledged Lord of their lives.

...pray for **Maurice Lagoutte** who has been diagnosed with liver cancer and is now in palliative care at the hospital. Maurice is son-in-law of Henry/Rika Kranenborg.

...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.**

EVERLASTING
PRAISE

FIRST CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

YOU ARE INVITED to a time of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall after the morning worship service. Today we celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of **John and Martha Jonker**. Cake will be served with coffee today!

Your hosts today: Harvey & Connie Sypkes

WELCOME to Amanda Lindhout. We give thanks to God for His amazing mercy and grace in your life. May God continue to bless you with His love and guidance.

WINE & ROSES There's a group of us who will be going by bus to the Calgary Zoo this Wednesday and we still have room for more! Why not join us for a day of good fellowship with some sights and sounds that we ordinarily do not see or hear. Even if you are not a senior, you are still welcome to join us. We meet at the church at 9:00 am; we'll be favoured with a guided walking tour (and the walking is not strenuous); we'll have lunch at the zoo's café and we hope to be home again by 6:00 pm. Cost is about \$46 which includes the cost for the bus and entrance fee to the zoo.

YOUNG ADULTS You are invited to a BBQ at the Sypkes' home TODAY after the worship service. Contact Thomas Sypkes for more info.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – JULY 5-9

VBS planning is going GREAT! Thanks to ALL the volunteers who have come forward so far. This year's VBS is looking GOOD! We still are in need of a few more people to help us make this work. We are looking for only 4 more teachers, 2 people to help us out with some games, and 2 nursery people (only for the Tuesday and Thursday of the week). VBS will be happening from July 5 - 9, from 9:00 till 11:30 in the morning. If you feel that you could help us out during the week in any way we would love to hear from YOU!! Please give us a call: Michelle Driedger 403.309.8855 or Connie Sypkes 403.340.8373

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN begins today and ends on Father's Day in June. You can bring your FULL bottles back anytime and give to one of the Deacons or Greeters.

NEWSLETTERS available today at the kiosk in the west hallway: Russian Realm – Timmerman's

LOOKING AHEAD....

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 is finished for the ministry year. See you all in September!

..**Games night** for all youth grades 7-12 is scheduled for Sunday, May 16th from 6-8pm at the church! Please bring your favourite snack to share and a water gun...be prepared to get wet! See you there!

..**Congratulations!** To all the youth graduating this year! May God bless you richly in the paths you take!

--**Youth Ministry Team** meets Wednesday, May 19 at 7.30p.

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 Deer Park Alliance Church.

SONRISE CAMP - Are you looking for a great place to send your teens for a week this summer? Then look no further. Sunrise Camp is a rustic camp that is located just minutes outside of Rocky Mountain House and is run by First Christian Reformed Church of Rocky. We provide a week of Bible lessons, WIDE games, trips to a local lake, exciting out trips, and much, much more! We offer two camps; one for ages 10 – 12 from July 4 – 9, 2010 and one for ages 13 – 15 from July 11 – 16, 2010. If you would like more information or registration forms, please contact Marie Aasman at mlaasman@hotmail.com or 403-845-4438.

CAMP COUNSELLORS - Are you looking for a great learning experience that will enrich your life? Why not try being a camp counsellor at Sunrise Camp run by First Christian Reformed Church of Rocky Mountain House. The camp is located just minutes from Rocky in a rustic setting. You will spend a week helping campers (either 10-12 year olds or 13-15 year olds) develop a deeper relationship with God through Bible lessons, fun games, awesome out trips and by just being a friend. If you would like more information or a volunteer application form, please contact Marie Aasman at mlaasman@hotmail.com or 403-845-4438.

THE ANNUAL RUN FOR THE SON fundraiser for the Christian Motorcyclists Association of Canada is once again underway. If you would like more information and/or would like to make a donation, please speak to either Ed or Marian Warkentin after the worship service or you can call @403.346.0134. Thank you for your support in this ministry.

IHANA is Red Deer's elite youth choir encompassing ages 14-21. The auditioned group meets Tuesday's between 6.30p - 8.30p and performs both contemporary and jazz formats. For more info, see the bulletin board or contact Lisa Ward @ lisaward@me.com.

CAMP SILVERSIDES is seeking a Camp secretary for June to the end of August. This is a paid position for approximately 30hrs per week. For more info contact 403.748.2689.

CACHS DRAMA 20/30 CLASS is pleased to present "*Murder at the Orient Express*" on June 2, 3, 4 in the CACHS Gym. Doors open at 6.30p and the show is at 7.00p. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by calling the school office at 403.782.4535.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - CRWRC-DRS is looking for a few good volunteers this summer to assist with disaster clean-up and rebuilding in Cedar Rapids, IA, and Munster, IN. Both skilled and unskilled workers are needed--individuals, couples, families and groups. Do you have a week you can give to help flood survivors recover from losing their homes and belongings? Make a difference this summer with CRWRC Disaster Response Services! To volunteer, call 1-800-848-5818, email drs@crwrc.org, or go to www.greenshirts.org to find out more.

CRWRC RESPONDS TO U.S. STORMS - Rev. Jerry Hoek sent word this week that members of Faith CRC in Nashville, TN, are all safe after last weekend's flooding. CRWRC is responding to this and other storms in the area including fierce weather in Rhode Island, New Jersey, and Tennessee, and tornadoes in Mississippi. Your financial support to fund these efforts can be mailed to CRWRC, 3475 Mainway, PO Box 070 STN LCD 1, or given online at www.crwrc.org and by phone at 1-800-730-3490.

FROM PASTOR HERMAN'S DESK While in high school, I worked part-time at Red Deer Motors (when it was located on the corner of 48th Street and Gaetz Ave.). I was a "Grease-monkey." It was my task to change the oil and lubricate the joints of the customers' cars. An older man in his 50's worked next to me and when he learned that I was intending to become a pastor, he began (and continued) to "needle" me (trying to "get my goat") by using a great deal of profane and vulgar language. At first, I expressed my irritation but the more I balked, the more vehement he became in the use of his disrespectful language.

That's the way it ordinarily goes now-a-days in our "post-Christian era." Mention anything that arises out

of our Christian faith and world-view in the public square and someone is sure to respond with vehement opposition. "Don't shove your Christianity down my throat!" Or, "Keep your Christianity to yourself!" Hence, we are very prone to just keep our faith to ourselves so that we don't cause any friction or bring about a more intense opposition to our faith and way of life.

But what do you do when you are surrounded with the excessive forms of profanity which is so very common in our work-a-day world?

I've heard (or did I read it somewhere?) of someone who took this approach: Whenever he heard a fellow worker or the like use profane language, he would say in a surprised tone of voice, "I didn't know you believed in God?" And if the profanity driven person objected to say, "Well, no, of course I don't believe in God!", then he would reply, "But you just asked Him to condemn that other person to hell! How can you do that if you don't believe in God?"

Such an approach can open doors for a fruitful discussion, but it depends on how approachable the other person is to consider an alternative set of words by which to express one's sentiments and feelings. Someone has said that "Profanity is the attempt of a feeble mind to express itself forcibly." But the big question is: "Do we even need to express ourselves forcibly?" Why not use common, ordinary language that anyone can understand and enjoy?

- - Pastor Herman

Today's Laugh

"Comments Never Heard in Church"

- Hey! It's my turn to sit in the front pew.
- I was so enthralled; I never noticed your sermon went 25 minutes over time.
- I volunteer to be the permanent teacher for the Foundations II class.
- I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before.
- Since we're all here, let's start the service early.
- Pastor Gary, we'd like to send you to this Bible conference in the Bahamas.
- Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like our annual ministry shares.

Birthday Greetings!

May	16	Daxon Bylsma Shane Dubois Alexis Duduman Cor Pikkert Jordyn Pikkert
	17	Jenna VanderVeen
	18	Ann Korver Wilma Sandstra Sheila Westera
	19	Gina Millis
	21	Dorothy Braaksma Darren Seinen
	22	Gloria van der Leek

Serving next week....

Greeter:

Helping Hands: Jeff Visser

Coffee: Herman/Cathy Nicolay

Nursery: Krista Dunstan, Kathryn Ludwig

Stewardship notes....

Today's Tithes and Offerings:

Denomination Ministry Shares – one collection

Future Offerings:

May 23 – Mortgage Reduction

May 30 – Central AB Pregnancy Care Centre

Deer Dollars/Giving Envelopes are available in the church office immediately after the morning service.

This week at First Church...

Today	3.00p	RD Symphony Chamber Concert
	6.00p	Youth Games Night
Tues	9.30a	Coffee Break
	5.30p	Step-Up
	7.30p	Worship & Arts Team
	8.00p	Slo-Pitch - Sunnybrook
Wed	9.00a	Adult Day Program
	12.30p	KEYS
	7.30p	Youth Ministry Team
Thurs	6.30p	Slo-Pitch - Rosedale
	7.30p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	8.00p	Slo-Pitch - Rosedale
Fri		Sypkes Function - Hall
Sunday	10.00a	Morning Worship

Library Hours: Tuesday: 9.30a – 11.30a
Sunday's – after am worship services

Check the church web site: www.firstcrreddeer.org for current information.