

Holy Spirit – Revive Us Anew!

Sunday, May 23, 2010 - Pentecost

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/Announcements

*Gathering Song

“Almighty”

*Call to Worship

*God’s Greeting

*Hymn of Praise to God – PsH 246

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

*A Time of Friendship

Pentecost Renewal

Song – PsH 416 vs. 1

“For Your Gift of God the Spirit”

A Prayer for Pentecost

Song of Commitment – PsH 419 vs. 1, 3, 5

“Spirit of God, Who Dwells within My Heart”

Prayer for Guidance

Scripture Reading – John 3: 1-21

Message – Spirit Gives Birth to Spirit

*Hymn of Response – PsH 415

“Spirit, Working in Creation”

Pastoral/Offertory Prayer

Our Tithes & Offerings

First Church Ministry Budget

Building/Mortgage Fund

*Blessing

*Doxology - “Lord Let Your Glory Fall”

Serving Today...

Greeting: Dan Wind

Helping Hands: Jeff Visser

Nursery: Krista Dunstan, Kathryn Ludwig

FIRST CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

...**Annie Vandermost** remains a patient at the Red Deer Hospice. She prays that the Lord may soon take her home.

...pray for the **Kranenborg** family during this time of loss. **Maurice Lagoutte** passed away last week. Maurice is son-in-law of Henry/Rika Kranenborg.

...the First Church family is invited to attend the wedding ceremony of **Brian Drok & Rachel Konynenbelt** to be held on June 6, 1.00pm at the Nobleford CRC.

...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. Today we celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of **Tom & Henny Sypkas**. Cake will be served with coffee today!

Your hosts today: Herman & Cathy Nicolay

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – JULY 5-9

VBS is coming quickly and we are still looking for some volunteers!! If you aren't busy the mornings of July 5-9 we could really use your help! We are still looking for 2 nursery people, 4 teachers, a few helpers, someone who could help with crafts or games, and anyone who knows how to work the sound and power point (Help!!!) If you can help in any way please give us a call: Michelle Driedger 403.309.8855 or Connie Sypkas 403.340.8373

SCRAPBOOKING If anyone is interested in a night of Scrapbooking – sharing ideas and supplies – contact Barbara Hessel (403.755.0902) and we can book a night. We will meet at the church; lots of room!

PARENTS AND YOUTH (all those entering grades 7-12 in the fall) are invited to a meeting to discuss the changes to youth ministry at First CRC on Sunday, June 13th after church in the Council room! There will be snacks available to everyone! So please come and join us and give your input to what you would like to see happen for youth in the fall!

SOCCER CAMP This year's camp is being run by Athletes in Action, where university soccer players come for the week and work with our campers on skill development, fun competitions, and exciting tournaments. We are asking for volunteers from grade nine and up to come and assist with the program; help coach and leading our campers through soccer drills, and tournaments. We also could use some volunteers to help with registration the morning of and someone to help in the kitchen. The camp is run from July 26-30, from 9am to 3pm. Contact Jeanette Nicolay through the church office or at the Welcome Center after church.

BILLETS NEEDED! In our sport camp contract with Athletes in Action we are required to billet the AIA staff. If you could open your home and provide housing and meals during the week of July 26-30 let Jeanette Nicolay know.

ARTS CAMP will be held August 9-13 from 9 am to 1130 am. We can only make this camp happen with some great volunteers! We have various roles that

need to be filled: teachers to teach creative areas, (drama, baking, painting, or anything else creative!) as well as people for registration, leading morning activities, and of course we need cookie bakers! This is a great opportunity for you to use your creative talents and your gifts to teach young campers. There are many ways for you to contribute this summer, and help make it a great one. Contact Jeanette Nicolay through the church office or at the Welcome Center after church.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD....

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

June 13 – Chancel Choir Concert

Youth Happenings....

.My Devotions summer booklets can be found in the east foyer and west foyer info racks.

-30 Hour Famine participants – your prizes are here! If you raised \$150 or more your prize is in Cathy's office on the shelf with your name on it. Please come and claim your prize – great job!

-Girls Night for girl's grades 7-12 is set for Friday, June 4th! We will have an '80s theme so come dressed in your favourite '80s outfit (ask your mom, I'm sure she has something ☺). We will create '80s hairdos and makeup at the church and have lots of other fun events planned. Please be at the church for 6pm on Friday and it's a sleepover so bring your sleeping bag too! Sign up on the youth bulletin board!

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

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 Family of Faith 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.

KAMP LONE PINE (2014 Camporee Site) All supporters of Cadet's – young and old – are invited to a day of fun, fellowship, and a work bee; Friday, May 28 from 6.00p – 10.00p. and Saturday, May 29 from 7.00a – 5.00p; come for breakfast at 7a or lunch at noon. A map can be found at woodynookcrc.org or call Frank Kuipers @ 403.782.5490 or Robert Salomons @ 403.598.9933.

CAMP COUNSELLORS - Are you looking for a great learning experience that will enrich your life? Why not try being a camp counsellor at Sonrise 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 @403.346.0134. Thank you for your support in this ministry.

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.

"VALUES EDUCATION" is a program that provides Bible-based classes to over 30,000 Filipino children in schools across the Philippines. Nearly 400 trained national volunteers follow a laid-out curriculum, teaching children about God and His love for them. Mountain Province was one of the most difficult to reach with the Gospel. Paganism controlled the people's lives for centuries. The Values Education Program (VEP) is only the beginning of a deliverance of the people from paganism and great poverty. "These children see the value of going to church with their families to hear God's Word and fellowship," a teacher says. "Teachers and parents are so thankful!" Please pray for the Values Education Program, and all the Filipino children whose lives are being transformed

by the power of the Gospel message! The Bible League of Canada, www.bibleleague.ca

FROM PASTOR HERMAN'S DESK My parents came to Canada as newlyweds in 1928. They expected never to see their parents again. It turned out that way too and so I never met my grandparents. Growing up in Canada in the 40's and 50's, I never expected to see the Netherlands either. Such travel was an utter impossibility in those days.

How times have changed! In the early 70's, charter airlines began to provide flights to Europe at reasonable (and do-able) rates and so my wife and I said to each other, "We're going to make it." Hence, in 1976 we visited London, England, and the Netherlands which afforded me the privilege of meeting a number of my uncles and aunts and a host of cousins.

Today, it's standard fare to travel to Europe. Some even do it every year! Besides that, we travel to the Caribbean, to Mexico, or to Hawaii for a time in the sun. Or we take a cruise to Alaska or the Panama Canal or we fly to the Mediterranean to visit the Grecian Islands of Santorini, Rhodes or Patmos. Our parents never dreamed of travelling to such places. The best they could do was to visit Banff or Jasper National Parks while we take travelling to far off places for granted.

I wonder how the Lord thinks about all this? What will He ask us on Judgment Day? Will he ask: "Did you get to see Hawaii? And Southern California? And Europe?" Or will he be more concerned about the poor, the homeless, and the destitute? Will he perhaps ask whether we spent an equal amount of money to alleviate their distress?

I must confess that I feel guilty about the trips I've taken the last decade or two. Why should we indulge in such luxuries while others in our own country and in the world are in such desperate need?

Add to this the homes we live in now - - CASTLES compared to the homes we grew up in! We have a kitchen, a dining room, a living room, several bedrooms plus a family room, a recreation room and a two-stall attached garage for our car and truck. Once again, we have homes that our parents never dreamed of having!

Have we come to think that our wealth is ours to do with it whatever **we** decide? Shouldn't we stop and think what the Lord would have us do? After all, it's **his** money and he has loaned it to us so that we will be enabled to do **his** will. Something awesome to think about, isn't it? - - Pastor Herman

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Birthday Greetings!

May	23	Diana Ehlers
	24	Nick VanderVeen
	25	Pam Pikkert Jane Visser
	27	Rylee Bodie Chad VandenBrink
	28	Val Meinema Beatty Vriend
	29	Pete Barthel Jenny TenHove

Stewardship notes....Today's Tithes and Offerings:

First Church Ministry Budget
 Building/Mortgage Fund

Future Offerings:

May 30 – Central AB Pregnancy Care Centre
 June 6 – Public Justice Resource Centre

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

Our giving – May 9/16

Budget	\$16,500.00
Rehoboth	\$ 850.00
Ministry Shares	\$ 3,376.00

This week at First Church...

Tues	7.30p	Council meeting
Wed	9.00a	Adult Day Program
	12.30p	KEYS
Thurs	6.30p	Slo-Pitch - Rosedale
	7.30p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sat	9.00a	Afrikaans Bible Study
Sunday	10.00a	Morning Worship
	3.30p	Afrikaans Worship
	6.30p	Hymn Sing

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: Ev Oosterhoff

Helping Hands: Floyd Groeneveld

Coffee: Jeff/Jane Visser

Nursery: Louise Rautenbach, Bruce/Michelle Sytsma