

# Come and Worship Our Great God!

Sunday, June 27, 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

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Gathering Song

"River of Fire"

Welcome/Announcements

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Hymn of Praise – PsH 249

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

\*A Time of Friendship (*children dismissed*)

Service of Reconciliation

Call to Confession – PsH 263 "Just As I Am"

Vs 1 – all sing

Vs 2 – men recite

Vs 3 – women recite

Vs 4 – all sing

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

We Live Forgiven

Prayer for Guidance

Scripture Reading – Isaiah 55, Matthew 6: 5 – 15

Lord's Day 51 – page 923

Message – Forgiving Power

\*We Respond in Song – PsH 260

"Not What My Hands Have Done"

Pastoral /Offertory Prayer

Our Tithes & Offerings

First Church Ministry Budget

Vacation Bible School

We Come to the Table – PsH 309

"Lift Up Your Hearts unto the Lord"

Communion

\*Blessing

\*Doxology – "You are My All in All"

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Serving Today...

**Greeting:** Bill Scholten

**Helping Hands:** Rolph Westera

## FIRST CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

...we extend condolences to **Alan Andersen** and the extended Andersen family with the passing, at age 53, of his brother, Barry. He had recently come through major heart surgery and was gradually getting back to work, when, a week ago Friday, he suffered a heart attack. May the Lord comfort those who grieve.

...pray for **Val Meinema** who is in Calgary being treated for complications arising from her broken leg from the accident last August.

...**Rea De Jong** is in Red Deer hospital being treated for a bacterial infection.

...**Albert de Wit** is back home again after having a pace maker inserted. His wife, Alice, is, at the present time at the Rimbey Care Centre.

...thank you to the First Church family for your prayers, support, cards, and flowers during our time of grief. We are thankful for a caring and loving church family.

### **The Westera family**

...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.**

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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: Wilf & Verla OpdenDries

**INSTALLATION** The installation, barring lawful objections, for Elders Art van Zanten and Harvey Sypkes and Deacons Roland Goulet and Bruce Sytsma is scheduled to take place during next Sunday's morning worship service. May the Lord bless and strengthen them, and through them bless our congregation.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – JULY 5-9**

Only one week to go! Many people were busy preparing for VBS this week! Thanks to Henk Vander Meulen for updating the VBS signs and to Harvey and Thomas Sypkes for hanging them up.

Our Fellowship Hall was a hive of activity Monday morning, as a group of ladies got together to cut out nametags and shapes for classroom identification. Thanks to Bep Barthel, Alie Oosterhoff, Hilda Smid, Ethel VandenBrink, Alice Groeneveld, Wilma Sandstra, Corry Badger, Linda Veenstra, Leida Salomons, Elly Vonkeman, and Geke Meilink, for all your work, and a special thank you to Ena Wamsteeker for organizing it all.

We also appreciate Nikki Van Loo and Yvonne and Elyse Dubois' help with painting the backdrop Monday afternoon. It looks great! In addition to all these activities, lessons, games, and crafts as well as kitchen supplies are all being looked after. Wonderful! As wonderful as all this is, it will only be worthwhile if we have children to share it all with. Please take the **insert** that is in your bulletin and **give it to a child or family** that you know would benefit from a week spent at VBS. If you need more, you can find them on the table in the foyer or at the welcome center. *On-line registration is available at [www.firstcrcredder.org](http://www.firstcrcredder.org).* If you have any questions/suggestions, give us a call: Michelle Driedger 403.309.8855 or Connie Sypkes 403.340.8373

**COOKIE BAKERS/SUPPLIERS** We hope you will be busy baking or shopping for VBS this week as your treats are always a highlight of our morning – home baked or store bought – we love them all! Thank you for supporting us in this way! Please continue to **pray** for everyone involved in VBS - that the Lord will already now be preparing the hearts of the children who will be attending for the message they will be hearing, and for our staff – that we will be open to the Spirit's leading and will work well together

as a team. Thank you all so much for your support and involvement!

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL** starts in one week so we are in need of teachers and helpers: July 4 – Sept 5. We need one teacher and at least two helpers for each week to lead the combined age 3 to Gr 3 class. Materials will be provided for each lesson. Please talk to Lena Drok @ 403.340.8251 or email: [meadowlark@telus.net](mailto:meadowlark@telus.net). Or just sign up on the sheet located on the Sunday School Bulletin board.

**THANK YOU** As you can read in Pastor Herman's column regarding his summer sabbatical, Council hereby conveys our deep appreciation to him for his visits, thought-provoking bulletin pieces, contributions to the PACE ministry and his scribal work at Council. It is our expressed hope that in September we may find ways to use his gifts and talents in a way which blesses him and our congregation. In the meantime he did agree to be available for any pastoral services required when Pastor Bomhof is away on vacation from July 19<sup>th</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup>.

**KNOW YOUR DEACONS** First CRC Red Deer has 6 deacons: Rika Kranenborg (chair), Brenda Bowman (secretary), John Tytsma, Bert Thompson, Dan Wind (retiring), Barb Hessel (retiring), and new to us in September: Roland Goulet and Bruce Systema. If you have any questions or concerns regarding stewardship or benevolence, please do not hesitate to approach one of us!

**A REMINDER** that baby bottles for the Pregnancy Care Centre can still be collected! Please leave your bottles with the deacons in the office after the service. Thank you for your generosity! - *The Deacons*

**SUMMER CAMPS!** Sign your kids up for a week of fun in the Soccer or Art Camp! Soccer camp is July 26-30 from 9 am to 3 pm! It is a full week of soccer, learning new skills, building friendships and each camper gets a free T-shirt! Art camp is August 9-13 from 9 am to 11:30 is. During the week kids will get the chance to be creative and make fun projects! Call the church office to register at 403-346-5659 before the camps are full!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** There are many ways to be involved in your church this summer. Are you going to step out and serve your community, your congregation and our Lord? We could use teachers for the Art Camp, people to help in the kitchen, and people to help out with registration. And of course we need people to donate cookies and fruit during the weeks. The weeks are July 26-30 and August 9-13, if you could help out all week or even a few days it would be

appreciated. Talk to Jeanette after the service or call the church office at 403-346-5659.

### **Youth Happenings....**

**-Youth Ministry Team** meets Monday, July 5 at 7.30p.  
**-SERVE Team** please plan to be at Cathy's – 22 Dalton Close, on Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6.00p for a BBQ! Please also check your emails for travel info. We leave in 20 days!

### **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 Gaetz Memorial United Church.

**CLASSIS ALBERTA NORTH AND FIRST CRC EDMONTON** are celebrating a Century of Grace... 100 years of the CRC in Northern Alberta! A special, Classis-wide service of celebration will be held on Sunday, October 17, 2010 (4 p.m.) at the Francis Winspear Centre in Edmonton. A mass choir is being assembled for this event (along with the Joyful Noise Children's Choir and Edmonton Christian High School Choir) and we're looking for singers! There will likely be three teaching rehearsals in September/October and one dress rehearsal on October 17. If this is of interest to you, please contact Elizabeth Stolte at 780-447-1453 or [cestolte@shaw.ca](mailto:cestolte@shaw.ca) by July 15, 2010, as we need to order enough music.

**REHOBOTH CAMP MINISTRY** We have 128 Campers registered for this summer's Camp Rehoboth programs. We are looking for volunteers to serve in the following capacity:

Senior's Week – June 28 – July 1:

2 cooks, 8 counsellors

Adult Week 1 – July 3 – 9:

2 cooks, 19 counsellors

Adult Week 2 – July 10 – 16:

2 cooks, 19 counsellors

Independent Week – July 17 – 23:

12 counsellors, 1 techie

Youth Week – July 24 – 30:

4 cooks, 10 counsellors, 1 teckie

If you have a week free this summer to serve Rehoboth as a volunteer, you are at least 16 years old (Counsellor's in training can be 14 yrs.), we ask you to prayerfully consider this opportunity! Please contact Linda Rosendal – [linda.rosendal@rehoboth.ab.ca](mailto:linda.rosendal@rehoboth.ab.ca) or call 780-968-8483. If you have been a volunteer at Camp Rehoboth in previous years, you can apply on-line at [http://www.rehoboth.ab.ca/camp\\_program.html](http://www.rehoboth.ab.ca/camp_program.html)

**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 [m1aasman@hotmail.com](mailto:m1aasman@hotmail.com) or 403-845-4438. (Registration deadline is June 25)

**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 [m1aasman@hotmail.com](mailto:m1aasman@hotmail.com) or 403-845-4438.

**FROM PASTOR HERMAN** Some eight years ago, my wife and I came to Red Deer and were very warmly welcomed by this congregation. When Pastor Jim Pot left for Ontario, we filled in the gaps as much as possible, doing a considerable amount of preaching, pastoral visiting and serving as advisor to the elders and the council.

When Pastor Gary arrived, I was asked to continue as a part-time "Pastoral Assistant" to visit the shut-ins, widowed and some of the seniors which we were happy to do. We then became involved, along with Pastor Gary, in developing the "PACE MINISTRY" by which some 15 members of the congregation were trained, charged and commissioned to visit with a number of members of this congregation (most of whom were shut-ins, singles, widowed and seniors) at which time I was told to visit less so as not to interfere with the PACE VISITORS. And a little over a year ago I volunteered to serve as the council's "scribe."

However, I have informed the council that I wish to be relieved of all these duties for the time being. My recent surgery and it's after effects have told me in dramatic fashion that I am not as young as I used to be and am no longer as able as I once was to do the things I've been accustomed to do. I am gaining in physical and emotional strength but it's taking longer than was expected. Hence, we thought we'd take a "sabbatical leave" for a few months to give me time to recuperate fully.

And then, perhaps next fall, if the council so wishes, we may take up the work again as before with full vigour and interest. Until then, we'll be nothing more than just a couple of ordinary members of this congregation.

This also means that this will be my last column for the church bulletin. It has been a very heart-warming surprise to hear so many express a great deal of appreciation for these columns, many saying that it's the first thing they look for when they open their bulletin on Sunday mornings and some even saying that these columns should be published. I'm sorry to have to disappoint such, but, as my father used to say: "All things in this life must come to an end, but remember, the best is yet to come!" May the peace of the Lord be with you all! - - Pastor Herman

### "Some Thoughts...."

- He who hesitates is probably right.
- Did you ever notice: the Roman numerals for forty (40) are 'XL'.
- The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so they can tell when they are really in trouble.
- There's always a lot to be thankful for if you can take time to look for it. For example I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt.
- The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.
- One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.
- Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've travelled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

### **Birthday Greetings!**

June	27	Pastor Gary
		Annegret Kotze
	29	Winnie Krikke
	30	Michelle Driedger
July	1	Louise Gregersen
	3	Tanner Duduman
		Minka Lodewyk
		Elsie McKinnon

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

<b>Mon</b>	2.00p	Memorial Service (Gordon Snell)
<b>Wed</b>	9.00a	Adult Day Program
<b>Sunday</b>	10.00a	Morning Worship

**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.

**Church office hours:** Tues – Fri; 9.00a – 3.00p unless posted otherwise.

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

**Greeter:** Dan Wind  
**Helping Hands:** Harvey Sypkes  
**Coffee:** Dick/Judy VandenBrink  
**Nursery:**

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

#### Today's Tithes and Offerings:

First Church Ministry Budget  
Vacation Bible School

Future Offerings:  
July 4 - CRWRC World Hunger Relief  
July 11 – Building/Maintenance

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