

Come, Let Us Worship

Sunday, August 15, 2010

We extend a special welcome to guests who join us today! Pastor Jack Hielema will bring the message this morning.

Children **ages 3 to grade 3** will be dismissed for *Summer 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

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Hymns of Praise

"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

"I Lift My Eyes Up"

*A Time of Friendship

Service of Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Song – PsH 591 "Saviour Like a Shepherd"

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song – "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

Prayer for Guidance

Recitation

Scripture Reading – Ezekiel 33: 7-16;

Acts 20: 28-38

Message – **All are Shepherd's; For Christ's Sake**

*Hymn of Response –

"When the Storms of Life are Raging"

Pastoral Prayer

Our Tithes & Offerings

Denominational Ministry Shares (one collection)

*Blessing

*Doxology – PsH 161 "The Lord's My Shepherd"

Serving Today...

Greeting: Egon Gregerson

Helping Hands: Jesse Mlynarski

Elder: Dick VandenBrink

FIRST CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

...after 5 weeks in Red Deer Hospital, **Louise Gregersen** was moved to the Red Deer Hospice last Thursday. Please remember her and the family in your prayers.

...**Dale** remains on vacation this week. Any office inquiries can be made to Elsie McKinnon.

...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 Rolf & Jacquie Westera are your hosts.

"IN A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY everything depends upon whether each individual is an indispensable link in a chain. Only when even the smallest link is securely interlocked is the chain unbreakable. A community which allows unemployed members to exist within it will perish because of them. It will be well, therefore, if every member receives a definite task to perform for the community, that he may know in hours of doubt that he, too, is not useless and unusable. Every Christian community must realize that not only do the weak need the strong, but also that the strong cannot exist without the weak. The elimination of the weak is the death of fellowship."

FIRST CRC HIKING TRIP On August 21 we will meet at the church at 7.00a and will return around 6.00p. We are car-pooling so you don't have to worry about driving alone. If you are interested in hiking you can contact Cory Fosty at 403.885.2578 or cgfosty@telus.net. Please pray that we may have a safe trip and a great day of fellowship.

BULLETIN BOARD New events are posted weekly.

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 Liberty Christian Assembly.

ADMINISTRATION TEAM is looking for 2 people to serve on the team. If interested, or have questions, contact Garth Stange at 403-342-2172.

STUDENTS AT U OF A The CRC Campus Ministry at the U of A can provide support for you in your life and studies. The Campus Ministry provides opportunities for reflection, fellowship, and reaching out to others. Come and meet other students at the kick off BBQ – Tuesday, Sept 14 at 5.30p at the Martin Luther House (10941-88 Ave). For more info contact Rick VanManen at 780.492.5327 or rpvanmanen@ualberta.ca.

BOWING AND KNEELING before gods is something done on a regular basis in Cambodia. How is it possible to break centuries of religious and cultural practice and start a journey of faith in God and His Son, Jesus Christ? Leat describes her life in this

simple testimony: "Before I believed in Jesus, I thought that my good deeds and worshiping of idols and spirits would help me to find happiness, but they didn't help. Then a church planter named Ruth told me about Jesus, and how God would help my family to live in happiness through Him. After accepting Jesus in my heart, my life changed. My neighbours noticed and asked questions." God is at work in Cambodia! Praise the Lord for church planters like Ruth and the blessings of changed lives!

In Search of New Resurrections

We in the church are in danger of becoming a tearless people, unable to rage even in a starless abyss. We have imitated a smiling society, glossing over the hurt, the oppression, the peacelessness on earth, or we have become caustic and cynical and despairing, insisting on looking the other way as our church members crawl to the altar, the scraps of their lives in their arms. We were created for covenant keeping and yet, we are in danger of becoming a blindhearted people, buying into the system, placing our hope with kings and corporations. Have we not seen? Have we not heard?

We persist in clinging to the way things are, or eagerly placing our faith in the newest religious fad, the latest book on how-to Christianity (in ten easy steps), or the current slogans presented as though they were the Word of God. We are programming and papering ourselves into perpetuity, and rationalizing and excusing our immortality. We spend our energy in complaining, gloomily forecasting our future together. We panic for positions in employment and committee, with each special interest group vying for first place in the kingdom.

Perhaps it's time for remembering that Jesus stood in the Jordan to be baptized with the others, long ago casting his lot, not with the good church people, but with the poor wherever that poverty might emerge. His name is Emmanuel, and yet, individually and corporately, we have named him "GOD-WITH-ME." Have we not seen? Have we not heard?

In the light of the cross, the alternative is anything but hopelessness. On the contrary! There is every scriptural indication that we are called to change who we are in the kingdom of God. Where change is possible, new resurrections loom!

Ann Weems
from Kneeling in Jerusalem

Today's Laugh

"Expectant Fathers"

Three expectant fathers were in the waiting room.

The nurse came out of the delivery room and announced to one of the fathers that he was the father of twins. He was delighted and said what a coincidence, since he was a member of the Minnesota Twins team.

A little later the nurse came out again and said to the next father, "Congratulations, your wife just had triplets." He was so happy and said, "Isn't that a coincidence – I work for 3 M."

The other father took off like a shot – the nurse ran after him saying, "Where are you going?" Over his shoulder the nurse heard him mumbling something about his work at 7UP.

Birthday Greetings!

August	15	Alice de Leeuw
	16	Dale Dickau Peter Kooiman
	17	Herman Nicolay Ashley Pikkert
	18	Andrew Kooiman Matthew Oostenbrug
	20	Sheila Koopmans Blair Korver
	21	Carter Dunstan Graham Venema

This week at First Church...

Wednesday	9.00a	Adult Day Program
Friday	7:00p	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	2:00p	Wedding
Sunday	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 for current information.

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

Stewardship notes....

Today's Tithes and Offerings:

Denominational Ministry Shares (one collection)

Future Offerings:

Aug 22 – CRWRC – Witteveen

Aug 29 – The Bible League

Our Giving to August 9, 2010

Budget	\$12,154.00
Institute for Christian Studies	905.00
Benevolence Fund	1,065.00
Timmermans	50.00
Loaves & Fishes	50.00
CRWRC	260.00
Building Fund	200.00
Denominational Ministry Shares	<u>545.00</u>
Total	\$15,229.00

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

Serving next week...

Greeter: Roland Goulet

Helping Hands: Mike Sandstra

Coffee: Ted & Audrey Oostenbrug

Nursery:

