

Christian Reformed Church of St. Albert

August 29 2010

10:30 am

Our Vision: To know God and to make Him known.
Our Mission: To worship God together, reaching out by sharing God's love, building each other up spiritually and caring for others in Christ.
Our Ministers: All the members of the congregation.

Pastor John Luth

Welcome to Worship!

Today finds our congregation worshipping in two different locations at the same time. Guest pastor Rick Van Manen, (campus pastor at the University of Alberta) will lead our worship service here. Meanwhile, pastor John will lead worship at the campground in Devon where at least 15 families have been camping together this weekend.

If you are a guest in either location today, welcome! At 12 Gate, a supervised nursery is provided downstairs, as well as a parents' room near the main entrance. Sunday School for pre-school children begins as announced.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Call to Worship

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

**For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

—*Psalms 100, NIV*

PH 501: ***"Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"***

SB p18: ***"Come Now is the Time to Worship"***

All songs are on screen.
PH refers to the Psalter Hymnal
(grey book in pews)
SB refers to the Red Songbook
(available in foyer)

Also available in foyer -
Large Print Bulletins
(located by mail slots)



God's Greeting

SB p68: ***"Take my Life"***

Call to Confession

The psalmist testifies:

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

Blessed be God,

because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

—based on Psalm 66:16, 18-20, NRSV

SB p59: ***"Refiner's Fire"***

Prayer of Confession

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress.

Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

—Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18, NRSV

PH 490: ***"Blessed Assurance Jesus Is Mine"***

(Sunday School children and teachers may leave for their classes.)

Prayer for Illumination

We Hear God's Word

Scripture: Luke 19: 11-27

Sermon: *"Harsh Nobleman vs. Wicked Slave: The Relinquishment of the Kingdom"*

Song of Response: PH 288: ***"Take My Life and Let It Be"***

Congregational Prayer

We Bring Our Gifts to God

Offering #1: Habitat for Humanity

Offering #2: Classical Ministry Shares

Song: ***"Jesus, All for Jesus"***

Closing

“Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.”

—from *Ephesians 4:1-6, NRSV*

SB p74: **“We are One Body”**

God’s Blessing

SB p33: **“Hope of the Nations”**

Upcoming Services

September 5: Labour Day, Proverbs 6:6-15, ‘All Sluggards, Report to the Ant!’

September 12: Commissioning, Communion, Volunteer Appreciation.

Ephesians 4:11-13

Deacon’s Corner

Our Offerings for Today -

1st Offering - Habitat for Humanity: Since its inception in 1991, Habitat for Humanity Edmonton has built 123 homes in Edmonton and surrounding areas. This nonprofit, ecumenical Christian ministry is founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a decent, safe and affordable place to live. Habitat homes are built by volunteers and donors in partnership with low-income families and under the supervision of a few paid staff. Homes are sold to qualified families at no interest. You can support this work by donating, volunteering or sponsoring a build.

2nd Offering - Classical Ministry Shares: Early CRC congregations understood the need to stand together and support each other both spiritually and financially. This sense of community led to the establishment of a quota system (ministry shares) used to finance denominational and classical ministries and services. Ministry shares are requested based on the number of active adult professing members.

Canada to Match Pakistan Donations - The Canadian government has announced that it will match (1:1) all private donations to registered Canadian charities, such as CRWRC, in support of relief efforts in Pakistan. Donations must be made between August 2 and September 12. Our congregation will be holding a special offering for CRWRC’s Pakistan response on September 12.

Church Family

Rejoice with those who rejoice, pray for those in need.

- **Jerry B.'s** shoulder surgery went very well. Jerry is still in pain but hopes to be home soon, and passes along his thanks to the congregation for your prayers and encouragement.
- As **Henry V.** is blessed with healing, he continues to work toward recovery through physio at the Glenrose Rehab Hospital.
- **Bea S.** is travelling to Germany this week to assist her elderly father with a move.
- Welcome home to **Jack and Elly D.**

SCHOOL STARTS AGAIN!

We pray for God's blessing on students and teachers returning to class rooms this week, and for families in this time of transition. As a congregation we have students at nearly every level of education, and at least two who will be studying far from home. **Andrew L.** returns to Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan on Thursday. **Fraser V.** leaves for the University of Guelph on Monday.

WALK NOW FOR AUTISM: Please support me in the third annual *Walk Now for Autism* at Rundle Park, September 12. Currently 1 in 70 boys will be diagnosed with Autism. We are walking to raise awareness of Autism, to raise funds for treatment and to support families living with Autism. Please see me after the service, or go to www.walknowforautismspeaks.ca. You can sponsor me by entering my name as a walker, or you can sign up to walk too. Thanks for your support. -Carol Q.

Opportunities for Service



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS are needed for the upcoming year. If you are interested, please see Randy Pool. High School and university students - this is great experience and looks good on a resume!!

SMALL GROUPS 2010/11: Leading a small group this year? Interested in knowing what's available? Please pass your name along to Lynn in the office, so we can coordinate our plans and help each other to get involved. 780-458-7568, admin@crcsa.org.

BAGEL PROVIDERS: We have been blessed with the help of volunteers who get coffee and bagels ready for us every Sunday morning. Unfortunately our list of servers is now down to 3 faithful members. If you can help, please add your name to the sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board. Thank you!



News from the Church Community

EMMANUEL HOME IN SONG will be held on **Tuesday, August 31** at Emmanuel Home at 7:30 pm. The evening will feature Gerrit Kamphuis - organ; Corjan Buma - piano; Charles Stolte - saxophone; Wendy Vanderwel - soprano; Joe Oostenbrink - recitations. An offering will be held for the Expansion Fund. We look forward to seeing you!

CAR RALLY, BBQ & SQUARE DANCE:

Young Adults (18-30ish) in the Northern Alberta CRC Classis (Red Deer and north) are invited to attend this event that begins right here at the St Albert CRC parking lot on Saturday, **September 11 @ 3:30pm**. Call Amy Stol @ 780-952-6578 to reserve your ticket (\$10). Check back table for pamphlets.



CAMPUS MINISTRY: Are you a student planning to study in Edmonton this fall? The CRC Campus Ministry at the University of Alberta can provide support for you in your life and studies, and can help you articulate your faith in an academic setting. The Campus Ministry provides opportunities for reflection, fellowship and reaching out to others. Come and meet other students at the Campus Ministry kick-off BBQ! **Tuesday, September 14 at 5:30 p.m.** at the Martin Luther House (10941-88th Ave). For more info contact Rick VanManen at (780) 492-5327 or rpvanmanen@ualberta.ca.

EDMONTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS 16TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT -



Saturday, September 11 - Sandpiper Golf & Country Club. You are invited to join us as a single golfer, a pair or a foursome for this enjoyable community event. The registration fee is \$145 which includes BBQ, 18 holes, Dinner and a \$45 tax receipt. Hole sponsorships are also available. Funds raised will be used to purchase mobile computer labs at our West and Northeast Schools. Register by calling 780-476-6281 or go to our website: www.edmchristian.net.

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH GROUPS / COLLEGE AND CAREERS:

Set aside Sunday September 19, 6:00-9:00 pm - Trinity CRC is hosting the first Youth Service of the season. All youth - Junior High and all the way to college age are invited. Please join us for an evening of great singing, music, messages, food and fellowship. Any questions, feel free to contact Hennie Schenk or Kevin VanEssen at Trinity Church 780-475-2662.

REHOBOTH CAMPAIGN:



Rehoboth's Board of Directors has designated September as "MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN MONTH." Your annual \$10 Membership Fee (per person) and supporting donations insures the continuation of quality services provided in the

Lord's name. Again this year, we are encouraging each person in a family to become a member. Children under the legal age of 18 will be non-voting members. A strong membership base is a great benefit to Rehoboth when negotiating funding for the services we provide.

Your liaison with Rehoboth is Rachel Spriensma and she will be placing "Dear Supporter" letter in your mail slot. If you are missed by Rachel please call her at (780) 708-4310 or check an issue of the Rehoboth Newsletter for a membership form and return your tax deductible membership fee and donation directly to: Rehoboth Christian Ministries, 3920 – 49 Avenue, Stony Plain, AB, T7Z 2J7. Remember to include your full name, address, postal code, and the name of the church you attend, for our records. Thank you for your faithful support of Rehoboth Christian Ministries.

ENTERTAINMENT & STUP COUPON BOOKS supporting Christian Blind Mission.

Available at Christian Book & Record (12-8103 -127 Ave), Ben's Meats (15726 Stony Plain Road), DRaW Designs Ltd. (16220 Stony Plain Road), First Foundation Mortgages (10043 - 81 Ave) or contact cbmbenefit@live.ca. CBM is the world's leading agency in preventing & curing blindness & enabling people with disabilities in the developing world. For \$33, one blind person will receive a sight restoring cataract removal operation. Buy a book, save money and support a great cause!!! www.cbmcanada.org

New in the foyer...

- **Brochures:** *Paddling for Compassion* fundraiser for Cornerstone Counselling.
- **Today** devotionals for Sept./Oct. 2010.

New in your mail slots...

- **Prayer Guide** for ministries of the CRC, September 2010
- **Calendar of Events**, September 2010
- **The Banner**, September 2010 issue

Opportunities For Service

| | August 29 <i>Guest Pastor Rick VanManen</i> | September 5 <i>Labour Day weekend</i> | September 12 |
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| Service Elder | Randy Pool | Douwe Spriensma | Brenda VanOmmen |
| Service Deacon | Gerrit VandenDool | Yvonne Bush | Kiese Mindana |
| Counting Vol. | Aaron Hazelaar | Harry Koch | Tom Vandermeer |
| Music Leader | Team 3 | Team 1 | Team 2 |
| Slide Tech. | Brett Lobreau | TBA | TBA |
| Sound System | Albert Stol | TBA | TBA |
| Greeters | Kimble | Buisman | Pool |
| Ushers | Jane Brouwer Ramona Koch | Henry Stiksma Tom Vandermeer | Iлона Szell Elaine Tully |
| Children's Worship | Preschool-Kindergarten: Alyssa Cutting | Preschool-Kindergarten: TBA | Preschool-Kindergarten: TBA |
| Nursery | Trina Segger | Adrienne Hazelaar | Albert Stol |
| Nursery Helpers | Michelle Merkus Joel Loosley | Mitchell Cross Michael Vlieg | Regan Luth Alex Bush |
| Drivers B: Drivers C: Drivers D: | Jager VanBerkel Degner | VanderZee VanDroffelaar Steenbergen | Buisman VanEgdom Stiksma |
| Offerings | Habitat for Humanity Classical Ministry Shares | Local Budget Denom. Ministry Shares | Local Budget CRWRC Pakistan Relief |
| Bagel Schedule | Joanne | Laurie | Peter |
| Coffee Hosts | Hogendoorn, John & Suzanne | Koch, Harry & Ramona | Lobreau, Brett & Catherine |
| Lawn Schedule | Aug. 30-Sept. 5: Hazelaar | Sept. 6-12: Hazelaar | Sept. 13-19: Vlieg |

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| Pastor: | John Luth | pastor@crcsa.org | 780-459-0707 res. |
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| Admin. Asst.: | Lynn Leenheer | admin@crcsa.org | 780-474-5798 res. |
| | | Hours: Tues 10-3, Thurs./Fri: 9-2 | |
| Clerk: | Mike opdenDries | maopdendries@shaw.ca | 780-438-7174 res. |

Bulletin Submissions: bulletin@crcsa.org Deadline: Thurs. 6 pm

This Week At a Glance

September

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| 1 | Wednesday | 5:30 pm | Golf at Terrae Pines |
| 2 | Thursday | 7:30 pm | Team 1 practice |
| 5 | Sunday | 10:30 am | Worship Service |

Church Family Birthdays

Up This Week...



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| August 29 | Ed W. Amanda K. |
| August 30 | Wendy V. |
| August 31 | Tom V. |
| September 1 | Andrew L. |
| September 4 | John V.E. John V.B. |

If your name has been missed on the birthday list, or if there is a date error, please notify the church office. Thanks.



Please recycle unwanted bulletins after the service. Deposit them in the box by the door. Thanks.