

# Christian Reformed Church of St. Albert

February 21, 2010

10:30 am

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**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!*

What if you were booked for surgery you didn't even know you needed? This morning in our message we will see Jesus begin his work to 'open eyes that are blind'. What does he need to help us see? Welcome to all. If you love and follow Jesus, please join us as we share the Lord's Supper together.

A supervised nursery is available for the very young downstairs, as is a parents' room near the front entrance. Sunday School for children up to grade 6 begins as announced during worship.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Welcome

PH 384: *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"* (using traditional American folk tune)

### God's Greeting

Song: *"How Great is our God"*

### Confession and Assurance

PH 386: *"Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have you Offended"*

Song: *"Be Still and Know"*

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)

(Children and teachers may leave for their Sunday School classes)

### We Hear God's Word

Scripture: Luke 4:22-30

Sermon: "Jesus Gets to Work"

Response: *"Sing For Joy"*

## We Bring Our Gifts to God

Offering #1: Local Budget

Offering #2: Benevolence Fund

Song: "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"



## Communion (Communion Helper: James Vlieg)

As the Bread is distributed we sing: PH 309: "Lift up Your Hearts unto the Lord"

As the Cup is passed we sing: SB p44: "Lamb of God"

Song of Response: "Once Again"

## Congregational Prayer

## God's Blessing

PH 160: "In the Presence of Your People"

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## Upcoming Services...

**February 28, Second Sunday of Lent:** Luke 6:27-36, "Love for Enemies"

**March 7, Third Sunday of Lent:** Luke 8:4-15, "Parable of the Sower"

*Over the next six weeks we will continue to follow Jesus in the gospel of Luke, moving closer each Sunday to the cross, the grave and the resurrection. All that we see Jesus do for us, he also wants to do in us.*

**CHURCH VISIT NOTICE:** Council will be receiving an official Church Visit from delegates from Classis Alberta North at council's regular meeting on Tuesday, March 2. These visits are held with Classis congregations on a regular basis to assess the spiritual health of the congregation. Congregation members who wish to meet with the Church visitors are to advise the Clerk of Council (Randy Mann) including the substance of their concern. Please contact Henry Vogelaar or Randy Mann for further information.

## Church Family

*People to remember with our prayers and our love.*

**Sharen D.** continues to have abdominal pain.

Please also remember the many others that are sick, shut-in or have other needs, and perhaps extend some direct expression of Christian love and sympathy such as a visit, a phone call, or a card.

## Our Offerings Today

**1<sup>st</sup> Offering - Local Budget:** This offering is used to support all the local ministries of our church, including staff salaries and associated benefits, promotion of Christian education such as Catechism classes and Sunday school; and administration expenses such as mortgage, power, gas, telephone; maintenance, etc.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offering - Benevolence Fund:** This collection helps the deacons perform acts of mercy among the people of our own congregation as well as in the city of St. Albert. If you become aware of needy people in your community, please speak with a deacon so that they may also give them a helping hand.

**THE ANNUAL CHURCH CAMPOUT** will be on **August 27 - 29, 2010** at Lions Campground in Leduc. When planning your summer vacation and other activities, be sure to include the annual church campout in your plans. This year's campout will again be in conjunction with the annual Golf Tourney (course to be confirmed). Details will be announced as we near the camp dates. See Randy Mann or Henry Vogelaar for further information.



Important  
DATE!

## ★ Youth NEWS-

**JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH** - We're heading down the hill at Sunridge Ski Area - but not on skis, on **tubes!** Cost is **\$15/person** (\$8 helmet rental). **Sunday, March 7** we'll head out from the church parking lot at **1:30pm**, return to eat supper and then go to the **YOUTH SERVICE at Centrepointe CRC at 7 pm**. A full, fun day! Please register on the sheet at the back.

**JR HIGH SKI WEEKEND** - All Jr. High students and their friends are invited to come out to Leduc (CRC & Covenant School) **March 19-21**. The weekend includes a day at Rabbit Hill, Jason & Troy a.k.a. "Happy the Dog" ([www.happythedog.com](http://www.happythedog.com)), accommodations and all your food & snacks for only \$40.50 plus rentals. Space is limited and all registration and **parental release forms must be in by March 8th**. Please get your forms from Christine & Mark VanDroffelaar.



SERVE

**SERVE 2010 Parents & Team Meeting:**

Please meet in the basement following the service on **Sunday, Feb 28**.

Collections For January, 2010	Amount	Budget Per Month	Budget Year To Date	Actual Year To Date	%
Budget	8,294.45				
Youth Serve Project	762.15				
<b>Total Receipts - Local Budget</b>	<b>9,056.60</b>	<b>15,276</b>	<b>106,934</b>	<b>119,580</b>	<b>112%</b>
CRWM - World Missions	194.53				
Ministry Shares - Classical	225.50				
Ministry Shares - Classical /Denominational	25.00				
Ministry Shares - Denominational	587.00				
Canada	317.25				
<b>Total Receipts - Ministry Shares</b>	<b>1,349.28</b>	<b>2,823</b>	<b>19,762</b>	<b>6,879</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>Total Receipts - Budget Collections</b>			<b>126,696</b>	<b>126,458</b>	<b>100%</b>
CRWRC - Haiti Relief	15,329.99				
Benevolence	100.00				
CRWRC - General Fund	170.00				
<b>Total Receipts - Unbudgeted</b>	<b>15,599.99</b>				
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>26,005.87</b>				

### Tokens

Our church has adopted a system of tokens that can be used in place of cash in our offering baskets. By purchasing offering tokens, plate donations are included with your donation receipt, thus, this system is designed to encourage our members to greater generosity toward the causes collected for. Tokens in \$1.00 and \$5.00 denominations are available from our recording clerk, Ramona Koch.

Pre-Authorized Bank withdrawals are also available, where you can authorize a set amount to be withdrawn each month from your bank account and forwarded to the Church designated as Budget. Please see Ramona Koch for more information about this

### Budget - Local

Most of the donations we receive are received in the form of cheques, although donation envelopes are available on request. All cheques must be written to St. Albert Christian Reformed Church. Putting 'Local' or 'Budget' on the memo line will ensure that the funds are used for our local ministries and expenses. Excess funds beyond our local ministries and expenses may be allocated to ministry share causes for our classis and our denomination by council. If you wish to have your cheque allocated to a specific cause, mark the cause on the memo line of your cheque. Cheques with no specific memo are treated as 'Budget', i.e., they are not allocated to the cause published for the plate you put it in. Only the cash and tokens donations are allocated to the announced cause.

## News from the Church Community

### **CARE AND JUSTICE IN MEDICINE - Monday, February 22, 2010.**

The CRC Campus Ministry at the U of A is pleased to welcome to Edmonton Calvin College professor, Dr. Ruth Groenhout, who will give a lecture on Care and Justice in Medicine. The lecture examines what care is (and isn't) and what the limits of good medicine might be. Dr. Groenhout will speak at The King's University College on **Monday, Feb. 22, at 7:00 p.m.** For more info contact Rick at 780-492-5327 or [rpvanmanen@ualberta.ca](mailto:rpvanmanen@ualberta.ca).

**THE MUSTARD SEED 'EXPLORE' SERIES** presents: *Let my people go: A Biblical response to human trafficking*, an information session presented by Kimberly Ferland on **Monday, February 22**, at 7:00 p.m. at The Mustard Seed Church, 10635 96 Street. Join in the discussion! For more information and to RSVP, call Leanne at 780-426-5600.

### **CREATION CARE DISCUSSION AT KING'S - Friday, February 26.**

Ben Lowe, author of *Green Revolution*, will speak on creation care at 12:00 pm and at 7:15 pm at The King's University College. Ben was an Environmental Studies major at Wheaton College where he helped organize a national Climate Change Summit. He was the outreach director for an international Christian conservation organization called A Rocha USA and is the founder of a student led creation care organization named 'Renewal'. Written in his book 'Green Revolution' Lowe encourages Christians to participate in the movement of creation care. This event is open to all who are interested. Contact Mike Ferber, Professor of Environmental Studies, at 780-465-3500 ext. 8130 for more information.

### **PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS - Bring the best out of those you love the most!**

Based on the award-winning book, *Grace Based Parenting* is a refreshing new study that shows moms and dads how to love their kids the way God loves His - with grace! It gives parents a realistic job description for raising spiritually strong children who grow up with a sense of calm and a heart full of purpose and hope. Regardless of the health and dynamics of your family configuration, *Grace Based Parenting* works! This no cost 10-week course is also great for grandparents. Wednesdays, starting **March 10, 6:30-8:00 pm**, at Bethel Community Church, 14204 25 St. To pre-register or for more information, contact the church office (780-476-3762) or Lorie Groth: 780-473-3090, email: [saucyblondie@shaw.ca](mailto:saucyblondie@shaw.ca).

**KING'S OPEN HOUSE:** Everyone is welcome to the annual open house at The King's University College on **Saturday, March 13, 2010** from 10:00 am to 2 pm. Enjoy guided tours, browse display tables, sit in on a choir rehearsal or a student organ practice, participate in chemistry experiments and chat with current students. Application fees will be waived for all students applying to King's at the open house, and a draw will be made for a \$1,000 tuition rebate. Enter to win door prizes, receive a free t-shirt, and enjoy free drinks, cookies and hot dogs. Please come out, enjoy the festivities, and see what King's has to offer!

**ICS 2010 WORLDVIEW LECTURE** presented by Dr Ron Kuipers, Asst. Professor at ICS. *"What's so critical about Faith? - Exploring a critical feature of human life."* At a time when "God is Dead" is such a common view in our society, Christians are more dependant on our faith than ever. Dr. Kuipers will present an understanding of faith as a form of critical intelligence, something that we desperately need today. This Lecture will be held at The King's University College, Rm. N-101 (Conference Room) on **Saturday, March 13**, 10:00 am to 12 noon. Refreshments provided. For more information please visit [www.icscanada.edu/events/](http://www.icscanada.edu/events/).

**FROM CRWRC:** CRWRC Celebrates \$6 million for Haiti - Thank you for your prayers and donations for the people of Haiti. In total, CRWRC received \$3.6 million in donations from Canadian individuals and churches before the February 12 deadline. These funds will now be matched by the Canadian government and made available for additional aid to the people of Haiti. Combined with donations from the US, CRWRC has already received \$6 million for our Haiti earthquake response. To read the latest about how CRWRC is using these donations in Haiti, please visit [www.crwrc.org](http://www.crwrc.org) or follow us on Facebook or twitter.

### **New on the Bulletin Board...**

- **St. Albert Community Leadership Summit** invitation, Feb. 27, 8 am-12 noon.
- **Healthy Soul Conference, March 12-13** - information/registration flyers
- **Response to Human Trafficking**, session at The Mustard Seed, Feb. 22, 7 pm
- **Job Opportunity**, Summer Ministries Student, Red Deer, AB
- **Upcoming Events** at The Kings University College

### **New in the Foyer...**

- **"Today" devotionals** for March/April 2010.

# Opportunities For Service

	<b>February 21</b> <i>Communion</i>	<b>February 28</b>	<b>March 7</b>
<b>Service Elder</b>	Johanna Buisman	Randy Mann	Randy Pool
<b>Service Deacon</b> <b>Junior Deacon</b>	Yvonne Bush James Vlieg	Bert Jager Alex Bush	Brenda Vanderzee Daniel Mann
<b>Counting Vol.</b>	Rob Brink	Anna Rodger	George Vanderzee
<b>Music Leader</b>	Team 2	Team 1	Team 3
<b>Slide Tech.</b>	Peter Buisman	John Hogendoorn	Peter Buisman
<b>Sound System</b>	Randy Mann	Damon Hoffman	Clayton Stol
<b>Greeters</b>	Dalmajjer, R & K	Vogelaar	Buisman
<b>Ushers</b>	Elaine Vogelaar Suzanne Hogendoorn	Henry Stiksma Tom Vandermeer	Ilna Szell Elaine Tully
<b>Children's Worship</b>	Preschool-Gr.1: Jeanine Merkus Gr. 2-6: Anna opdenDries	Preschool: Marcia Stiksma Gr. 2-6: Anna opdenDries	Preschool: Marcia Stiksma Gr. 2-6: Anna opdenDries
<b>Nursery</b>	Carla Brink	Cheryl Martens	Esther vanCuilenborg
<b>Nursery Helpers</b>	Stephanie Merkus Cameron Bush	Allana VanOmmen Clayton Stol	David Loosley Daniel Mann
<b>Drivers B:</b> <b>Drivers C:</b> <b>Drivers D:</b>	van Gelder Van Droffelaar Steenbergen	Buisman VanEgdom Stiksma	Vlieg Huizinga Valler
<b>Offerings</b>	Local Budget Benevolence	Local Budget Classical Ministry Shares	Local Budget Denom. Ministry Shares
<b>Bagel Schedule</b>	Henry/Elaine	Laurie	Peter
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	Buisman, P & J	Bush, G & Y	Cross, D & A
<b>Snow Schedule</b>	Feb. 22-28: Merkus	March 1-7: Seinen, J.	March 8-14: Jager

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

## This Week At a Glance

February

22	Monday	6:30 pm	GEMS - <i>Family Night</i>
23	Tuesday	12 Noon 7:30 pm	Brown Bag Bible Study Council Exec. Meeting
24	Wednesday	7:30 pm	Team 1 practice
27	Saturday	1:00 pm	Team 3 practice
28	Sunday	10:30 am	Worship Service <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>

## Church Family Birthdays



*Up This Week...*

February 23 Cathy V.  
Brody N.  
February 26 Ilona S.

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.