

Christian Reformed Church of St. Albert

January 1, 2012

10:30 am

~ New Year's Day ~

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!

Happy New Year! The Lord has been our dwelling place through all generations, and will be for 2012. Welcome to worship today. May this be a year of grace, strength, hope and blessing. A supervised nursery is available downstairs for the very young, as is a 'parents' room' near the main entrance. Sunday School for children pre-school to grade six will begin as announced during worship.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

If you are excited about the New Year, or worn out by the old one;
If you are looking forward to new possibilities or mourning for what you have lost;
If you are glad for the forgiveness of Jesus or still wondering if it is for you too;
If this place is home to you, or if you have felt the pain of being ignored here;
To each and to all, God welcomes you here.
We welcome all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship,

All: let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

Leader: for he is our God

All: and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

—*Psalms 95:6-7, NIV*

God's Greeting

We Greet Each Other

SB #185: **"You Never Let Go"**

All songs are on screen.

PH refers to Psalter Hymnal (grey book in pews) / SB refers to Blue Songbook (available in foyer)
Also available in foyer - Large Print Bulletins (located by mail slots)

Psalm 90

PH 625 ***“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”***

Time of Remembering

The year 2011 in story and slides.

PH 443: ***“Hours and Days and Years and Ages”***

Prayer

Leader: We give thanks to you, God our Father, for mercy that reached out,
for patience that waited our returning,
for your love that was ever ready to welcome sinners.

**All: We praise you that in Jesus Christ you called us,
accepted and forgave us,
and that, by your Holy Spirit, you got us moving to walk in your love.**

Leader: We thank you for what we could do together in your name.

You are faithful and worthy of all praise.

**All: We praise you, great God,
in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

SB #45: ***“Mighty To Save”***

(Sunday School Children and Teachers may leave for their classes.)

Prayer for Illumination

We Hear God’s Word

Scripture: Isaiah 40

Sermon: ***“WHERE THERE IS HOPE, THERE IS LIFE”***

SB #180: ***“Wings of an Eagle”***

Congregational Prayer

We Bring Our Gifts to God

Offering #1: Local Budget

Offering #2: Classical Ministry Shares

SB #50: ***“For Your Glory”***

Closing

Go in the name of the Lord. This is God’s charge:

We should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,
and love one another, just as he commanded us.

—based on 1 John 3:23, NRSV

SB #58: ***“God Of This City”***

Blessing

PH 638: ***“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”***

Our Offerings Today

1st 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.

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.

Upcoming Services

January 8, Epiphany: Isaiah 45:9-10, 'Potter and Clay'.

Local potter Edith Sinnema is making a new communion set for our congregation. As part of our worship Edith and her potter's wheel will join us in this service.

January 15, Communion: Lord's Day 13, 'The Only Begotten Son, and God's Children'. (*Communion helper: Indyanna Vanderlaan*)

Kids and Communion: Within the next few weeks we will be putting together a new communion helper schedule. If there are any of our younger members who would like to help out during the start of our Lord's Supper celebrations, please write your name on the list on pastor John's office door. Thanks!

Church Family

People to remember in our prayers here and at home.

- **Gerry S.** leaves this Thursday for another extensive trip to explore the world.
- **Ivan W.** is in failing health in Victoria, BC.
- **Douwe V.'s brother-in-law, Murray D.** has been found to have pancreatic cancer and is facing tests to see if it has advanced to his liver.
- Congratulations to **Carol P. and Isai M.** who were married Thursday at Inglewood CRC. (We have supported Carol this year as she has done community development work in Honduras.)

SERVE

SERVE 2012 members would like to take care of any deposit-friendly bottles and cans you may have, starting immediately and continuing on through June. We are raising money to fund our serving trip to Hamilton this summer and would love to have your help in this way.



You can:

1. Drop bags at Gordon Vlieg's driveway between house and garage.
2. Drop bags at Randy Mann's - thru gate opening at right and into open trailer.
3. Call one of the 2 people mentioned above to arrange for them to do a pick up at your house. (Gordon: 780-458-8184, Randy: 780-460-2553)
4. Return your own empties, and forward the money to the SERVE team.
5. Advise friends and neighbors to contribute their empties as well.

Thank you in advance for your help in this project. We will keep you posted as to other SERVING events. -SERVE team

From Elly:

Miju, who lives in Adado, Ethiopia, has three surviving children but is also looking after six grandchildren who have no mother. Because of the 18 months' drought they could grow no food so over this hunger period they first sold all their chickens, then their goats, finally 6 of their 8 cows. "It is not easy to feed so many children" she said but then added proudly, "they are all in school." She asks our church to pray for her that she may stay healthy and strong to look after the children, "because I am old and I have to live long enough to raise all the children." "The Lord lifted up the poor and he has done great things, he gave food to the hungry.." Even in these most difficult times, she praised God and thanked Him for you, the donors of the food that she will receive for three months through CFRWRC/CFGB and the Ethiopian Kale Heywat Church.

New Email Address: Please delete pastor John and Audrey Luth's shaw e-mail address and replace it with their new address: johnandaudreyluth at gmail.com.



From the Recording Clerk: Just a reminder that it is now **2012**, so please check your cheques that you have written the correct date. Thanks.



Hockey:

Polish up the rusty blades! We have games on **January 13 and March 2 at 10 pm.** (Please note date change.) Anyone interested in playing please speak with Peter Buisman, Albert Stol, or Duane Lendrum.

Financial Peace University: There are now two kits left for our Financial Peace University course **beginning January 12** at 7:00 pm. Please see pastor John, Duane Lendrum, or Gerrit Vandendool.



News from the Church Community

Snowboard/Ski Evening: CANYA (Classis Alberta North Young Adults) is hosting a snowboard/ski evening at Rabbit hill: <http://www.rabbithill.com/w/index.php> on **Saturday, January 7th starting at 6pm. Cost is only \$20.00 per person** which includes rentals and lift tickets. To reserve your tickets and space on the hill, please contact Ron deVries (Classis Alberta Youth Ministry Consultant) at 780-619-6566 or Amy Stol at 780-952-6578. Space is limited.



Sundays at Three: Join us at the Winspear on **January 8, 2012 at 3:00 pm** as "Sundays at Three" presents the fourth annual Stuart and Winona Davis Memorial Tribute and the second concert of its *Canadians Near and Far* season, with Canadian organist Michael Unger. Michael, an organist and harpsichordist, appears as a soloist and chamber musician in tours throughout North America, Europe and Japan. He is the 2008 winner of both First Prize and Audience Prize in the American Guild of Organists' National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance (NYACOP) among other awards. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$22 for seniors and students, available at the Winspear Box Office and Tix on the Square. (An additional box office fee also applies.)



Emmanuel Home in Song: You are invited to the Emmanuel Home in Song Christmas program on Wednesday, **January 11, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.** Featured guests: Gerrit Kamphuis – organ, Corjan Buma – piano, Charles Stolte – saxophone, Wendy Vanderwel – soprano and Joe Oostenbrink – recitation. A freewill offering will be held for new chairs for the EH in Song program. We look forward to seeing you!

The King's University College is pleased to announce that Dr. John Orkar will be a scholar in residence at King's in the winter semester beginning in January. John has recently retired from a long and distinguished career with the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee in Nigeria. John will teach and do research in the Micah Centre and will offer a course in the history program as well. Since Professor Orkar has a PhD in Studies in African History he has agreed to teach a special course: "Topics in African History". This course will be offered Tuesday evenings at 6:30 beginning **January 10, 2012** and will run for 13 weeks. Because of the unique nature of this course and instructor we are making this course available to non-student members of the general public at no cost. You can attend as many or as few lectures as you desire. There is no need to register as a student. We simply ask that you notify roy.berkenbosch@kingsu.ca of your intentions to attend. Those who wish to attend may consider making a donation to the Micah Centre.

New in Your Mail Slot

- **Calendar of Church Events for January 2012.**

From Back to God Ministries International

Groundwork - Faith: "Have Faith." "Don't lose faith." We often use phrases like these to comfort and encourage one another. But what exactly IS faith and how do we get it? Join the January 8th Groundwork conversation based on Hebrews 11. Find a local radio station or listen online at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

Kids Corner - Attitude of Gratitude: Do you have an attitude of gratitude? Celebrate being thankful on this week's Kids Corner. Kids Corner is a member of the HisKids.net alliance—working together to provide quality entertainment for kids that is Christ-centered and Bible-based. Visit www.HisKids.net to find great Christian programs and music for kids.

Opportunities For Service

	January 1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	January 8 <i>Epiphany</i>	January 15 <i>Communion</i>
Service Elder	Everett Steenbergen	Randy Pool	David Appell
Service Deacon	Andrew Seinen	Irene Brink	Anita Cross
Counting Vol.	Rob Brink	Bert Jager	Henry Stiksm
Music Leader	Team 1	Team 4	Team 5
Screens Tech.	Brett Lobreau	Peter Buisman	Albert Stol
Sound System	Albert Stol	Randy Mann	Grant Bush
Greeters	Peter & Johanna Buisman	Jack & Elly Dalmaijer	Rita D'Amico Suzanne Hogendoorn
Ushers	Art & Sharen Degner	Anita Cross Paul Warren	Ken & Brenda Van Ommen
Children's Worship	Pre-S.-K: Ali Cutting Gr. 1-3: Amanda Kleine Gr. 4-6: Jeanine Merkus	Pre-S.-K: Ali Cutting Gr. 1-3: Amanda Kleine Gr. 4-6: Jeanine Merkus	Pre-S.-K: Ali Cutting Gr. 1-3: Amanda Kleine Gr. 4-6: Jeanine Merkus
Nursery	Suzanne Degner	Shannon Aalders	Trina Segger
Nursery Helpers	Michelle Merkus David Loosley	Mitchell Cross Erin Loosley	Nadine Boer James Vlieg
Drivers (B): Drivers (D):	VanderZee VandenDool	- de Leyer	Buisman Stiksm
Offerings	Local Budget Classical Ministry Shares	Local Budget Denom. Ministry Shares	Local Budget Classical Ministry Shares
Bagel Schedule	Theo & Laura	Douwe	Gerrit & Beatrice
Coffee Hosts	H. & J. Seinen	D. & M. Spriensma	E. & A. Steenbergen
Snow Schedule	Jan. 2-8: op den Dries	Jan. 9-15: Steenbergen	Jan. 16-22: Merkus

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		Hours: Tues 10-3, Thurs./Fri: 9-2
Clerk of Council:	Brenda VanOmmen	clerk at crcsa.org

Bulletin Submissions: [bulletin at crcsa.org](mailto:bulletin@crcsa.org) Thursday, 6 pm

This Week At a Glance

January

3	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Council Exec meeting
5	Thursday	7:30 pm	Team 4 practice <i>(at June's house)</i>
8	Sunday	10:30 am	Worship Service <i>Epiphany</i>

Beyond Sunday

Please remember to share with us your pictures of church events.
Send your photos to tech@crcea.org



Church Family Birthdays

Up This Week...

January 3 Thomas H.

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.