

Christian Reformed Church of St. Albert

January 17, 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!

After a week in which we have seen the devastation of a massive earthquake in Haiti, we come together to cry out to the Lord, to worship, praise and receive communion from the Man of Sorrows. We will have a special offering for the work of Christian Reformed World Relief in Haiti.

We extend a special welcome to all guests today. A supervised nursery is available downstairs, as is a parents' room near the main doors. Sunday School will begin as announced during worship. Please join us for refreshments after worship.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Pastor: People of God, where does your help come from?

People: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of the heavens and the earth.

Song: "*Prepare the Way*"

God's Greeting

Grace to you and peace, from God the Father and the Lord, Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit.

Amen

SB p67: "*Step by Step*"

SB p81: "*You are My All in All*"

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)

Call to Repentance

"Repentance does not signify mere grief, being sorry in a religious mood, but is a fundamental re-orientation of the way one thinks about the world and life, a revolution in one's thinking that effects a change of direction in one's life."

(Boring and Craddock)

PH 265: *“Standing in the Need of Prayer”* (After this song, teachers and children up to grade 6 may go to Sunday School.)

Song: *“Change My Heart, O God”*

We Hear God’s Word

Scripture: Luke 3:1-20

Sermon: *“The Ministry of John the Baptist”*

Response, PH 255: *“God be Merciful to Me”*, and
“How Great is Our God” (Chorus Only)



We Bring Our Gifts to God

Offering #1: CRWRC - Haiti Relief

Offering #2: Denominational Ministry Shares

SB p24: *“For the Lord is Good”*



Communion (*Communion Helper: Matteo Nagtegaal*)

As the Bread is distributed we sing, SB p19: *“Come to the Table”*

As the Cup is passed we sing, SB p81: *“You are My King”*

Congregational Prayer

God’s Blessing

Song: *“Mighty To Save”*

Upcoming Services...

Tonight: Youth Service, 7 pm.

January 24: Guest pastor David Sutherland,
Matthew 10, *“The Hard Truth of Discipleship”*

January 31: Luke 3:21-38, *“The Beloved Son”*

Our Offerings Today

1st Offering - CRWRC: Haiti Earthquake Relief. (See notes elsewhere.)

2nd Offering - Denominational 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 & classical ministries and services. Ministry shares are requested based on the number of active adult professing members.

Church Family

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

Tom V. is recovering at home from his recent surgery.

Ray D. is undergoing I.V. antibiotic treatment and is recovering from his surgery.

Please remember in your prayers all those with ongoing physical or emotional needs: **Anne D., Darcy and Christine D., Joel K., Catherine L., Kristen S., Corrie S., Penny and Ed S., Harriet V., Corrie V., Liz W., Ed and Lavern W.**

HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF:

The Christian Reformed Church has a long history of ministry in Haiti. Our relief organization works with Haitian partners. We are thankful that in the midst of all of the destruction, all ministry staff are safe, though not all staff with our partners have been accounted for yet. CRWRC-Haiti staff member Ad DeBlaeij toured some of Port au Prince on Wednesday. He reports, *“There are thousands upon thousands of people in the streets. Most of them slept outside last night because of fear of aftershocks. In front of the CRWRC offices, there are 400 people just sitting on the ground, and they’ll likely be there for the next day or two until it is safe for them to return to what is left of their homes.”* For information about current efforts, go to www.crcna.org.

Important to note: Financial contributions for CRWRC's response are urgently needed. Every dollar makes a difference and now if Canadians give a donation to the Haiti Earthquake victims through CRWRC by February 12th, it will double in impact due to a generous contribution from the Canadian Government.



YOUTH SERVICE TODAY at 7 PM

Bring your friends, your neighbors, your team! An open invitation to all to come out with other Edmonton area youth (you're also welcome if you aren't a youth) to hear God's word, worship through song, and share in fellowship together. Snack provided!

CONGREGATION MEMBERS: We are in need of as many **EASELS & MIRRORS** as possible for the **YOUTH SERVICE, HERE, TONIGHT, JAN. 17 @ 7 PM.** If you can help with this, please let Laurie Stol know. Thank you!



GREETERS, USHERS, COFFEE HOSTS:

Thank you to our faithful volunteers who perform the important task of welcoming members and guests to our church each Sunday. We currently have rotating schedules where 6 couples serve as greeters, 6 “duos” handle the ushering, and 24 couples act as coffee hosts after worship. New schedules will be starting in February and we would love to add more names to these lists. Please contact Lynn at the church office if you can help. Thank you.

VBS ANYONE?

We have been invited to host a Vacation Bible School this summer by Crosstalk Ministries. Crosstalk involves a one week program and includes the participation and help of youth teams from across Canada. If this is going to happen, we need someone from our congregation to be the point person here. If you are at all interested or curious, please speak to pastor John or go to <http://www.crosstalkministries.ca/>.

SOUP AND SLIPPERS:



All 55+ers are invited for a social at the Dalmaijers on Friday, **January 22**, Noon - 1:30 PM. Long-time members and newcomers, all are very welcome! We have the soup, you bring your slippers. RSVP edalmaijer@aol.com or by phone 780-458-7381.

RABBIT HILL SKI NIGHT:

Fundraiser for the Mustard Seed Church on **Saturday, January 23**, **5:30-9:00 pm**. If needed, lessons begin at 6:30 pm. **\$20 per person** + \$5 for helmet rental (if needed). Please rsvp to Laurie by TODAY. This event is organized by Leduc Fellowship CRC.



Final Reminder: We are Installing New Door Locks...

The Property and Grounds Committee will be installing new locks on the church building this Tuesday, **January 19, 2010**.

All groups and individuals that currently have, or need access to the church on a regular basis are asked to pick up a new key before that date by contacting Lynn at the church office or Everett Steenbergen of the P&G Committee. Keys are freely available, but for inventory and insurance purposes, please provide your name and reason for use. Thank you.

Collections For December, 2009	Amount	Budget Per Month	Budget Year To Date	Actual Year To Date	%
Budget	29,084.20				
Church Rental	275.00				
Friendship Club	565.00				
GEMS - Local Club Registrations (NT)	395.00				
GEMS - Pointsetta fundraiser (NT)	1,075.00				
Profit Share - Christian Credit Union	128.22				
Total Receipts - Local Budget	31,522.42	15,276	91,658	110,523	121%
Ministry Shares - Classical	417.50				
Ministry Shares - Classical /Denominational	625.00				
Ministry Shares - Denominational	563.00				
Total Receipts - Ministry Shares	1,605.50	2,823	16,939	5,529	33%
Total Receipts - Budget Collections			108,597	116,052	107%
Benevolence	224.75				
CRWRC - Food Grains Bank	20.00				
CRWRC - Free a Family	30.00				
CRWRC - General Fund	100.00				
F.A.R.A	25.00				
Mustard Seed Church	20.00				
Rehoboth	513.75				
St. Albert Food Bank	934.12				
Total Receipts - Unbudgeted	1,867.62				
Total Received	34,995.54				

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', ie., 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

HOME (not so) SWEET HOME(less): Next week, The King's University College will be hosting its first student-lead Interdisciplinary Studies Conference entitled "Home (not so) Sweet Home(less)" focusing on the issue of home here in Edmonton, across the globe and in our own lives. Among a wide variety of art displays, concerts, and speakers will be Brian Walsh, the CRC campus minister from the University of Toronto and author of *Beyond Homelessness*, Jim Gurnett from the Edmonton Coalition on Housing and Homelessness, as well as Chris Turner, a columnist for the *Globe and Mail* and author of *The Geography of Hope*. The conference will be held at the King's University College on **January 20th and 21st**. This free-ticket event open to the public. For more info please visit www.kingsu.ca.

ATTENTION - All Juarez Mexico Servers Past and Present:

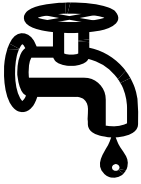
If you have been to Juarez for "Serve", have kids that have been on the "Serve" trip, or you will be participating in the 2012 "SERVE" trip, we invite you to come and visit with Tim Gamwell (the guy with the pony tail) from Life Challenge who we have been working with for the last 6 years. He is coming to Edmonton to talk about what is happening in Juarez and how it is impacting the lives of the people in Juarez and the ministries of Life Challenge. He will be speaking on Wednesday, **January 20th, 7:30 pm at Covenant CRC** for a time of fellowship, and again at the evening service of **First (or Bethel) CRC on Sunday, Jan. 24th at 6:30 pm** where Tim will talk about Juarez but also about outreach in the community. Please come out to show your support, hear what God is doing through Life Challenge and see old friends! EVERYONE IS WELCOME!! For more information contact Charlene Nanninga of Covenant CRC @ 780-455-6375.

NEED A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION? Come to Birthright on **Saturday, Jan. 23**, from 10.00 a.m. to noon for an information session. Women considering an abortion are often frightened and confused and a non-judgmental supportive approach by a Birthright volunteer can open their minds to alternative choices. Please call Pat Borgersen at 780-963-0789 or leave a message on our confidential voicemail at 780-488-0681 for more information. Thank you.

EXPLORE! SEMINAR at The Mustard Seed: Change your Worldview...Change your World. **January 25, 2010 @ 7:00 pm** at the house directly north of The Mustard Seed building. A discussion about the impact of traditional spiritual perspectives on the native North American mission today. Led by Terry LeBlanc. Please call 780-426-5600 for more info.

SERVICE & LEARNING OPPORTUNITY:

HONDURAS WATER PROJECT 2010



Clean water, improved health, and hope for a Honduran village. A possible life-changing experience for the team participants. That's what awaits the members of the 16th Honduras Water Service and Learning Project. A partnership of NADC, CRWRC, and the King's University College, the project takes place during 3 weeks of May this year. Team building and orientation is planned for several evenings and one weekend in March. If you are interested in joining this great short-term mission experience, please call the NADC office @ 780-423-0456 ASAP for more information and an application form, or send your request to nadmc@telus.net. The deadline for applications is **Feb 5th, 2010**. Space is limited.

BACK TO GOD HOUR - Guidelines for Givers: Do you ever feel bombarded by appeals for giving? Or do you ever have a gnawing guilt that wonders if maybe you aren't giving enough money away? What's a Biblical approach to giving that allows us to feel confident about our level of stewardship? Find out on the Jan. 24 Back to God Hour. Go to www.BacktoGod.net for local stations and times.

KIDS CORNER - Black Cats and Sidewalk Cracks: Has anyone ever said, "Good luck" to you? Liz wants to discover if there is such a thing as being lucky. Help him figure it out on this week's Kids Corner. Then check out the Kids Corner website at www.kidscorner.net for stories, devotions, puzzles and more

New in the Foyer...

On the Bulletin Board: Emmanuel Home Valentine Bazaar, Friday, Feb. 12.

On the Display Table: The King's Group Investment Opportunities brochures.

Opportunities For Service

	January 17 <i>Communion</i>	January 24 <i>Pastor David Sutherland</i>	January 31
Service Elder	Randy Mann	Douwe Spriensma	Randy Pool
Service Deacon Junior Deacon	Charlotte vanGelder Michael Vlieg	Yvonne Bush James Vlieg	Bert Jager Alex Bush
Counting Vol.	Mike opdenDries	Aaron Hazelaar	Harry Koch
Music Leader	Team 4	Team 1	Team 2
Slide Tech.	Brett Lobreau	John Hogendoorn	Peter Buisman
Sound System	John Hogendoorn	Randy Mann	Randy Mann
Greeters	Kimble	Buisman	Pool
Ushers	Jane Brouwer Ramona Koch	Elaine Vogelaar Suzanne Hogendoorn	Henry Stikma Tom Vandermeer
Children's Worship	Preschool-Gr.1: Amanda Kleine Gr. 2-6: Petra Nagtegaal	Preschool-Gr.1: Amanda K. Gr. 2-6: Irene Brink	Preschool-Gr.1: Jeanine Merkus Gr. 2-6: Irene Brink
Nursery	Sue Kimble	Albert Stol	Amanda Kleine
Nursery Helpers	Julia Hogendoorn Joel Loosley	Karli Mann Alex Bush	Michelle Merkus Alex VanOmmen
Drivers B: Drivers C: Drivers D:	Jager VanBerkel Degner	van Gelder Van Droffelaar Steenbergen	Buisman Van Egdom Stikma
Offerings	Local Budget Denom. Ministry Shares	Local Budget Operation Manna	Local Budget CRWM - Missionaries
Bagel Schedule	Douwe V.	Henry/Elaine	Laurie
Coffee Hosts	Vanderwel, D & W	VanderZee, G & B	VanEgdom, J & T
Snow Schedule	Jan. 18-24: Dalmaijer, R	Jan. 25-31: Spriensma	Feb.1-7: Degner, D

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			Hours: Tues 10-3, Thurs./Fri: 9-2
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Bulletin Submissions: bulletin@crcsa.org Deadline: Thurs. 6 pm

This Week At a Glance

January

19	Tuesday	12 Noon	Brown Bag Bible Study
20	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Friendship Club
21	Thursday	7:30 pm	Team 1 practice
22	Friday	12 Noon	Soup & Slippers <i>at Dalmaijer's</i>
24	Sunday	10:30 am	Worship Service <i>Guest Pastor Dave Sutherland</i>

Church Family Birthdays



Up This Week...

January 17 Tyrell Nagtegaal

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.