

# Christian Reformed Church of St. Albert

March 7, 2010

10:30 am

## THIRD 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.

### *Welcome to Worship!*

Welcome to all today, especially pastor Cyril, our guest pastor. Pastor Cyril will be continuing our series in the gospel of Luke with a message about seeds and dirt from Luke 8. A supervised nursery is available downstairs, as is a parents' room near the entrance doors. Sunday School for children up to grade 6 begins as announced. Please join us for refreshments after worship.

Nursery is provided downstairs for the very young, as well as a parents' room near the main doors. Sunday School for children aged 2 to grade 6 begins as announced during worship. Please stay for coffee, tea and a chance to chat after worship today.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### **Welcome**

PH 379: *What Wondrous Love*

Song: *There is a Redeemer*

### **God's Greeting**

Song: *The Wonder of the Cross*

### **Confession and Assurance**

PH 260: *Not What my Hands have Done*

### **Children's Song**

Song: *Hallelujah*

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

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)

## **We Hear God's Word**

Scripture: Luke 8:v4-8, Psalm 1  
Sermon: They Don't Get it, do They?  
Song: *Refiner's Fire*

## **Congregational Prayer**

Led by Elder Randy M

## **We Bring Our Gifts to God**

Offering #1: Local Budget  
Offering #2: Denominational Ministry Shares  
Song: *Be Thou My Vision*

## **Closing**

PH 473: *To God be the Glory*

## **God's Blessing**

Song: *Lord Reign in Me*

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## **Upcoming Services...**

**March 14:** Luke 16:1-9 Eternal Investments

**March 18 7pm:** Christ in the Passover (led by a missionary from Jews for Jesus)

**March 21:** Communion Luke 18:1-8 The Widow Who Would Not Quit

<h2><b>Church Family</b></h2>
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*People to remember with our prayers and our love.*

**Sharen** continues to have abdominal pain.

Please remember our seniors in your prayers. (and our youth with their special events today)

## **CLASSIS ALBERTA NORTH**

Classis (our regional meeting) meets this week **Wednesday afternoon, evening and Thursday** at the King's University College. Your delegates are elder Henry and pastor John. Wednesday evening at 7 there will be a special discussion about children's participation in the Lord's Supper led by pastor Howard from Grand Rapids, Michigan. If you are able, please come.

## 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 - 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

### ***HIGHLIGHTS OF COUNCIL MEETING—TUESDAY MARCH 2, 2010***

- Church Visitors attended the meeting for approximately 1 hour, and there was a good dialogue about things that are going well in our Church as well as areas in which we might pursue improvements. Ongoing challenges with meeting our financial quotas (both Classical and Denominational) were discussed. The vitality of our worship services was noted, as was the good working dynamic within Council itself.
- Community Garden Proposal - The proposed site of the garden area has been moved to the west side of the property based on expert advice from the City of St. Albert. This development was received positively by Council, and input from the Congregation is encouraged as Council prepares to make a final decision later in March.
- Elders and Deacons reported on their individual activities over the past month. Discussion took place about ensuring we have a means of informing all congregation members when there is important or urgent news to convey between worship services, and an e-mail list to be created and maintained by the Admin. Assistant will be the main component of this, supplemented with phone calls if/as required. The web-site may also have a role in this regard in the future.
- Work is underway for the 2010/11 Church Budget as well as approaching nominees to serve on Council.

### ***SOUP & SLIPPERS***

All 55+ers are invited for a lunch of soup and fellowship at Liz's on Friday March 12, noon - 1:30PM. Longtime members and newcomers, all are very welcome for this time of fun, food and talk! Liz has the soup, you bring your slippers. RSVP [edalmaijer@aol.com](mailto:edalmaijer@aol.com) or by phone to Liz.

**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). Today, **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!

**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.

### **CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER**

So what did Jesus' disciples need to bring with them when they went to prepare the Passover? And, how did Jesus take that memorial meal and transform it? Come find out on **Thursday March 18 at 7pm** when Jeremiah of Jews for Jesus leads us in an evening explanation and worship time.

### **COMMUNITY GARDEN PROPOSAL**

Council has asked for and received input from the congregation and others and is now ready to proceed. Based on the input received, Council proposes a Community Garden to proceed as noted below. Please note that the garden will be on the west side of the church building (between the lilac hedge and church building). Council is seeking the congregation's input on the new proposal before making a final decision later this month. Please contact any Council member to provide your input or for further details on this project.

Council proposes the following:

That the Community Garden proposal proceed subject to the following:

- The garden is located on the west side of the building.
- Soil at the proposed site be tested and found suitable for gardening.
- No trees to be removed.
- Any sign that may be erected is subject to approval by CRC of St. Albert with respect to location, size and content.
- No shed to be erected
- No gardening is permitted on Sundays until after 1:00 PM.
- Our financial commitment to the project is restricted to \$100.
- Approval by our insurance provider (as well as meeting their other recommendations)
- Council to evaluate the success of the garden in late fall which would result in a recommendation to continue or abandon the Community Garden.

Collections For February, 2010	Amount	Budget Per Month	Budget Year To Date	Actual Year To Date	%
Budget	11,637.16				
Church Rental	325.00				
<b>Total Receipts - Local Budget</b>	<b>11,962.16</b>	<b>15,276</b>	<b>122,211</b>	<b>131,542</b>	<b>108%</b>
Ministry Shares - Classical	658.39				
Ministry Shares - Classical /Denominational	125.00				
Ministry Shares - Denominational	134.25				
<b>Total Receipts - Ministry Shares</b>	<b>917.64</b>	<b>2,823</b>	<b>22,585</b>	<b>7,796</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>Total Receipts - Budget Collections</b>			<b>144,795</b>	<b>139,338</b>	<b>96%</b>
Benevolence	724.75				
CRWRC - Free a Family	40.00				
CRWRC - Haiti Relief	160.00				
<b>Total Receipts - Unbudgeted</b>	<b>924.75</b>				
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>13,804.55</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', 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.

### **EVER STRUGGLED TO DEFEND YOUR PROLIFE VIEWS?**

This presentation is for you. Sponsored by Edmonton Prolife, Prolife 101 presented by Scott. Scott is the founder and president of Life Training Institute (LTI). He travels throughout the United States and Canada training pro-life advocates to defend their views in the public square and to make their case persuasively in the marketplace of ideas.

### **HEALTHY SOUL CONFERENCE:**

Urban Sanctuary presents its 2010 Healthy Soul Conference, **March 12 (evening) & 13**, with Len, founder and Director of Urban Sanctuary. Main sessions, worship, drama and discussion times will focus on “**Becoming a Friend of God**” and help you explore new ways to deepen your relationship with God. Conference at West Meadows Baptist Church, 9333 199 Street, Edmonton. Cost is \$60 (\$70 after Feb 24) students \$40 (includes workbook & lunch). For more info or to register, see bulletin board, visit [www.urbansanctuary.ca](http://www.urbansanctuary.ca) or call Wendy @ 780-477-5731.

### **ICS 2010 WORLDVIEW LECTURE** presented by Dr Ron, 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. Ron will present an understanding of faith as a form of critical intelligence, something that we desperately need today. Faith understood in this way is a source of wisdom and hope; faith that enables us to understand and respond to the problems of this dynamic and confounding world.

This Lecture will be held at The King’s University College, Room N-101 (Conference Room) on **Saturday, March 13** from 10:00 am to 12 noon. Refreshments provided. For more information please visit [www.icscanada.edu/events/](http://www.icscanada.edu/events/).

### **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
- **CLAC** - full-time entry-level Administrative Assistant position
- **InterMission** - a 2-1/2 day silent-directed retreat is for those who desire to deepen and enrich their prayer life
- **Ad & Coby de Blaeij** - update from Haiti
- **Summer Ministries Student** - Red Deer
- **Mustard Seed Church** - summer employment

# Opportunities For Service

	March 7	March 14 <i>Daylight Savings Starts</i>	March 21 <i>Communion</i>
<b>Service Elder</b>	Randy Pool	Douwe	Laurie
<b>Service Deacon Junior Deacon</b>	Brenda Daniel	Charlotte Michael	Yvonne James
<b>Counting Vol.</b>	George	Mike	Aaron
<b>Music Leader</b>	Team 3	Team 4	Team 1
<b>Slide Tech.</b>	Peter	Brett	John
<b>Sound System</b>	Clayton	Randy	Damon
<b>Greeters</b>	Peter & Johanna	Randy & Maricris	Henry & Janette
<b>Ushers</b>	Ilona Elaine	Art & Sharen	Anita Paul
<b>Children's Worship</b>	Preschool: Marcia Gr. 2-6: Anna	Preschool: Marcia Gr. 2-6: Anna	Preschool: Marcia Gr.2-6: Petra
<b>Nursery</b>	Elaine !!??	Grant Bush	Jen
<b>Nursery Helpers</b>	David Daniel	David Erin	Jeanine Joel Loosley
<b>Drivers B: Drivers C: Drivers D:</b>	Gord  Brenda & Alton	Bert John Marion Art	Charlotte Mark & Christine Everett & Audrey
<b>Offerings</b>	Local Budget Denom. Ministry Shares	Local Budget Classical Ministry Shares	Local Budget Denom. Ministry Shares
<b>Bagel Schedule</b>	Peter	Joanne	Henry/Elaine
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	Don & Anita	Remco & Kim	Art & Sharen
<b>Snow Schedule</b>	March 8-14: Bert	March 15-21: George	March 22-28: Henry

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Bulletin Submissions: [bulletin@crcsa.org](mailto:bulletin@crcsa.org) Deadline: Thurs. 6 pm

## This Week At a Glance



March			
8	Monday	6:30 pm	GEMS
9	Tuesday	12 Noon	Brown Bag Bible Study
10	Wednesday		
14	Sunday	10:30 am	Worship Service <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>

## Church Family Birthdays



### *Up This Week...*

March 7	Matteo Nagtegaal
March 10	Henry Stiksma Doug Standing
March 13	Keir Nagtegaal Jonas Hazelaar

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.