



Living Thankfully
First Christian Reformed Church
Sunday, July 31, 2011

We extend a special welcome to guests who join us today! Rick VanManen the Chaplain from the University of Alberta will bring the message as our guest pastor this morning.

Children ages 3 to grade 3 will be dismissed to Summer Sunday School. There is supervised nursery care for infants to age 3 today. Parents should accompany children who leave the worship service for any reason.

Guests at First Church are cordially invited to a time of fellowship and friendship in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service.

WE WORSHIP A GREAT AND MIGHTY GOD

Prelude

Gathering Songs

“Come All You People”

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship

God’s Greeting

Hymn of Praise: “Praise Be The Father” PsH 582

A Time of Friendship

(children ages 3 through Grade 3 dismissed)

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

Call to Confession

“Out of the Depths I Cry to You” PsH 256

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 130

Song: “Jesus, You’re All I Need”

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prayer for Guidance

Scripture: Psalm 116

Message: **A Song of Thanksgiving**

Our Response:

Song: “I Love the Lord for He has Heard my Voice”
PsH 116

Pastoral Prayer

Our Tithes & Offerings

First Ministry Budget

Various Christian Causes – Benevolent Fund

Blessing

Doxology: “God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

Postlude

SERVING TODAY

Greeting: Evelyn Oosterhoff

Helping Hands: Mike Sandstra

Nursery: Erin Visser

Serving Elder: Rob Wagenaar

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Greeting: Jack Soley

Helping Hands: Jeff Visser

Serving Elder: Art VanZanten Aug.1 - 7

FIRST FAMILY NEWS

Gerrit DeWit has been able to return home from the hospital. We pray for his continued healing.

Dicky Mulder wishes to thank everyone for the prayers, visits and cards. It was very much appreciated and she is doing very well.

Remember the many people who are unable to worship with us regularly due to illness or age including **Herminda de Gruyter, Alice de Wit, Lies Visser, Nell Drost, Mrs. Spyksma, Tanny DeKoning, Winnie Tensen, Audrey Vermeer, Dorothy Braaksma, John Lindhout, Henk Krikke, and Winnie Krikke**

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

The church database is currently being update and revised. This includes the phone directory and church email list. The new phone directory will include names, addresses, emails, phone numbers, and children's names. If there are any changes to any of your information or you would like to be added or removed from any list please let the office know as soon as you are able. If you are unsure if we have your correct information contact the office. We need your assistance with this!!

Administration

FIRST CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

COFFEE SOCIAL: After the worship service, everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for coffee. Your hosts will be Mike and Wilma Sandstra. Cake will be served by Jim and Marion TenHove in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary this coming fall.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY: Calling all musicians and singers! If you are interested in contributing to the service in any way; be it a solo, prelude, postlude, offertory, or joining one of the praise bands, please contact Karen Werkema. We would love to see new faces and be blessed by the many different gifts and talents in our congregation.

FIRST CRC HIKE: Ready for an amazing day of fantastic views and great fellowship? The 3rd Annual First CRC Hike is Saturday August 21st. No ride? No worries. We will meet at the church at 7 am and car pool. Should be home around 7-8pm. Rain out date is Aug.27. For more info contact Cory Fosty.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

VACATION: Cathy will be away on vacation from July 29 – August 8.

RETREAT: The fall retreat scheduled for September 23-25 for youth grades 7-12 and young adults is fast approaching! We need to have our numbers in the first week of September so if you are interested in having a great time out at Pioneer Lodge in Sundre, Alberta and spend time in worship with Happy the Dog...then sign up on the youth bulletin board! Deposit of \$75 per person is required. A bottle drive is scheduled for early September to help offset additional costs. This is our kick-off event for the ministry year and we really would love for all youth to come and join us in this incredible event!

BOTTLE DRIVE: The youth will be having a bottle drive in early September to help raise funds for our retreat We Would really love it if you would hold on to your bottles for us! If you are full, please feel free to drop them off in the church boiler room or call Cathy Tilstra and we will come pick them up for you! We need to raise a lot to keep our costs down so please save your bottles for us! Thank you!

YOUNG ADULTS: Looking for a super fun, cheap night out? Join us **Saturday, September 10, 2011** for a **Car Rally & Square Dance!** Starts at Ebenezer CRC in Leduc (South of Hwy 623 on RR 250) at 3:30pm. Cost: \$15.00/ person. This CANYA event was a HUGE success last year so register at www.canyouthministry.com and click "online registration" to reserve your spot! For more information, contact Amy Stol at 780-952-6578.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Thursday 6:00 pm Thursday Theme Night!

Saturday 1:00 pm Wedding

Church office hours: Tues – Fri; 9.00a – 3.00p unless posted otherwise.

STEWARDSHIP NOTES

Today's Tithes and Offerings:

First CRC Ministry Budget

Various Christian causes – Benevolent Fund

Future Offerings:

Aug 7 Institute for Christian Studies (ICS)

Aug 14 Mortgage Reduction

Deer Dollars/Giving Envelopes are available in the church office immediately after the morning service

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE LEAGUE OF CANADA: We praise and thank our God for the amazing kingdom work being accomplished in Cambodia. But even as we rejoice, there are still over 9,000 villages that have yet to hear the Good News. Please pray for the continuing expansion of the kingdom in the hearts and lives of the people of Cambodia.

REMINDER: Do not forget to check the bulletin board in the hallway for notices of upcoming events, places for rent, boarding requests, or other items of interest.

Birthdays

August	1	Johanna Lindhout	4	Dillon Sietzema
	1	John Tytsma	6	Albert de Wit
	1	Jaron Wagenaar	6	Roland Goulet
	1	Rolf Westera	6	Gerda Goulet
	2	Joanne Teuling	6	John Westera
	3	Maureen Wielinga	7	Erin Fosty

A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17."

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."

"A cheerful heart is good medicine."

Proverbs 17:22a

