

# Sunday, December 4, 2011

## Advent 2

The second candle on the Advent Wreath is the Candle of Peace. It is a symbol of the vision of Shalom spoken by the prophets and a reminder that Spirit was upon Christ to proclaim good news to the oppressed and peace to the disenfranchised.

### Prayer for PEACE

*Dear God, as the kings and rulers of our world are enthroned, we have witnessed the elaborate preparations made for those events. By the power of your Spirit, move us to make the preparations needed to welcome you, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. Soften our hearts, break down our resistance. Open us anew to your life and love that we may be transformed and may be agents of transformation in the lives of others. For Jesus' sake. Amen.*

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# Welcome to Woody Nook

DEC 4, 2011



## CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

##### WORLD

*Bangladesh*

##### DENOMINATION

*Quinte*

##### CLASSIS ALBERTA

*Fellowship - Edmonton*

##### WOODY NOOK MINISTRIES

*Stephens Ministry*

##### MINISTRIES & MISSIONARIES

*Peter & Linda Lugtigheid*

##### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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\*Our congratulations to Ron & Sherry Vink who recently celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless you for many more years to come.

\*Gerrit Eggink had another round of chemo treatment. This makes him particularly vulnerable to infection at the present time. We pray that God will carry him through these difficult days and encourage him.

\*We remember in pray Craig Kootstra - who is in Afghanistan as part of the Canadian (NATO) Mission. May God protect him during this time.

\*Please continue to pray for those who are dear to our hearts and sometimes unable to worship with us. Cathy Plantinga, Jenny Talsma, Eb TenHove, Henry & Corry VanderVeen, Ann Wecker, and Rennie Westergreen. We pray that you may feel a part of WoodyNook even though you can't always worship with us. We also remember their ever present care givers and pray that the Lord will uphold them as well.

\*We warmly welcome *Jake and Karri Folkerts and their children*, Joshua, Emily, Joseph, Hayley, and Raegan to our church family! At our last Administration Board Meeting we received their membership papers from Gateway Community CRC, Abbotsford. We pray that God will bless you as you serve Him in our community. Administration Board also received requests to transfer the memberships of Jason and Kerrie-Ann Dalstra and family to Red Deer First CRC; of Alyssa Bouwman (nee Wierbos) to Gateway Community CRC, Abbotsford; and of Gloria Brouwer (nee Wierbos) to Sunrise CRC. For the Administration Board – Steve TenHove

\*Thousands of people in communities across southern Africa have been signing climate-justice petitions that the *We Have Faith Caravan* of about 200 young people, including three young Christian Reformed Church journalists, (our own *Karmen Meyer*) are going to bring to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Durban, South Africa. Riding in safari trucks, emblazoned with We Have Faith on the sides, they plan to arrive in Durban late November for a huge, faith-based rally that will be hosted by Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu. The CRC journalists are *Karmen Meyer*, a photographer, and Ryan Geleyns, the videographer. They are being sponsored by the CRC's Office of Social Justice and the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee. In her personal blog describing her journey, Meyer writes: *"I cannot begin to describe how honored I am to be a part of something so important. To use the gifts God has given me to help his people, his creation. It is more than I could have ever asked for."*

### **Young Adults of the Week**

Tashelle VanderSchee, Sadie Talsma, Brenda Rietema, Katelyn Hughes, Chelsea Weenink and Travis Ten Hove. We pray that the Lord will continue to guide you and bless you all.

### **CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

[04] Darrell Mulder-**Happy 50<sup>th</sup>!**, Veronica DenOudsten, Eric Doef, Gary Kuipers, Zachary Vande Glind [06] Jim Prins, Robyn Eggink, Amy Doef [07] Karissa Prins, Alysa Attema [08] Denise Schonenburg, Jennifer Oudman, William Veldkamp [09] Paul Doef, Chelsea Weenink, Ryan Vanderlinde, Keagen Salomons and [10] Claire Talsma!

### **Thank you from the Building Fundraising Committee**

We would like to thank everyone who helped make this canola field project a huge success. Thank you to Jan Drost for donating the use of his land, to all the farmers who donated their time, equipment, and inputs to this project. Thank you also to all who sponsored an acre of inputs this spring/summer. The harvest numbers are that the canola had a high yield with approximately 9000 bushels now in storage. The crop has not been sold yet but at today's price has a value of about \$100,000.00 What a great blessing this has been for the new addition on the church.

*Peter DenOudsten, John Ekkel, Otto Schermers, Paul Doef, John Tenbrinke, Leita Salomons & Tony Meyer*

### **From the Finance Committee**

As we close our fiscal year (Dec 1, 2010 - Nov 30, 2011), we are thankful for the generosity of the Woody Nook community. Unfortunately, we are still short approximately \$46,000 on our budget obligations. Prayerfully consider your donations to Woody Nook Ministries in the coming weeks. We hope to finalize our year-end on December 11, 2011. If you would like to make a donation for 2010-2011, please make a note on the memo line of your donation cheque.

### **Gratefully Received in November**

Woody Nook Ministries	\$53,067.00
Capital Fund	\$1,499.50
CRWM: Strydhorsts	\$917.00
EduDeo Ministries (WWCS)	\$983.00
Lacombe Christian School	\$1,220.00
World Hunger	\$7031.00
Peter Fish	\$1,148.00

### **There is a Bible Study group...**

that meets in the afternoons during the winter months that would like to have a few more people to join them. If you would like to be a part of good discussions, singing and fellowship please contact Klaas Brink.

### **DISTRICT 1 POTLUCK**

**DISTRICT 1 YOU ARE INVITED** to a soup lunch on December 11 at the church following the morning service. Everything will be supplied by your Elders and Youth Elders. Please join us and bring along the kids.

## **CLUB 456 LEADERS NEEDED!**

Thank you so much to those who have been leading our Club 456 classes this fall. You have helped to make the start of this program a success!! We are now in need of leaders starting in January through to May. If you are interested, please take a look at the sign up sheet in the foyer and sign up for the units/months that work out best for you. Questions? Talk to Deb Vaandrager or Candace Bajema.

## **Friendship Ministries**

We are in need of a few more teachers. We have 3 men and 2 women that would love to have a friend/mentor/teacher to help them out each Monday night. Is this something you would be interested in? 1 ½ hours each Monday from 7:30-9:00 pm and occasional outings (Friendship Services, singing at the Lodge) is the commitment required. Call Sherry Tenbrinke at 403-782-7950 or come out to visit us at Bethel CRC on a Monday night.

## **C.A.T.C.H. – *C*hasing *A*fter the *C*hristian *H*eart**

**CATCH** (for all students in Grades 7 to 12) meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 pm Living In A Contested World: Remembering the Scriptural Story of Elijah on Mount Carmel, we listen to modern contests of faith. We have listened to the story of the Cuban Pastors, the challenge of Islam, the claims of atheism and finally listen to the conversion story of a former Buddhist.

Dec 6 7:30pm The Challenge of Atheism

Dec 13 7:30pm Conversion Story: a Buddhist becomes a Christian

## **MORNING BREAK – Ladies of All Ages**

Morning Break meets this Wednesday. Groups will wrap up their studies on December 7th, and we will be holding our Christmas Potluck Brunch on December 14th! Plan to join us to enjoy delicious food and fun games! Morning Break Nursery Helper: Kate Luymes and Story Hour Snack & Helper: Kate Luymes



## **ARCHIVE DISPLAY**

Thank you to Agnes Meyer, Linda Siebenga, and Julie TenHove for setting up the beautiful archive display. If you have anything that you would like to donate to the archives, talk to anyone of them.

## DROP-IN BADMINTON

Wednesday evenings at the Gull Lake Centre gym from 7:30 to 9:30 pm; \$2/person. Everyone is welcome! For more info please call Steve TenHove @ 403-885-2446.



## WOODY NOOK GEMS – For Girls In Grades 5 To Grade 9



Our next GEMS meeting will be Wednesday, **December 7**. We will pick up the girls from school-meeting at LCS at 3:45p.m. There will be one group heading out to a few places in town to do some carolling to the seniors who are shut-in at this time. The rest will be heading to the church to help set up for supper, which starts at 5:30 p.m.

## SENIORS - Christmas Caroling Evening

The GEMS are inviting you to come on out on Wednesday, December 7 at 5:30 pm for an enjoyable evening of Christmas caroling! The GEMS will be serving you a delicious warm bowl of soup and a bun, topped off with singing some of your favorite Christmas carols! Please feel free to invite your senior friends and neighbors. RSVP to Karlee Prins at 403-782-9612 by December 4. Hope to see you all then!

## PERSIAN CUISINE FUNDRAISER SUPPER

You are invited to attend a Persian Cuisine Fundraiser Supper on Saturday, December 10, at the church at 6:00 p.m. to help raise money for the building costs. For more info talk to Janet Zadoorian or email her at [aj.works@hotmail.com](mailto:aj.works@hotmail.com). You can RSVP to the signup sheet on the table in the foyer. We will be only seating 100 people so please sign up early.

## LIBRARY CHRISTMAS BAKING

You can pick up your Christmas Baking Boxes next Sunday, December 11 after church in the Library. Thanks so very much much for your support ☺

## CADETS – For Boys In Grades 5 To Grade 9



Woody Nook Cadets (*boys in Grades 5 to Grade 9*) Our next Cadet meeting will be on Wednesday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m. the regular time.

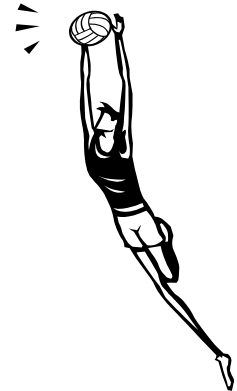
## Praying Right Now



"So we fasted and petitioned our God about this, and he answered our prayer." (Ezra 8:23) Finding and training more **Stephen Ministers** is the critical next step for our congregation's Stephen Ministry. Right now we are praying for the individuals God is calling to serve as caregivers. A new training class will begin on the evening of Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Please include this need in your prayers. God answers our prayers because he is faithful! For more info about **Stephen Ministry**, contact your Stephen Ministry Leadership Team – Grace Stolte, Harvey Buit, or Norman Noordhof.

## CACHS ALUMNI VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The 3rd annual CACHS Alumni Volleyball tournament will be held December (16?) & 17. Teams must consist of at least 75% alumni. Cost is \$100/team. Deadline to enter your team is December 9. Please spread the news to those alumni not living locally. For more info or to enter your men's or women's team phone Mel Brandsma @ 403-782-1855, Colleen VanderSchee @ 403-885-4388, or e-mail [schee@albertahighspeed.net](mailto:schee@albertahighspeed.net).



## HEY YOUTH!

Dec 9 ***Hello Youth!*** Friday, **December 9<sup>th</sup>** is Youth Unlimited's **LA Rock** Event at 7pm at the YU-Turn Centre (5025-50St Lacombe) Come on out for a night of worship, games and fellowship! This event is for those in junior high and senior high. Hope to see you there!

Dec 11 **Mentor Groups Meet**

## DEACON'S NOTES:

- There is a **Christmas Card** on the table in the foyer. For those who wish to send Christmas and New Years greetings to our church members and friends. Sign the card, put a donation (\$10 suggestion) in the jar for the FCSS Christmas food hampers, we will photo copy the card for **everyone** in our church community. A very economical way to send your good wishes.

- The second offering today is for **CACHS** (Central Alberta Christian High School) - Tuition Relief.
- Next week we will be supporting **The Back to God Hour** in our second offering. For nearly **70 years**, **The Back to God Hour** has covered the world with an ever-growing electronic media ministry. We beam the message of salvation to all corners of the earth in nine major world languages, using radio, television, the Internet, telecommunications and the printed page.
- **Next Deacons meeting Dec. 7 at 7:30 pm hosted by Tony Meyer**  
*Manda Eggink, Jeff Ekkel, Irene Prins, Tracey Prins, Tony Meyer, Albert Zadorian*

## **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPEN HOUSE**

The family of Cor Nienhuis invite you to join them in the celebration of the blessing of Cor's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. An open house will be held on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 p.m. in the First Red Deer CRC church fellowship hall, 16 McVicar St. Best wishes only please.

### ***International Christmas Sing Along***

Welcomes you on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm at the First Christian Reformed Church (16 McVicar St. Red Deer). We will sing English, Dutch and Africaans carols to the Praise of the Lord. Please invite your friends. Pastor Jack is the M.C. and a free will offering is held for the Salvation Army.

### **CACHS FALL DRIVE**

The Central Alberta Christian High School fall drive is now underway until December 15<sup>th</sup>. This year's goal is \$90,000.00. If you have not received a donation form or you have lost your donation form, you may contact Ann Oudman at (403-782-4535). During the evenings, contact Wendy Barnes (403-885-5187) and they will ensure that you receive a new form. Your donations may be mailed to C.A.C.H.S, 22 Eagle Road, Lacombe, AB T4L 1G7: Attention Wendy Barnes, or they may be handed in a sealed envelope to the canvasser who called you.

## Lacombe Christian School's Christmas Program

On Thursday, December 15th at 7:00pm, we are hosting our annual Christmas Program, at the Canadian University College Church. We invite you to join us in celebrating the Savior's birth! The staff & students have been preparing tirelessly to treat you to an evening of Handel's Messiah. This hopeful and joyous musical masterpiece, written over 250 years ago, is still very much alive today in telling the good news of Jesus Christ! **We will be cheerfully collecting food donations at the door, for the Lacombe Food Bank.**

### ***Classis Alberta North Young Adults (CANYA)***

Are you looking for a fun evening to just hang out after the exams and papers are done? Is work a little much right now with inventory looming and you need a break? Why not come out to the first ever CANYA Chinese gift exchange (refreshments will be provided). Each person is to bring along a wrapped gift valued no more than \$20.00. This will be happening on Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 7pm at the River/Mosaic ministry center (3935-114th St. NW, Edmonton). Please let Amy Stol 780-952-6578 or Curtis Doornbos (403) 357-8402 know if you plan to come or have any questions.

### ***Classis Alberta North Young Adults (CANYA)***

*Here we are in the midst of the Advent season, waiting for that day in which we annually celebrate our Saviours birth. Christmas is a time that often becomes so busy with concerts, special church services, etc. Our time with our kids is special and looking back, often too short. So why not after the Christmas dinners and other seasonal activities, gather in a place where we can experience one more evening together before school begins and our children get busy again with life. Sounds like fun right! **CANYA (Classis Alberta North Young Adults)** is hosting a snowboard/ski evening at Rabbit hill <http://www.rabbihill.com/w/index.php> on Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 6pm. Invite your families, youth group, college and career group, church councils, small group team, groups of friends or whoever can come out for a fun evening of snowboarding or skiing. 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.*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>DEC 4</b>	<b>DEC 5</b>	<b>DEC 6</b>	<b>DEC 7</b>	<b>DEC 8</b>	<b>DEC 9</b>	<b>DEC 10</b>
<b>10:00 am</b> <b>Advent 1)</b> Dedication Pastor Neil <hr/> <b>7:00 pm</b> Pastor Neil <hr/>	<b>7:30 pm</b> <b>PMC</b> <hr/> <b>7:30 pm</b> Friendship @ BETHEL Lesson #7 <hr/>	<b>7:30 pm</b> <b>CATCH</b> <hr/>	<b>9:30 am</b> Morning <b>BREAK</b> <hr/> <b>5:30 pm</b> <b>GEMS</b> <hr/> <b>7:30 pm</b> Financial <b>Peace</b> <hr/> <b>7:30 pm</b> Badminton <hr/>			<b>6:00 PM</b> <b>PERSIAN</b> <b>CUISINE</b> <b>SUPPER</b> <hr/>
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<b>10:00 am</b> <b>Advent 1))</b> Pastor Rick <hr/> <b>7:00 pm</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>School</b> <b>Program</b> <hr/>	<b>7:30 pm</b> <b>PMC</b> <hr/> <b>7:30 pm</b> Friendship @ BETHEL Lesson #8 <hr/>	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>SENIORS</b> @ Bethel <hr/> <b>7:30 pm</b> <b>CATCH</b> <hr/> <b>7:30 pm</b> Stephen Ministry <hr/>	<b>9:30 am</b> Morning <b>BREAK</b> <hr/> <b>7:30 pm</b> <b>CADETS</b> <hr/> <b>7:30 pm</b> Financial <b>Peace</b> <hr/> <b>7:30 pm</b> GRADA's Practice <hr/> <b>7:30 pm</b> Badminton <hr/>	<b>7:30 pm</b> ADMIN Meeting <hr/> <b>7:00 pm</b> <b>LCS</b> Christmas Program at CUC <hr/>		<b>CACHS</b> <b>ALUMNI</b> <b>VOLLEY</b> <b>BALL</b> <b>TOURNY</b> <b>@ CACHS</b> <hr/>

<b>OFFERING SCHEDULE</b>				<b>LOAVES AND FISHES</b>	
Dec 4		WM & CACHS		Dec 7	Ray P & Peter DO
Dec 11		Capital & Back to God Ministries		Dec 14	Dave & Mae A
Dec 18		WM & Pregnancy Care Centre		Dec 21	Ron P & Art R
<b>USHERS' SCHEDULE</b>				<b>PRAYER TEAM SCHEDULE</b>	
Dec 4		Jan D & Hans E		Dec 4	Team 1
Dec 11		Shawn P & Gord S		Dec 11	Team 2
Dec 18		Vince S & Allan S		Dec 18	Team 3
<b>MUSIC SCHEDULE</b>				<b>GREETERS' SCHEDULE</b>	
Dec 4	10 am	Worship Team-Dorothy	PP-Jack	Dec 4	Kase & Henny S
	7 pm	Agnes M	PP-Tyler		Anja S
Dec 11	10 am	Worship Team-Sherry	PP-Janet	Dec 11	Allan & Midge S
	7 pm	Sunday School Program	PP-Helen		George & Grace S
Dec 18	10 am	Worship Team-Grada	PP-Helen	Dec 18	Bernie & Teresa TH
		Lessons in Carols	PP-Curtis		Steve & Sherry TH
<b>SOUND SYSTEM</b>				<b>NURSERY SCHEDULE</b>	
Dec 4	10 am	Gea H		MOMS	Joanne V
	7 pm	Jack M			Agnes I
Dec 11	10 am	Claire T			<b>10 AM – Dec 4</b>
	7 pm	Jack M		Supervisor	Miriam D
Dec 18	10 am	David S		Sleepers	Anna W, Deb O
	7 pm	Albert K			Tessa H
<b>LIBRARY SCHEDULE</b>				Creepers	Teresa TB, Kevin B
Dec 4	10 am	Judi B, Andrea H			Stuart V, Muriel H
Dec 11	10 am	Lin L, Jenni S		Leapers	Ed K, Dustin E
Dec 18	10 am	Wilma S, Lil W			Jannick V, Brooklyn F
<b>COFFEE SERVERS</b>					<b>10 AM – Dec 11</b>
Dec 4		Emile & Karin T		Supervisor	Sarah V
		Bernie & Teresa TH		Sleepers	Becky F, Serena B
Dec 11		Herb & Julie TH			Kelsey S
		Steve & Sherry TH		Creepers	Shantel B, Frank K
Dec 18		Barton & Amanda TH			Reuben VL
		John & Teresa T		Leapers	Judi B, Kevin B
<b>HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE</b>					Ryleigh VS, Adrian O
Dec 4		*Helen D			<b>10 AM – Dec 18</b>
		John & Teresa TB		Supervisor	Cindy E
Dec 11		*Klaas B		Sleepers	Grace S, Wilma B
		Ed & Eleanor D			Taylor TH
Dec 18		*Klaaske D		Creepers	Karissa P, Maarten K
		Lawrence B			Tyrel S
				Leapers	Hans E, Jeff E
					Kara F, Jared VL