

**DEACONS CORNER**

**THIS WEEK'S OFFERINGS. (Feb. 19) - BUDGET** Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; <sup>16</sup> for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. <sup>17</sup> Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. Phil: 4:15-17

**THE HORLINGS** serve through CRWM in Nigeria. CRWM Nigeria is primarily focused on 3 strategic areas Christian Education, Evangelism & Discipleship, and Leadership Development. Please prayerfully consider your gifts for our missionaries. We have been supporting them for a number of years and can't say enough about the great work they do.

**NEXT WEEK'S OFFERINGS (Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>) BUDGET: & NEEDY**

**THIS WEEKS ACTIVITIES**

- MONDAY:** (20<sup>h</sup>) 1:30 pm = 55+ Bowling  
7:00 pm = Floor hockey
- TUESDAY:** (21<sup>st</sup>) 7:00 pm = Youth  
= Premarital Course
- WEDNESDAY:** (22<sup>nd</sup>) 9:30 am = Coffee Break  
10:00 am = **NO MOPS**  
6:30 pm = GEMS
- THURSDAY:** (23<sup>rd</sup>) 7:00 pm = Shelby K. Shower  
7:00 PM = Aerobics

**ADVANCED NOTICES**

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| <b>Feb. 26</b> - 1 <sup>st</sup> Sun. of Lent | <b>Mar. 10</b> - Movie Night      |
| <b>Mar. 1</b> - ICS Dinner                    | <b>Mar. 11</b> - Daylight Savings |
| <b>Mar. 1</b> - Council Meet                  | <b>Mar. 15</b> - Consistory Meet  |
| <b>Mar. 4</b> - Food Collect Sun.             | <b>Mar. 16</b> - Soup Kitchen     |
| <b>Mar. 4</b> - Congregation Meet             | <b>Mar. 18</b> - Free Meal Deal   |
| <b>Mar. 5</b> - Deacons Meet                  | <b>Mar. 21</b> - Admin. Meeting   |
| <b>Mar. 7</b> - Worship Meeting               |                                   |

**THIS WEEKS SERVICE (February 19, 2012)**

- Ushers:** Abe & Shirley V.  
**Greeters:** Liz M.J., George & Chris V.  
**Nursery Mom:** Sheena O.  
**Nursery Volunteers:** Jodene M., Hilda V. Carla D, Dana V.  
**Sunday School: Pre S/K & Gr. 1-6** (Family Day Theme)  
 Carolyn K., Mykalah L. Stacy L.  
**Library Helpers:** Hilda V. & Family  
**Columbia Assisted Living:** Group Two,  
 Lead by Lynda D.

**NEXT WEEKS SERVICE (Feb. 26, 2012)**

- Ushers:** John & Joanne D.  
**Greeters** Tannis Vos, Francine V., Wendy P.  
**Nursery Mom:** Sheena O.  
**Nursery Volunteers:** Kristy D., Sarah W.,  
 Holly H.  
**Sunday School: Pre S/K & Gr. 1-6** Both Groups – Sheena O.,  
 Jeremy V., Les V. - (Poster Contest)  
**Library Helpers:** Brenda N. & Family  
**Columbia Assisted Living:** E Free

**COFFEE HOSTS – Feb. 19**

- Brendan H.  
 Steve & Eda J.  
 Bert & Nellie K.  
 John & Grace K.

**COFFEE HOSTS – Feb. 26**

- Marilyn H.  
 Audrey K.  
 Herman & Carol K.  
 Tim & Mandy K.

**Special Birthday Greetings**



- Elaine K.** who celebrates her 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday on February 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Coby D.** who celebrates her 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Peter B.** who celebrates his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

If you need updates for the directory; there is a list available on top of the mailboxes.

**Our Mission:** Serving others as Jesus served, helping all become faithful disciples of the Lord.

The will of God will never take you,  
 Where the grace of God cannot keep you.  
 Where the arms of God cannot support you,  
 Where the riches of God cannot supply your needs,  
 Where the power of God cannot endow you...author unknown

**WELCOME** to Maranatha today! We are thankful that you are here for this celebration of God's love and grace. If you would like further personal contact with us, please fill out the guest information card and drop in the offering pouch. May God be praised and may each of us be encouraged on this day.

**Pastor Matthew VandenHeuvel** from Calgary CRC will bring the message today. Pastor Tony and Mary Ann are on vacation visiting family in Ontario.

### **Gathered in Grace**

Call to Worship

**"Open the Eyes of My Heart"**

Welcome

God's Greeting

Confession/Assurance

**"O Worship the King"**

**"As it is in Heaven"**

**"Lord I Give You My Heart"**

Children Dismissed

### **God's Word of Grace**

Bible Reading: James 4:13-17

Message: **"D.V."**

### **Gratitude for Grace**

**"Take My Life and Let it Be"**

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Hortings

**"Creation Calls"**

### **Gracious Sending Out to Serve**

God's Blessing

Our Praise

**"They Will Know We Are Christians"**

**Worship in Audio/Visual:** DVD recordings of each worship service are available; please speak to a technician in the sound booth if you would like one. Also, our morning worship service (of the previous week) is televised each Sunday at 5 PM on Shaw Cable TV Channel 9. If you require a hearing aid device, they may be picked up at the sound booth.



## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**



✚ If you are in need of prayer or Pastoral care, please call your Elder or the Church Office.

The Bible calls the church to be the presence of Jesus towards one another as we make up our community (Colossians 1.24). Let us be his heart and hands as we encourage one another in faith and love.

✚ Alberta (Arthur) H. is still recovering at home.

✚ John (Jenny) V. continues treatment for chronic leukemia.

✚ Ann H. remains in the hospital due to illness.

✚ Alice S. has fallen and hurt her back; she has been admitted into hospital. She is thankful for the care she is receiving and hopes to be going home soon.

✚ Jenny S. was admitted into hospital last Sunday and has been diagnosed with heart failure. She hopes to be released soon to return back to Columbia Assisted Living.

✚ Please continue to remember those who are living with chronic health concerns or illnesses, such as: Albert & Alice K., Ann S., Arlene H., Bill & Elaine K., Tina T., Steve & Johanna V., Fred and Florence D., May P., Hilda N., and Stan & Ria N. Mari M., and Grace K.

**Council** is requesting suggestions for nominees for new Council members (elders and deacons). Please submit your suggestions to the clerk, Ed D. or place in mailbox #25.

**Lent Series:** Next Sunday marks the beginning of our Lenten period. This year we will focus on the seven words of Jesus spoken from the cross. May the Lord bless us as we consider the suffering sacrifice and redemptive power evident in these words.

**Congregational Meeting** – There will be a congregational meeting held on March 4, 2012 after the service.

**All ladies** are invited to a wedding shower for Shelby K. future bride of Dylan P., this Thursday, **February 23** at 7 PM here at Maranatha. Please join us for an evening of fellowship and encouraging Shelby and Dylan as they begin a new life together.

**Community Event** We have fliers available for distribution to the community for a Movie Night as well as an invitation to join our Emmaus Road Classes. If you are willing and able, please help deliver these to various areas of the west side. Please **pick up a route** from the information desk. Thank you for your help.

**MOVIE NIGHT** "Friends for Life" - is a story that will touch your heart. Big city attorney Jim Crawford had won most of the battles in his life, but he couldn't win the battle against his wife's illness. Devastated and alone, he is left to face a lonely future. But suddenly, an unexpected twist of events (or even an angel) leads Jim to discover four orphaned wolf pups that face certain death unless he takes them in. Unprepared for the task, but unwilling to see them suffer, he takes them into his care and keeping. It is a daunting task with unintended...sometimes hilarious consequences.

**Premarital Classes:** Any couples planning to marry this year are welcome to sign up for a premarital class led by Pastor Tony. We plan to meet once a week for six weeks starting February **21<sup>st</sup>**, 2012. Please call the church office for more details if interested - 403-381-7744.

**The community relations committee** is looking for volunteers to assist with watching and observing the lobby during worship services. If you are 18 years of age or older and would like to help, please call Chris Vanderberg at 403-381-4147.

\*\*\*\*\*YOUTH\*\*\*\*\*CADETS\*\*\*\*\*GEMS\*\*\*\*\*

**Youth** – Maranatha Youth Group welcomes all Jr. and Sr. High School students to join our youth program, every Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 at the church, "

**Cadets – February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**GEMS – February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012**

**NO MOPS - February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**FROM THE VOICE OF THE MARTYRS – Egypt** - Please pray the Lord will intervene for 16 year old Amira who was abducted from her village, the family was informed that she wanted to convert to Islam and that she would be held until she is 18 so she can legally profess Islam herself. Ask the Lord to give her and her family the strength to endure this current hardship. Pray for all believers in Egypt; may they keep their eyes on Jesus, persevere in their faith, and not grow weary or lose heart (Hebrews 10:32-39; 12:1-3).

**NOTICE OF SESSION** - While the federal conservative government claims it does not intend to re-open the abortion debate, for many that debate is already raging. The Southern Alberta Council of Public Affairs will host the following debate: SHOULD ABORTION BE OUTLAWED? We look forward to the exchange between our two speakers who will lay out the case on both sides of this ongoing controversy. Speakers: Maaïke Rosendal (on behalf of Lethbridge Pro-Life) and Bryson Brown (U of L Philosophy professor) Date: Thursday, **February 23, 2012** - Time: Noon - 1:30 PM - Location: Country Kitchen Catering (lower level of The Keg) 1715 Mayor Magrath Drive S., Lethbridge Cost: \$10.00 (includes lunch) For more info: [www.sacpa.ca](http://www.sacpa.ca)

**DUTCH CANADIAN BURIAL SOCIETY** (Established 61 years ago) 2012 **Membership Renewal Time**. Current Members – Your notices are in your mailboxes! D.C.B.S. has 772 memberships consisting of 1,824 individuals! Your dues must be received by **March 30, 2012**. Family Membership \$45.00 - Single Membership \$25.00. Interested in becoming a member or want more information? Contact Louis D.

**SACSL SOCCER 2012** We would like to invite all players and officials to our annual AGM to be held on Tuesday, **March 6<sup>th</sup>** at Leon and Rachel's house at 8pm. This is your chance to discuss how things will be run for the 2012 soccer season. If you have any questions or ideas please forward them to the Chairman, Nic Voorhorst ([nicvoorhorst@hotmail.com](mailto:nicvoorhorst@hotmail.com)), so they can be added to the agenda. We hope to start the season in early May. Please watch the website ([www.sacsl.webs.com](http://www.sacsl.webs.com)) for more information regarding registration as well as the agenda for the AGM. SACSL COMMITTEE.

**FROM BACK TO GOD MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL - GROUNDWORK** - The Cross as Our Example: How do you react when someone treats you wrong—a friend betrays you, or you're accused unfairly of something you didn't do? Even when it's a little thing, like getting cut off on the highway, how do you react? Do you get mad? Do you scream and curse? Do you try to get even? Jesus shows us a better way. Join the Feb. 26 Groundwork conversation based on 1 Peter 2:21-25. Find a local radio station or listen online at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com).

**IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS** cordially invites everyone to the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Participation Drive dinner on **Thursday, March 1 at 6:00 p.m.** at Immanuel Christian High School, 802 – 6 Avenue North, Lethbridge. Our speaker this year is **Mr. Jules DeJager**, 1967 graduate of ICS and Director of School Quality and Human Resources for the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools. Please call the Business Office at 403-327-4223 by Monday, **February 27**, to reserve your seats.

**FAMILY FUNSKATE 2012** - The Nobleford Local of SCESA invites everyone to join us on Family Day for our annual Family Funskate. This will be held at Nicholas Sheran ice arena from 11:45 A.M. - 1:45 P.M. on Monday, **February 20** (Family Day). Admission is \$5/person or \$20/family, which includes skating, timbits, beverages and door prizes. Hot dogs and taco in a bag will be available at a nominal fee. There will be draws for Hockey Jerseys, Night on the Town and an Edmonton Weekend Getaway. Bring your loonies to take a shot at the Shooter Tutor, great prizes to be won! Come on out for an afternoon of fun and fellowship, while supporting Immanuel Christian Schools. We hope to see you all there!! For more information, see your school newsletter or contact Melinda Notenbomer @ 553-3448.

**COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR** - On **February 25<sup>th</sup>** - Streets Alive Mission will be hosting its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Coldest Night of the Year Walk to bring awareness to poverty and homelessness and to raise funds for the valuable work the Mission does. We are looking for teams of walkers who get sponsors to help us "*Put a Freeze on Poverty*" in Lethbridge. For more information go to [www.streetsalive.ca](http://www.streetsalive.ca)

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**FROM CRWRC** CRWRC West Africa Drought Response: - In the coming months, five to nine million people risk going hungry in the Sahel, a semi-arid region just below the Sahara in West Africa. A season of erratic rainfall, drought and insect infestations has led to poor harvests in the area. Through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, CRWRC will receive a 4-to-1 CIDA match towards the food aid portion of the response. To donate, please call 1-800-730-3490, visit [www.crwrc.org/donate](http://www.crwrc.org/donate), or mail your cheque marked, "CRWRC West Africa Drought Response," to CRWRC, 3475 Mainway, STN LCD 1, Burlington, ON L7R 3Y8.