

**Scripture Reading** Esther 3: 5 – 15 (NIV)

*When Haman saw that Mordecai would not kneel down or pay him honor, he was enraged. Yet having learned who Mordecai's people were, he scorned the idea of killing only Mordecai. Instead Haman looked for a way to destroy all Mordecai's people, the Jews, throughout the whole kingdom of Xerxes.*

*In the twelfth year of King Xerxes, in the first month, the month of Nisan, they cast the pur (that is, the lot) in the presence of Haman to select a day and month. And the lot fell on the twelfth month, the month of Adar.*

*Then Haman said to King Xerxes, "There is a certain people dispersed and scattered among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom whose customs are different from those of all other people and who do not obey the king's laws; it is not in the king's best interest to tolerate them. If it pleases the king, let a decree be issued to destroy them, and I will put ten thousand talents of silver into the royal treasury for the men who carry out this business."*

*So the king took his signet ring from his finger and gave it to Haman son of Hammadatha, the Agagite, the enemy of the Jews. "Keep the money," the king said to Haman, "and do with the people as you please."*

*Then on the thirteenth day of the first month the royal secretaries were summoned. They wrote out in the script of each province and in the language of each people all Haman's orders to the king's satraps, the governors of the various provinces and the nobles of the various peoples. These were written in the name of King Xerxes himself and sealed with his own ring. Dispatches were sent by couriers to all the king's provinces with the order to destroy, kill and annihilate all the Jews – young and old, women and little children – on a single day, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, the month of Adar, and to plunder their goods. A copy of the text of the edict was to be issued as law in every province and made known to the people of every nationality so they would be ready for that day.*

*Spurred on by the king's command, the couriers went out, and the edict was issued in the citadel of Susa. The king and Haman sat down to drink, but the city of Susa was bewildered.*

***"Israel, the Iran Threat & Modern Lessons from Esther"***

*Esther 3: 5 – 15*

***Church Family Breakfast***

*Saturday, March 6, 2010 from 8:30 – 10:00 AM and this note did not make it into the bulletin for Sunday! Sorry!*

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**February 28, 2010**

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**... Lessons from Esther."**

**Our Mission**

Our Church's purpose is to glorify God through worship, Bible study / prayer and fellowship, in order to make responsible disciples who will impact their world with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Pastoral Care**

*Pastor Ken Strom- Office Hours:*

*Wed 2:30PM – 6:30PM – Thur 9:AM-Noon*

# *Sunday Morning Worship Service*

*Sunday, February 28, 2010*

*Welcome to our service. Please be aware that people may use the sanctuary for prayer (before service).*

## **APPROACHING GOD IN WORSHIP**

### **Congregational Singing**

**Church Family in Prayer:** Abraham Peirson praying for Sadia, and, Ronald, Ben, Ken, Nathal, and Velma; Carl Lindstrom; and, the Mercers.

**Scripture Reading:** Esther 3: 5 – 15

### **Worshiping with Our Tithes & Offerings**

**Pastoral Prayer:** Praying for our EFCCM Ministry Team Back from Cuba.

## **LISTENING TO GOD IN HIS WORD**

Message: “Israel, the Iran Threat & Modern Day Lessons from Esther.”

## **RESPONDING TO GOD IN OUR LIVES**

**Closing Hymn:** #359 “Jesus Is Lord of All”

### **Benediction**

*After Service Fellowship & Refreshments  
(Visitors are very welcome)*

## Looking Ahead

### **Monday, Mar 1, 2010**

*English as a Second Language (ESL) classes in the evening from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.*

### **Wednesday, March 3, 2010**

*Prayer & Bible Study at church at 7:30 PM.*

### **LPD Conference – March 12 – 13, 2010**

*This year's conference at Vancouver Chinese EFC with speaker Dr. John Auxier from Trinity Western Seminary. Brochures at the back foyer. Anyone can come. Official delegates can vote at the meeting on Saturday.*

### **Sunday, March 14, 2010**

*Joy Youssef will share her recent trip to Egypt and her vision for our Mission outreach to that part of our world. Daylight Savings Time also begins this day.*

### **Lent – February 17 to March 28, 2010.**

*Pastor Ken invites you to join him in seeking God during the 40 days before Easter, often called “Lent.” The purpose is not to earn favor with God, but to seek to align our hearts with His purposes. Fasting or giving something up does not earn favor. However, it does free up time to pray and helps one to focus.*

### **Remember Our Hungry Food Hamper**

*Non-perishable food donations help support our ministry to the needy.*

### **March Prayer Calendars Available**

*Prayer for revival continues from previous two months. Pick up a copy today.*

### Next Week's Tea Time Team Tandem

**Yuriko & Roy:** Mrs. Mikurube;  
Noriko; Keiko; and, Maju

& Any helpful volunteers are welcome!

## PRAYER CHAIN

*For most emergencies, phone Winnie @ (604) – 435-3031 She heads up an active prayer chain of people who will pray right away! We also have an e-mail address dedicated to receiving prayer requests. <[prayer@nwefc.org](mailto:prayer@nwefc.org)>.*

## Prayer Requests

1) **Iran/Israel:** This year, the holiday of "Purim" falls on February 28 i.e. today. Please remember both the countries of **Iran & Israel** during this urgent time of threat & conflict. **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, for God's wisdom in a dramatic/special way for the political/military leaders of Israel & for a dramatic change of regime in Teheran or atleast for a dramatic change of their hearts and Iran's people. Pray that the LORD will awaken His Church around the world to pray for these nations like never before.**

2) **Olympics:** 1) **Praise God for the way He is moving His kingdom forward through acts of love and kindness.** There is a "rumble" happening as the Lord is taking back territory. **Let's pray that the shaking will expose all evil and eventually will bring forth good fruit.** 2) There are **12,000 media** people credentialled for the Winter Games. They come from almost every country on the planet with all their unique perspectives. Often it is the particular reporter's experience that colours the way millions back home are hearing the stories of the Olympics, Vancouver and Canada. **Let's pray that there would be specific divine encounters for media personnel as they move around the Olympic sites and meet Christian Canadians.**

3) **Pastor Ken/Akemi Sensei:** O God, allow **Pastor Ken/Akemi Sensei/Nova** to enter Your rest (Hebrews 4, Mt. 11:28). Put Your yoke on my pastor. When my pastor is heavily laden or burdened, may he/she find comfort and peace in You, refreshed and renewed by Your power in every aspect of his/her life.

4) Pray for the **Pastoral Search Committee** as they work through the process in the coming days. Pray for God's wisdom, understanding & clarity in their minds for them. Pray also for the congregation to align our hearts and seek His purpose not only for our personal lives, but also for His purposes for our church and for our next pastor.

5) Thanks for continuing to pray for our church families. Remember during this week to pray for - **Sadia( Ronald, Ben, Ken, Nathal & Velma, Carl Lindstrom & The Mercers).** As you use the 'revival' prayer guide, ask the Holy Spirit to help you to pray for them and their challenges, ask the Holy Spirit to help you to pray for them and their challenges.