

## CHURCH FAMILY

We express our sympathy to Galen & Candice, Jeff & Renee and Jarod, and Kyle L with the passing of their mother and grandmother, Jean L.

We also express our sympathy to JoAnn V and family on the passing of her sister-in-law, Margaret M last week.

You are invited to join Bertha M in celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at an open house on Saturday, March 25 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the church basement.

Dear Friends at First Church, Our prayers will be with you this weekend as you hold your Missions Celebration. We pray that you'll learn more about how God is working in and through your various ministry partners. And we pray that God will use their words to bring glory to Himself, draw you into a closer relationship with Him, and help you see more and maybe different ways that you can serve Him by serving others. Thank you for your ongoing partnership with us! Because of you, God's translated word continues to go out so people from every nation, tribe and language can know Him and worship Him. ~ Ken & Chris V,  
Serving with Wycliffe at the JAARS Center in North Carolina

Check out the bulletin boards for our high school senior for the month of March, Kaitlyn H. Pray for Kaitlyn that God would continue to bless her and direct her path.

## 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MISSIONS CELEBRATION

- Today is the final day of our annual Missions Celebration. We will have our presentation of flags and our missionaries during the morning worship service. Please join us in the basement after the morning worship service for a fellowship time with our missions partners.
- Tonight we welcome to the pulpit Dr. Ray B. Dr. B is the retired chancellor of Bakke Graduate University, a cutting-edge leader in developing leaders in global urban ministries and Christian theology, with students and faculty from over 50 nations and courses held on 5 continents. Ray lives in Acme, WA.
- Baby Bottles for the Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic will be collected in the back of church today. Please place your change-filled baby bottle in the boxes in the back of church. If you forgot your baby bottle today, please drop it off during the week or next Sunday. Thank you!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **JOINT PRAYER SERVICE FOR CROPS & INDUSTRY:**  
Each year we are called to humbly pray for God's favor upon our crops, industrial production, and community ventures. Join with area Christian Reformed Churches as we gather in prayer next week Sunday, March 26 at Bethel CRC at 6:00 p.m. An offering for Project Hope will be received.
- **LEARN ABOUT TOXIC CHARITY – MARCH 23:**  
The executive director of the Lighthouse Mission, Hans E, will speak on the topic of "toxic charity" on Thursday, March 23, at 6:30 p.m. at Mountain View CRC. Grow in your understanding of God's heart for the poor and learn how you can be better equipped to respond effectively to their needs. Refreshments will follow this event. For more information, please contact Harvey.
- **SENIOR DINNER– TUESDAY, APRIL 11:**  
Anyone 70+ is invited to *Italian Night*, our annual Senior Dinner on Tuesday, April 11. Social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to attend, please sign up in the back of church. For more information contact the church office at 354-4560.
- **FIRST FAMILY CAMP – SEPTEMBER 8-9:**  
Start planning NOW for family church camp in September! This is a great time to get together and be blessed with God's family. Join us at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Concrete, September 8-9. This is a new spot and it is a nice, clean, quiet park. Everyone, even non-campers, are invited to a potluck dinner on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. A shelter and clubhouse are reserved for us, so if we need to get out of the rain we have an area to gather. Spots fill fast so get yours reserved soon! For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Amy V.
- **CALLING ALL GARAGE SALE PICKERS:**  
Donated tools are need to help equip the 53 students and leaders coming this summer with their serve projects. Garage sale pickers – we need shovels, rakes, clippers, and other tools that are usable and cheap. There will be a list displayed in a few weeks of items that we need. If you find an unbeatable deal, you can pick it up for us.
- **SERVE UPDATE:**  
The excitement is building and the team is getting excited. You can be a part of the action! Watch for opportunities that will be listed by the Serve team in the next couple of months.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **ADULT & STUDENT EDUCATION CLASSES:**  
Education classes for adults and 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students meet on Sundays from 9:30–10:15 a.m. A nursery and Bible class is available for infants – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in the Ed. Building. Next Sunday, join us as Cal B and Larry S share about life lessons learned on the farm.
- **COUNCIL:**  
We will meet this week Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:**  
We are studying *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* on Wednesdays from 10:00-11:30 a.m. (nursery available) or Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. (no child care). For more information, please contact Phama W or Stephanie R.
- **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):**  
The Hope Office had to cancel our service project so the leaders are organizing our plan "B" and will let you know what that is when we figure that out. Join us in the Loft this Wednesday, March 22 at 7:30 pm. For more information, contact Dan H.
- **OASIS (7<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MINISTRY):**  
We will meet this week Thursday, March 23 at the Bethel Youth House from 7:00-8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Dan H.

## PRAYER CLOSET

- **ROBERT & PHAMA W** will be traveling to Ohio this week for the memorial service for Phama's father.
- **SANDY F** will be having biopsies done soon on some unhealthy-looking nodes throughout her body.
- **SHIRLEY B** is recovering from cataract surgery.
- **JACOB A** is recovering from double-bypass surgery.
- **LIZ V** is at home recovering from foot surgery.
- **DIANA G** is at home recovering from an infection.
- **MARSHA M** as continues with cancer treatments.
- **CURT M** is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- **SHELLEY L** continues recovery from her stroke.
- **TRAVIS F** (son-in-law of Wes & Liz V) is recovering and continues testing following his stroke.
- **CAROL Z** continues to be in rehab at Christian Health Care Center.
- **CASCADE CHRISTIAN HOME RESIDENT:**  
Amy B
- **CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE CENTER RESIDENTS:**  
Bertha M, Mary K, Julia S,  
Ann V
- **LAKESIDE GARDENS HOME RESIDENT:**  
Bas S
- **LYNDEN MANOR RESIDENTS:**  
Edie M, Evelyn N, Kristi N,  
Henrietta N, Gerrit P, Maggie S,  
Albert V, Cora V
- **MEADOW GREENS RESIDENTS:**  
Dennis B, Jennie B, Carl F, Grace H, Nellie H, Barbara P,  
Adrietta S, Joni T, Andy & Gert V, Joanne V
- **SHUKSAN HEALTH CARE CENTER RESIDENT:**  
Diane S

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### Sunday, March 19

**Nursery** Ed: Lynnette K  
Baby: Lori M, Michelle T,  
Nicholas M  
Toddler: Mindy V, Carly V,  
Luke K  
Floater: Kathryn V  
PM: Nelda S, Debbie S  
**Greeters:** Ed & Ethel V,  
Gene & Linda T  
**Welcome:** Brent & Jolene H  
**Ushers:** Dan V, Jake D,  
Kyle E, Craig G  
**Bus Driver:** Bryan A  
**Sound:** Jed S  
**Video:** Jeff K  
**Flowers:** Lori S  
**Cookies:** Linda T, Michelle T,  
Ethel V, Lillian V  
Berny & Vicky D  
**Coffee:**  
**Music** AM: Cheryl K, Nancy Z  
PM: Sharon A

### Sunday, March 26

**Nursery** Ed: Lynnette K  
Baby: Mary V, Kelli V,  
Trinity V  
Toddler: Janis Z, Carla Z,  
Levi M  
Floater: Linda T  
**Greeters:** Mark & Michelle T,  
Gene & Lillian V  
**Welcome:** Dustin & Kari H  
**Ushers:** Sid G, Ken H,  
Linsey H, Doug H  
**Bus Driver:** Bryan A  
**Sound:** Tim H  
**Video:** Kaelan K  
**Flowers:** Sandi V  
**Cookies:** Shelly V, Sharon V,  
Sandi V, Eleanor V  
Galen & Candi L  
**Coffee:**  
**Music** AM: Sharon A, Lee V

## *First Christian Reformed Church* *Lynden, Washington*

### Sunday, March 19 – Third Sunday of Lent

9:30 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Education Classes meet  
9:30 Adult Education Class meets in Basement ~  
Presentation by Chuck V,  
Executive Director of Kidstown International  
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W  
Message: *Seven Serious Sins – Sloth*  
Scripture: *Philippians 3:12-14;*  
*II Thessalonians 3:6-12*  
Offering: Al & Julie  
11:45 Fellowship Time with Missions Partners  
in the Church Basement  
6:00 Worship Service ~ Dr. Ray B  
Message: *The Changing Faces*  
*of World Missions*  
Scripture: *Psalms 107:1-8*  
Offering: Al & Julie

### Tuesday, March 21

7:00 Council meets in the Council Room

### Wednesday, March 22

10:00 Women's Bible Study meets in the Loft  
7:30 TRIBE meets in the Loft

### Thursday, March 23

7:00 Oasis meets at the Bethel Youth House  
7:00 Women's Bible Study meets in the Loft

### Saturday, March 25

2:00 – 4:00 Open House for Bertha M's  
100<sup>th</sup> Birthday in the Church Basement

### Sunday, March 26 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:30 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Education Classes meet  
9:30 Adult Education Class meets in Basement ~  
Larry S and Cal B share about  
lessons learned on the farm.  
10:30 Worship Service ~ Barry B  
Message: *The Crowd Around the Cross*  
Scripture: *Mark 15:21-32; Matthew 27:45-50*  
Offering: Building the Future Fund  
11:45 Fellowship Time in the church basement  
6:00 Joint CRC Prayer Service at Bethel CRC  
for Crops and Industry