

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **GEMS SUNDAY TODAY:**

Today is GEMS Sunday and the GEMS will help to lead us in worship during the morning service. The theme for this season is "Love Overflows" based on I Thessalonians 3:12.

- **COUNCIL ELECTIONS FOLLOWING MORNING SERVICE:**

The Lord led the council to nominate the following men for the office of elder and deacon. The congregation will vote today to select new elders and deacons. God's hand will guide the drawing of lots to select three elders and three deacons out of the six elder and deacon nominees with the most congregational votes.

Nominated for elder: Jim A, Cal B, Marv H, Patrick J, Ron K, Roger P, Bill V, and Tim V

Nominated for deacon: Ryan B, Kyle E, Jeff F, Linsey H, Lance H, Brian K, Dave R, and Brian V

Absentee ballots are available at the Welcome Center. Signed absentee ballots must be returned to council clerk, Fred Ypma (box Q4), prior to the start of the meeting.

- **TIRED BUT NOT RETIRED:**

Join us Friday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement for a night of fellowship. Please bring a dessert or snack to share for after our scavenger hunt. For more information, contact Liz V.

- **DIAPER SHOWER FOR NEW BABIES – MAY 13:**

Let's bless our church families that have new babies on Saturday, May 13 at 10:00 a.m. in the church basement: Everleigh K (Jenna & Brian), Lexa N (Leslie & Tate), Ty S (Megan & Josh), Elisa H (Mindy & Ryan), Haven N (Sade & Dan), Corbin H (Jolene & Brent), Raelynn B (Carolyn & James), and Clark E (Swandel & Kyle). Please bring a bag of diapers (size 1 or larger) as your gift and come enjoy a special time with our moms. If you are unable to attend, you can drop off diapers or monetary donations at church. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center.

- **CASCADE FAMILY BIBLE CAMP – JULY 6-10:**

Invest in your family's faith this summer – Cascade Family Bible Camp is July 6 - 10. Speakers are George D, Grant V and Kyle Kl. Register online NOW at www.cascadefamilybiblecamp.org. First time registrants will receive 50% off registration fees.

- **FIRST FAMILY CAMP – SEPTEMBER 8-9:**

Plan to join us for family church camp, September 8-9 at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Concrete. This is a great time to get together and be blessed with God's family. For more information, contact Amy V.

- **MISSION TRIP TO NIGERIA – JANUARY 2018:**

The Mission Ministry Team is interested in a mission trip to Nigeria in January 2018 to meet Chris R when she finishes her assignment there. Projects would be tailored to the team member's skills. There are opportunities to participate in various training seminars, to assist a wheelchair production ministry and to assist partners with organizational/financial tasks. If interested, please contact Chris R.

- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MEAL MINISTRY:**

The Fellowship Ministry Team is looking for help to provide meals to shut-ins, sick and healing, families with new babies, and families following a funeral. If you are willing to be a part of this ministry, contact Marilyn M.

- **ENVISION NEWSLETTER:**

Many of you received an email copy of the latest newsletter. If you didn't get an email or would like printed copy, there are copies on the Welcome Center.

SERVE UPDATE

- **COME PRAY WITH US FOR SERVE:**

God is preparing our church and community for SERVE and we are excited! Join us as we pray for SERVE—no experience required, just a willing heart. We will direct you on how to pray for SERVE **on Sunday, May 21 & June 4** in the Ed. Building at 9:30 a.m. For more information, contact Cal or Laura B at or Melinda B.

- **LET'S PLAY DUTCH BINGO:**

This summer at SERVE (June 24-July 1) we have students coming from the following towns in Illinois: Alsip, Oak Brook, Oak Forest, Lisle, Lombard, Tinley Park, Elmhurst, Palos Heights, Westmont, Homer Glen, Midlothian, Villa Park, and Downers Grove. From Minnesota, there are students joining us from Bloomington, Watertown, Chanhassen, Eden Prairie, Edina, Newport, Golden Valley, Apple Valley, and Eagan. And from Montana we have students coming from Manhattan and Belgrade. Please pray for the host team, the participants, and leaders.

- **HOST HOMES NEEDED:**

Hosts will pick up students at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 25, feed them breakfast, provide a shower and then bring them back to church for the 10:30 a.m. commissioning service. Please sign up in the back of church or contact Laura B. For more information, contact Laura B.

- **TOOLS NEEDED:**

Tools are need to equip the students and leaders at their work project. See the board in the back of church for a list of items needed. If you have items to donate, take the tags and attach to the items, and bring them to the Ed. Building. For more information, contact Dan H.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **CADETS (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY):**

We will meet this week Monday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

- **** HIKE SATURDAY, MAY 13 - FRAGRANCE LAKE:**

Roger P and Ron K will be leading a hike to Fragrance Lake in the Chuckanut Mountains south of Bellingham. This hike is about 1.5 miles each way and ends at a beautiful lake.

We will leave the First CRC parking lot at 7:00 a.m. sharp. The boys can call their parents when they are returning, around 1:00 p.m. Please have the boys bring: good shoes to hike in, a lunch, water, good attitude, clothes appropriate for the weather. For more information, contact Brian S. Please RSVP by Friday, May 12, so we can get a head count.

- **HOST TEAM COORDINATORS**

We have our next planning meeting this week Monday, May 8 from 7:00-8:00 pm in the Loft. For more information, contact Dan H.

- **WORSHIP PLANNING:**

We will be meeting on Wednesday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

- **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):**

Bring stories, pictures, videos, etc. of your pay-it-forward experience this Wednesday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Loft. If you forgot, that is ok. Return any money that you were not able to use. We can't wait to hear how you blessed other people. For more information, contact Dan H.

CHURCH FAMILY

2017 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

The 2017 High School Seniors from our church include:
Brooke B, Joshua E, Cody F,
Kaitlyn H, and Mikaela H

You have an opportunity to bless these students by writing a word of blessing, a Bible verse, or a letter that tells them how much they mean to you in their graduate journals. The journals are in the church basement and you can write in the journals or use a piece of paper that can be attached later. You will have until June 11 (Graduation Sunday) to add your encouragement to their journals.

2017 COLLEGE/TECH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

The 2017 College & Tech Graduates from our church include:
Patty R with a degree in Elementary Education
from Western Washington University
Molly H with a degree in Accounting
from Whitworth College

Are you graduating from college or tech school this year? We would love to recognize you, so let us know where you are graduating from, and what degree you will receive. Please pass along your information to the church office at 360-354-4560 or info@firstcrclinden.org.

Oasis students and families – thank you for supporting our youth group by providing pans of cheesy potatoes and helping to serve for Bethel's widows and widowers dinner. You did a great job!

PRAYER CLOSET

- **MARIA T** is undergoing tests for her cancer.
- **BERTHA M** is recovering from a broken leg.
- **JEAN V** is recovering from a broken arm.
- **LIZ V** is recovering from foot surgery.
- **SHELLEY L** continues recovery from her stroke.
- **MARSHA M** is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- **CURT M** is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- **SANDY** is undergoing treatment for lymphoma.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 7, 2017

Nursery Baby: Jolene H, Lori M,
Tate B
Toddler: Jill M, Mary P,
Miranda B
Floater: Megan P
PM: Dawn H, Darlene M
Greeters AM: GEMS
PM: Jim & Diane A,
Willie & Grace A
Welcome: GEMS
Ushers AM: GEMS
PM: Len H, Doug H
Bus Driver: Dan
Sound: Rob H
Video: Jeff K
Flowers: Peggy B
Cookies: Diane A, Kim A,
Grace A, Valerie A
Coffee: Al & Pat D, Arlene V
Music AM: Ken & Lisa Q
PM: Shirley B

Sunday, May 14, 2017

Nursery Baby: Lisa Q, Kim R,
Taryn B
Toddler: Lori S, Gail B,
Levi B
Floater: Pam R
PM: Michelle T, Mindy V
Greeters: Bryan & Kim A,
Jacob & Valerie A
Welcome: Jason & Amy V
Ushers: Roger P, Ken R,
Dan R, Bob S
Bus Driver: Dan V
Sound: Tim H
Video: Kaelan K
Flowers: Helene Y
Cookies: Gail A, Sharon A,
Gail B, Ruth B
Coffee: Berny & Vicky D
Music AM: Lee V, Nancy Z
PM: Sharon A

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Sunday, May 7 ~ GEMS Sunday

9:30 Prayer time for SERVE in the Ed. Building
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *May Your Love Increase*
Scripture: *Galatians 5:22-23;*
I Thessalonians 3:11-13
Offering: GEMS
11:30 Congregational Meeting for
Elections of New Elders and Deacons
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Daniel's Vision of A Man II*
Scripture: *Daniel 10:1-12*
Offering: GEMS

Monday, May 8

7:00 Cadets meet in the Church Basement
7:00 SERVE Team Coordinators meet in the Loft

Wednesday, May 10

7:00 Worship Planning meets in the Council Room
7:30 Tribe meets in the Loft

Friday, May 12

7:00 Tired But Not Retired meets in the Basement

Saturday, May 13

10:00 Diaper Shower in the Church Basement

Sunday, May 14 ~ Mother's Day

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Joy Inexpressible*
Scripture: *John 15:8-11; Romans 14:17*
I Peter 1:8-9
Offering: Ken & Chris
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Daniel's Vision of a Man III*
Scripture: *Daniel 10:10-21*
Offering: Ken & Chris