

CHURCH FAMILY

Birthday greetings to Johanna who celebrates her 86th birthday on July 31 and to Julia who celebrates her 94th birthday on August 1 and to Ron who will celebrate his 80th birthday on August 1.

The Fellowship Ministry Team would like to thank Aug, Dee, Kevin and Susan for providing a delicious salmon BBQ, the Potato Salad Ladies for their gift of potato salad, the Roosma Family for the Kids Candy Toss, the Biesheuvel's for providing the ice for the picnic and a special thank you to the more than 200 guest who came out to make the 2017 Church Picnic a great success.

Check out pictures from SERVE and from the latest Tired But Not Retired gathering on sign-up kiosk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SUMMER ADULT EDUCATION CLASS:**

The summer education class is from Calvin's January Series and meets at 9:30 a.m. in the church basement. Next Sunday, August 6 the DVD,

The Royal Revolution: Fresh Perspectives on the Cross with Nicholas Thomas Wright will be shown. Wright taught for 20 years at Cambridge, McGill, and Oxford Universities and was the Bishop of Durham for 7 years.

He is now the chair of New Testament and Early Christianity at the School of Divinity at University of St. Andrews and has authored nearly 50 books.

- **DEACONS:**

We will meet on Monday, July 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

- **PIZZA – PIZZA LUNCH FOR STUDENTS:**

Jr. High & High School Students – Join us for a pizza lunches in the Loft! Our next pizza lunch will be Tuesday, August 1 at noon. For more information, contact Dan.

- **MINISTRY TEAMS:**

Ministry teams will meet this Tuesday, August 1 at 7:00 p.m. unless you hear otherwise from your chairperson.

- **ELDERS:**

We will meet on Tuesday, August 1 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

- **SERVE VOLUNTEER GATHERING – AUGUST 2:**

If you volunteered in any way for SERVE 2017 or if you would like to volunteer for SERVE 2018, please join us for a debriefing gathering on Wednesday, August 2 in the church basement at 7:00 p.m.

** Serve volunteers please turn in your survey by this Monday, July 31. For more information, contact.

- **COMMUNITY HYMN SING AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL:**

The Lynden Choral Society invites you to a community hymn sing on Thursday, August 10 at 7:00 p.m. at First CRC, with special music by the Vedder Mountain Pickers. A free will offering will be taken to raise funds for the Lynden Choral Society. For more information, please contact Julie at 360-354-2672 or lyndenchoral@gmail.com.

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

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.

- **LOST AND FORGOTTEN DISHES:**

If you think you might have forgotten a dish a church or at the picnic, please take a moment to check the Ed. Building or basement kitchen. Also, if you picked up the wrong dish at the picnic, please return it to the Ed. Building. Thank you!

- **CUPCAKES MAKES ANY DAY BETTER!**

Dan has seen this over and over in surprised expressions followed by big smiles and thankful hearts from our high school students. Each student that is a part of our church family gets around 2 dozen cupcakes around their birthday or half birthday (summer birthdays). This is a simple gesture to show our students that they are important to us. If you are interested in providing cupcakes, please sign up in the back of church and Dan will give you more information.

SERVE NEWS

As we close out the financial reporting for SERVE this year and because of your generous support of food and donations, we are under budget. We are waiting for 2 projects to be completed which will use up much of the surplus. Youth Unlimited has detailed financial recording procedures that will be finished soon and sent to the main office for review. Thank you for your support which allowed SERVE to help many people and organizations in our community. One project left to do is replace a fence that could not be saved. If you are interested in helping build the fence or do some gardening work in the fall, please talk to Len.

“AND THE SURVEY SAYS.”

43 students completed the survey from Youth Unlimited about their SERVE experience in Lynden. 27 students said that they recommitted their lives to Christ and 1 student committed their life to Christ for the first time while at our site. God did an amazing work in the hearts and minds of the participants and host team which could not be manufactured by human hands but by the Holy Spirit. God answered our prayers!

A STORY OF PRAISE from this year's SERVE project was when the photographer that was set to document the work and activities of SERVE suffered an injury and was laid up for several weeks. As a host team, we scrambled to find someone but we realized that, that someone, had to have a good camera. Many of us don't have cameras anymore but take pictures with our cellphones and Youth Unlimited strongly encourage having a photographer to take good quality pictures. A few nights before students would arrive, one of our coordinators spent considerable time looking for a cheap but good camera online. He found one and put it in his shopping bag but hesitated to complete the purchase. A few minutes later Jesse messaged and said that his company did not have work for him during the following week and wondered if we could still use him. Better yet, Jesse owned a great camera and so God again provided. Wow!

PRAYER CLOSET

- **FAMILY** as Roger recovers from knee surgery and Ruth and daughter, Roxie, recover from a serious car accident.
- **JAKE** is recovering from back surgery.
- **JERRY** is recovering at home from a stroke.
- **CURT** continues treatment for cancer.
- **MARIA** is at home continuing her treatment for cancer.
- **GRACE DIEST** is in rehab at St. Francis in Bellingham.
- **SANDY** continues testing for her lymphoma.
- **SHELLEY** continues to gain strength after her stroke.
- **MARSHA** is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- **CASCADE CHRISTIAN HOME RESIDENT:** Amy
- **ORCHARD PARK RETIREMENT:** Carl, Carol, Eleanor
- **CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE CENTER RESIDENTS:** Mary, Julia, Ann, and Joanne
- **LYNDEN MANOR RESIDENTS:** Edie, Evelyn & Kristi, Henrietta, Gerrit, Maggie, Albert Dellen, Andy & Gert, and Cora
- **MEADOW GREENS RESIDENTS:** Dennis, Jennie, Grace, Nellie, Barbara, and Adrietta

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 30, 2017

Nursery Baby: Michelle, Kelli, Jacob
Toddler: Mary, Carla, Gryphin
Floater: Gail
PM: Jill, Mary
Greeters: Dustin & Kari
Marv & Evie
Welcome: Linsey & Kristin
Ushers: Doug, Len, Rich, Ken
Bus Driver: Bryan
Sound: Tim
Video: Kaelan
Flowers: Jan
Cookies: Kari, Louise, Evie, Marlys
Coffee: Brian, Nelda, Larry & Joanne
Music **AM:** Lee, Nancy
PM: Shirley

Sunday, August 6, 2017

Nursery Baby: Stephanie, Gail, Emily
Toddler: Nicole, Dee, Carter
Floater: Jan
PM: Kim, Jill
Greeters: Marlys, Chris, Rob & Crystal
Welcome: John & Kathryn
Ushers: Dan, Carl, Robert, Brian
Bus Driver: Bryan
Sound: Rick
Video: Jeff
Flowers: Elsie
Cookies: Betty, Crystal, Kristen, Perlene
Coffee: Elvin & Anna Lee
Patrick & Marilyn
Music **AM:** Sharon, Nancy
PM: Nancy

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Sunday, July 30

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard
Message: *The Fruit of Self-Control*
Scripture: *Proverbs 16:32; 25:28; I Cor. 9:24-27*
Offering: Benevolence
11:45 Fellowship Time on the Lawn or in the Basement
(location is weather dependent)
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard
Message: *One King, Three Parties*
Scripture: *Esther 1:1-9*
Offering: Benevolence

Monday, July 31

7:00 Deacons meet in the Council Room

Tuesday, August 1

12:00 Pizza Lunch for OASIS and TRIBE Students in the Loft
7:00 Ministry Teams meet
8:00 Elders meet in the Council Room

Wednesday, August 2

7:00 SERVE Volunteer Gathering
in the Church Basement

Sunday, August 6

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard
Message: *Abide in Christ*
Scripture: *John 15:1-17*
Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance
11:45 Fellowship Time on the Lawn or in the Basement
(location is weather dependent)
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard
Message: *King Ahasuerus' Request and Queen Vashti's Refusal*
Scripture: *Esther 1:10-22*
Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance