

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE TONIGHT:**
Join area Christian Reformed Churches for a combined worship service at Second CRC tonight at 6:00 p.m. An offering will be received for World Renew and their relief efforts for communities devastated by wild fires this summer.
- **CHURCH CLOSURE – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4:**
The church buildings will be locked and all church offices will be closed on Monday, September 4 because of Labor Day.
- **VISITING PASTOR – SEPTEMBER 10:**
Next Sunday, September 10, Pastor Bill VD will lead our evening worship service.
- **FIRST CHURCH FAMILY CAMP NEXT WEEKEND:**
THERE IS STILL TIME to join us for a weekend of fellowship at the First Family Camp at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Concrete! Two sites are still available through the church, otherwise reservation can be done through the campground. Come for the weekend or just for a day! Everyone is invited to potluck on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. The main dish will be pulled pork sandwiches; last names A–M please bring a dessert and N–Z please bring a salad, unless you have already signed up to bring something. You are also welcome to join us for a church service at 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning. For more information, contact Amy V.
- **EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 17:**
Education classes start on September 17 for 3rd-12th grade. All classes meet on Sunday mornings from 9:30–10:15 a.m.
** *God's Story Is Bigger Than This Cultural Moment!*
Ron K and Gene T will lead this adult ed. class exploring our current culture and how Christians can faithfully navigate a rapidly changing world. We will read and discuss "A Practical Guide to Culture" by John Stonestreet. Books are available at the Welcome Center (\$10.00) or order your own copy. This class will meet in the church basement.
- **SUPPORT WORLD RENEW EFFORT IN TEXAS:**
On Sunday, September 17 an offering will be received for World Renew to support their relief efforts following the devastation of Hurricane Harvey.

• **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:**

** Women's Wednesday AM & Thursday PM Bible Study – Joyfully join us on Wednesdays from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Loft or Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Loft starting September 13 & 14. We'll be studying *Joy Beyond Agony: Embracing the Cross of Christ* by Jane Roach. The twelve lessons explore aspects of Jesus' cross through Bible study, application questions, commentary, testimonies, and hymns. Sign up and pick up books at the table in the back of church. For more information, contact Phama W or Stephanie R.

** Daughters of Zion –

New members are always welcome to join us as we study *Miracles: Signs of God's Glory*. We will begin on Thursday, September 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ed. Building. Our servers for September 21 are Doris B and Joyce H. For more information, contact Diane A.

• **ADULT DRIVERS NEEDED:**

Help TRIBE by being a driver for their scavenger hunt this Wednesday, September 6 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Parents are welcome to help as well. If you willing to help, contact Dan.

• **CUPCAKES MAKE 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 helping, sign up in the back of church or contact Dan H.

• **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**

Parents, a form concerning financial assistance for Christian Education was in your mailbox last week. ALL parents of school age children are asked to fill out this form so we know where First CRC children are attending school. If you did not receive a form, contact the office at 360-354-4560 or talk to Jake D. Please return forms to Jake D's church mailbox (C17) ASAP!

• **MINISTRY TEAM UPDATES:**

Council is asking all ministry teams to update their team membership names and expiration of terms, and compile a list of suggested new members. Please submit these lists to the church office before the next Council meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

• **MINISTRY TEAMS:**

Ministry teams will meet this week Tuesday, September 5 at 7:00 p.m. unless you hear otherwise from your chairperson.

• **ELDERS:**

The Elders will meet on Tuesday, September 5 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

• **WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM:**

We will meet on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

• **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):**

** We are kicking off the year with a scavenger hunt this week Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30 p.m. This is a perfect event for you to invite your friends – there might even be pizza.

Now that we got your attention, please plan to join us!

** Our fall retreat will be camping together at our church family camp Friday, September 8 – Sunday, September 10. More information will be in your church mailbox.

** For more information about TRIBE or any of their events, contact Dan.

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

We will kick off the Cadet season at M's Pond on Monday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. Moms, dads, sisters, and brothers are welcome for a fun night of fishing and swimming. We will have hot dogs and chips available. We will use this opportunity to sign up all cadets and update emails. If you have any questions about Cadets, please contact Brian S.

• **GEMS (1ST – 8TH GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY):**

ALL girls in 1st – 8th grade are welcome to join us at GEMS, a ministry to young women with Bible lessons, singing, crafts and hanging out together in a loving, Christian environment. We will start with a potluck, on Wednesday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. Main course and dessert will be provided, please bring a side dish to share. Forms will be completed, shirts sized and great fellowship among families will be enjoyed. For more information about this ministry, contact Amy V.

• **7th-8th GRADE STUDENT MINISTRY:**

We are trying something new this year! We will be meeting every other Monday night (opposite Mondays from Cadets) here at First CRC. We will be giving you more information soon but we wanted to give you a little sneak peek into what we are planning this Fall. For more information, contact Dan.

CHURCH FAMILY

Birthday greetings to Bev M who celebrates her 89th birthday on September 9.

Congratulations to Dirk A and Shauna W who were united in marriage on Sunday, August 20 in Sioux Falls, SD.

PRAYER CLOSET

- **MAGGIE S** is in rehab at the CHCC.
- **JERRY W** is recovering at home from a stroke.
- **CURT ME** continues treatment for cancer.
- **MARIA T** is at home continuing her treatment for cancer.
- **SHELLEY L** continues her recovery from a stroke.
- **MARSHA M** is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- **CASCADE CHRISTIAN HOME RESIDENT:** Amy B
- **CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE CENTER RESIDENTS:** Mary K, Julia S, Ann V, and Joanne V
- **LYNDEN MANOR RESIDENTS:** Edie M, Evelyn N, Kristi N, Henrietta N, Gerrit P, Maggie S, Albert V, Andy & Gert V, and Cora V
- **MEADOW GREENS RESIDENTS:** Dennis B, Jennie B, Grace H, Nellie H, Barbara P, and Adrietta S
- **ORCHARD PARK RESIDENTS:** Carl F, Eleanor and Carol Z
- **ST. FRANCIS RESIDENT:** Grace V
- **REMEMBER OUR FIRST CRC MISSIONARIES**

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 3, 2017

Nursery Baby: Kelsey G, Coni H,
Leah B
Toddler: Marilyn M, Denise K,
Madison B
Floater: Jessica K
Greeters: Tony & Joyce H,
Rich & Coni H
Welcome: Josh & Jill B
Ushers: Doug H, Len H,
Rich H, Ken R
Bus Driver: Galen L
Sound: Jed S
Video: Kaelan K
Flowers: Helene Y
Cookies: Kara H, Ardelle K,
Cheryl K, Candace L
Coffee: Brian K, Nicki B,
Larry & Joanne K
Music: Mike S, Nancy Z

Sunday, September 10, 2017

Nursery Baby: Ardelle K, Candace L,
Kim F
Toddler: Jill M, Karen M,
Coleson B
Floater: Darlene M
PM: Jessica H, Susan B
Greeters: Bud & Gert K,
Randy & Kara H
Welcome: Terry & Nicole B
Ushers: Dan R, Carl R,
Robert S, Brian S
Bus Driver: Dan V
Sound: Tim H
Video: Brant H
Flowers: Kara H
Cookies: Renee L, Joan M,
Joyce M, Jill M
Coffee: Elvin & Anna Lee F,
Patrick J & Marilyn M
Music **AM:** Ken & Lisa Q
PM: Shirley B

First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington

Sunday, September 3

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *The Fruit of Our Labor*
Scripture: *Psalms 128:1-2*
Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance
11:45 Fellowship Time on the Lawn or in the Basement
(location is weather dependent)
6:00 Combined Worship Service at Second CRC
Offering: World Renew – Wildfire Relief

Monday, September 4 ~ Labor Day

Church Buildings Locked and Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 5

7:00 Ministry Teams meet
8:00 Elders meet in the Council Room

Wednesday, September 6

6:30 TRIBE meets in the Loft
7:00 Worship Planning meets in the Council Room

Friday, September 8 – Sunday, September 10

First Church Family Camp at
Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Concrete

Sunday, September 10

10:30 Worship Service ~ Barry B
Message: *The Survival Manual for Living*
Scripture: *II Timothy 3*
Offering: Ken & Chris
11:45 Fellowship Time on the Lawn or in the Basement
(location is weather dependent)
6:00 Worship Service ~ Bill V
Message: *In All Things*
Scripture: *Romans 8:28-39*
Offering: Ken & Chris