

CHURCH FAMILY

Birthday greetings to Pete W as he celebrates his 92nd birthday on September 21.

We extend our sympathy to Cobie T and family with the passing of Cobie's sister, Wilma V on Sunday, September 10.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **SUPPORT WORLD RENEW FLOOD RELIEF:**

Today the offering will be received for World Renew to support their relief efforts following the devastation of Hurricane Harvey. For more information on World Renew and their efforts visit www.worldrenew.net.

• **STAFF APPRECIATION TODAY:**

This morning we will be recognizing the staff and the work they do here at First CRC before the worship service. We will be recognizing the pastors on Sunday, October 15, during Pastor Appreciation Month.

• **LYNDEN MANOR LUNCH – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26:**

All First CRC residents of Lynden Manor are invited to lunch with the pastors on Tuesday, September 26 at 12:00 p.m. in the private dining room. For more information, contact the church office at 360-354-4560.

• **ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY –**

OCTOBERFEST IN LEAVENWORTH ON OCTOBER 14:

Come enjoy a time of fellowship and the fall colors on the way to Octoberfest in Leavenworth on Saturday, October 14. We will be taking a bus and plan to leave early Saturday morning and return that evening. Everyone is welcome, but please no unaccompanied children. Sign up NOW in the back of church. For more information, contact Cora S.

• **COMBINED CRC CHRISTMAS CHOIR CANTATA:**

All singers are invited to join in praise and commemoration of the birth of our Savior! "Come to the Manger" will be performed with full orchestra on Sunday, December 3 at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at Third CRC. Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays: October 18, 25, November 1, 8, 15, 29 from at 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Third CRC in Lynden. Music scores will be \$10 each (covered by individuals or by your church).

UPCOMING MEETINGS

• **EDUCATION CLASSES:**

Education classes started this morning for adults and students in 3rd-12th grades, but you are welcome to join yet at any time! All classes meet on Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. A nursery and Bible class for children 2nd grade and younger is available in the Ed. Building.

*** God's Story Is Bigger Than This Cultural Moment!*

Ron K and Gene T are leading this adult class exploring our current culture and how Christians can faithfully navigate a rapidly changing world. This class will meet in the church basement.

• **HELPING HANDS:**

We will meet on Monday, September 18 at 1:00 p.m. in the Ed. Building. All who love to sew, knit, or crochet are welcome! For more information, contact Leona O.

• **7th-8th GRADE STUDENT MINISTRY:**

Junior High Students are invited to join us on Monday, September 18 for our fall kickoff in the Loft at 7:00 p.m. We are kicking off our year with games, snacks, and time to get to know our leaders. Your friends are welcome to join us, it's going to be a fun night. We will be meeting every other Monday night (opposite week of Cadets) here at First CRC. For more information about our 7th-8th grade ministry, contact Dan H.

• **COUNCIL/EXECUTIVE CHANGE OF DATES:**

Please note the following change of dates for September: Executive will meet on Tuesday, September 19, Council will meet on Tuesday, September 26.

• **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 GEMS, contact Amy V.

• **WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM:**

We will meet on Wednesday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

• **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):**

High school students are invited to join us this Wednesday, September 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Loft. We continue are discussion on friendship and finding friends that will stand the test of time and circumstances. For more information about TRIBE, contact Dan H.

• **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:**

**** 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. We are studying *Joy Beyond Agony: Embracing the Cross of Christ* by Jane Roach. Our next meetings will be Wednesday, September 20 and Thursday, September 21. Please prepare Lesson 2 for our study this week. 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, call Diane A.

• **MEN'S STUDY:**

All men, young and old, are invited to join Pastor Robert in a study of the *Life of Joseph: Favorite Son, Hated Brother*. Join other brothers as we explore the challenges men face as brothers, husbands and fathers. We will explore a story with as many colors as his robe, a mix of jealousy, sibling rivalry, dysfunctional family life, suffering and how what was meant for evil, God turns for good. Join us as we wrestle with the Word of God and seek wisdom for our lives today. This study will meet every other Thursday at 7:00 p.m., starting Thursday, October 5 in the church basement. Sign up now in the back of church! For more information, contact Pastor Robert at 360-354-4560.

PRAYER CLOSET

- **CASE V** is in rehab at the CHCC following hip surgery.
- **MAGGIE S** is in rehab at the CHCC.
- **CURT M** 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, Carl F, Julia S, Ann V, and Joanne V
- **LYNDEN MANOR RESIDENTS:** Edie M, Evelyn & 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:** Eleanor & Carol Z
- **ST. FRANCIS RESIDENT:** Grace V
- **REMEMBER OUR FIRST CRC MISSIONARIES**

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 17, 2017

Nursery Baby: Lori M, Jill M, Kennadi H
Toddler: Mary P, Lisa Q, Logan B
Floater: Megan P
PM: Dawn H, Mia H
Greeters: Patrick J & Marilyn M, Larry & Joanne K
Welcome: Kyle & Swandel E
Ushers: Ed V, Dan V, Wes V, Tim V
Bus Driver: Dan V
Sound: Rick B
Video: Jordan H
Flowers: Kara H
Cookies: Karen M, Darlene M, Marsha M, Lori M
Coffee: Alan & Pat D, Arlene V
Music AM: Sharon A, Shirley B
PM: Lee V

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Nursery Baby: Sade N, Kim R, Jessica H
Toddler: Virginia H, Susan B, Sadie H
Floater: Pam R
PM: Debbie S, Nelda S
Greeters: Dan & Virginia H, Mike & Denise K
Welcome: Brent & Jolene H
Ushers: John V, Jason V, Dan B, Josh B
Bus Driver: Bryan A
Sound: Jed S
Video: Jeff K
Flowers: Nancy Z
Cookies: Jill M, Wilma P, Mary P, Leona O, Berny & Vicky D
Coffee: Lee V, Nancy Z
Music AM: Lee V, Nancy Z
PM: Nancy Z

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Sunday, September 17

9:30 Education Hour for Adults and Students
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Staff Appreciation
Message: *Cracked Cisterns*
Scripture: *Jeremiah 2:12-13; Col. 2:6-8*
Offering: World Renew Hurricane Relief
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Mordecai Saves the King*
Scripture: *Esther 2:19-23; 3:1*
Offering: World Renew Hurricane Relief

Monday, September 18

1:00 Helping Hands meets in the Ed. Building
7:00 7th & 8th Grade Ministry meets in the Loft

Tuesday, September 19

7:00 Executive Committee meets in the Council Room

Wednesday, September 20

10:00 Women's Bible Study meets in the Loft
6:30 GEMS meet in the Church Basement
7:00 Worship Planning meets in the Council Room
7:30 TRIBE meets in the Loft

Thursday, September 21

10:00 Daughters of Zion meets in the Ed. Building
7:00 Women's Study meets in the Loft

Sunday, September 24

9:30 Education Hour for Adults and Students
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *By What Authority?*
Scripture Alone
Scripture: *Mark 11:27-28; II Timothy 3:14-17; II Peter 1:19*
Offering: Jeff & Melissa
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Haman's Hate Crime*
Against the Jews
Scripture: *Esther 3:1-15*
Offering: Jeff & Melissa