

CHURCH FAMILY

Birthday greetings to Janet V who celebrated her 84th birthday on January 13 and to Nellie Heeringa who celebrates her 95th birthday today. Everyone is invited to an open house for Nellie Heeringa this afternoon, January 14 from 2:00–4:00 p.m. at Meadow Greens.

Congratulations to Justin M and Bobbi Ta who were united in marriage on December 30 in Bellingham.

Rachel N is our high school senior of the month and Emily A and Kaylee K our 6th graders of the month. Take a moment to say a prayer that these students would continue growing in their relationship with Jesus. Thank you for being a supportive church family.

Thank you to all who remembered me with cards and well wishes in the holiday season, that made my day extra special!
~ Johanna R

Thank you for the warm welcome you gave us when we were visiting in Lynden on December 31! It was a delight to worship with you, remembering God's grace and work in the past and looking forward to what he will do in and through us in the year to come. We're now back home in North Carolina where our work is in full swing once again. Thank you for being part of bringing God's word to the peoples of the world.
~ Ken & Chris V, with Wycliffe & JAARS

Many people look at the new year as a time to start with a clean slate. At the Luke Society, we prefer to think of it as the continuation of a grander project. Your past support has allowed Christian health professionals around the world build a foundation on which they can serve the medical needs of their regions while proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. We wish to thank the people of First CRC for supporting this work as our directors build on that foundation and take the next steps toward expanding the Kingdom of Heaven to all nations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **FAMILY FEUD FIRST CRC EDITION ANSWERS NEEDED!**
Tribe students, Elders, and Deacons are going to have a game night and plan play Family Feud. Questions and answers will be used from our church family to play Family Feud First CRC edition. We need your help by taking the anonymous survey in your box and turning it in to Dan H (box G10) TODAY!

- **EDUCATION WINTER SESSION:**

Education classes for adults and 3rd-12th grades students meet on Sunday mornings from 9:15–10:15 a.m. A nursery and Bible class for 2nd grade and younger is available.

- **Adult Education Class:**

Everyone is encouraged to come and learn about local mission ministries, how they are working in our community and changing lives. This class meets in the Church Basement.

** **Sunday, January 21** – Bridget K from Whatcom Pregnancy Center will tell us her story and others that have been helped by the Whatcom Pregnancy Center.

** **Sunday, January 28** – Kelli V will share how we can approach visitors, make connections, and help them feel welcome in our church.

- **VISITING PASTOR TONIGHT:**

Tonight we welcome Pastor Ken V to the pulpit during the evening worship service.

- **SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE:**

** **Sunday, January 21 is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday.**

You are invited to get involved by picking up a baby bottle in the back of church and fill it with loose change. Bottles will be collected in March during our Missions Celebration. All money received will go to the Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic.

** **Volunteers are needed** to pass out baby bottles next Sunday, January 21 and/or receive them Sunday, March 17. If you are available to help, please contact Melinda B or sign up in the back of church.

** **Join March for LIFE in Olympia** on Monday, January 22!

A bus will be leaving Lynden Safeway at 8:45 a.m. Please bring a lunch and dress warmly. The cost is only \$10. For more information or sign up, contact Marlae.

- **CALVIN COLLEGE JANUARY SERIES:**

You are invited to view the Calvin College January Series. These lectures are free and streamed live in the Third CRC basement gathering room weekdays from 9:30–10:30 a.m. through January 23. Visit www.calvin.edu/january for info.

- **NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:**

What are you asking God for in 2018? If WISDOM for the new year is your desire, join other women of all ages as we study *A Woman of Wisdom* based on the book of Proverbs. Classes begin Wednesday, January 24, 10:00-11:30 a.m. and Thursday, January 25, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Childcare is available for Wednesday AM. Sign up today! Books are at the Welcome Center. For more details, contact Stephanie R or Nancy Z.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **OASIS 2.0 (JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):**

Meet in the Loft on Monday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m. for a nerf war and other games. You can bring your own or borrow from others. The youth group has a few extra Nerf guns, but they are nothing fancy. Friends are welcome to join us, too! For more information, contact Dan H.

- **GEMS (1st – 8th GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY):**

We will meet this Wednesday, January 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ed. Building. If you have any questions, please contact Amy V or Gail B.

- **WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM:**

The Worship Planning Team will meet on Wednesday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

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

Join us this Wednesday, January 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Loft for a fun night of student vs. Elders/ Deacons games. For more information, contact Dan H.

- **ELDERS AND DEACONS:**

Elders and Deacon are invited to join our Tribe students on Wednesday, January 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Loft for games and snacks. We hope is an excellent opportunity for our students to get to know our church leaders. For more information, contact Dan.

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

Join us next Monday, January 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement for Mother/Son Game Night. Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. For more information, contact Brian S.

- **COUNCIL:**

Council will meet on Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room (please note the change of date).

- **DAUGHTERS OF ZION:**

We will meet next week Thursday, January 25 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ed. Building. For more information, contact 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*. We will resume on Thursday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m., in the church basement. For more information, contact Pastor Robert at 360-354-4560.

PRAYER CLOSET

- **STUDENTS** as they finish semester projects and study for exams this week.
- **JERRY W** is at the Christian Health Care Center.
- **BETTY W** is at home recovering from knee surgery.
- **DIANE A** is recovering from knee surgery.
- **LIZ V** is recovering from knee surgery.
- **MARIA T** continues treatment for cancer.
- **SHELLEY L** continues her recovery from a stroke.
- **CASCADE CHRISTIAN HOME RESIDENT:** Amy B
- **CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE RESIDENTS:** Mary K, Carl F, Adrietta S, Julia S, 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
- **ORCHARD PARK RESIDENTS:** Eleanor & Carol Z
- **ST. FRANCIS RESIDENT:** Grace V
- **REMEMBER OUR FIRST CRC MISSIONARIES:**
Chris R
Jeff & Melissa B
Ray & Angie D
Steve & Sandy F
Gary & Mary G
Memli & Luiza M
Al & Julie M
Tim & Charlene N
Eric & Penny S
Mitchell & Rochelle S
Chuck V
John & Jean V
Ken & Chris V

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 14, 2018

Bus Driver: Bryan A
Nursery Baby: Jill M, Karen M, Katelyn V
Toddler: Jill M, Sade N, Luke K
Floater: Pam R
PM: Denise K, Alana K
Greeters: Dan & Gail B, Josh & Jill B
Welcome: Brian & Carly V
Ushers: Craig G, Ken H, Linsey H, Doug H, Jason V, Randy L
Security: Jed S
Sound: Kaelan K
Video: Sharon A, Lee V
Music AM: Sharon A
PM: Sharon A
Coffee: Pat J & Marilyn M
Cookies: Jill B, Nikki B, Nicole B, Gert B

Sunday, January 21, 2018

Bus Driver: Blaine K
Nursery Baby: Lori M, Susan B, Levi M
Toddler: Stephanie R, Kim R, Nicholas M
Floater: Carly V
PM: Mary P, Megan P
Greeters: Terry & Nicole B, Chuck & Peggy B
Welcome: John & Kathryn V
Ushers: Len H, Rich H, Ken R, Dan R
Sound: Rick B
Security: Patrick J, Woody S
Video: Jordan H
Music AM: Ken & Lisa Q
PM: Perlene H
Coffee: Alan & Pat D, Arlene V
Cookies: Dee B, Jennie B, Shirley B, Yvonne B

WINTER WEATHER POLICY

The church office will try to send out an email if a worship service or meeting is cancelled. Otherwise, please listen to Praise 106.5, KGMI 790 or contact your district elder or group leader.

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Sunday, January 14

9:15 Education Hour for Adults and Students
10:30 Worship Service ~ Barry B
Message: *Keep Awake and Watch*
Scripture: *Matthew 25:1-13*
Offering: Eric & Penny
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Ken V
Message: *Five Rock Solid Truths for an Uncertain Year*
Scripture: *I John 5:13-21*
Offering: Eric & Penny

Monday, January 15

7:00 OASIS 2.0 meets in the Loft

Wednesday, January 17

6:30 GEMS meets in the Ed. Building
7:00 Worship Planning meets in Council Room
7:30 Tribe & Council Game Night in the Loft

Sunday, January 21 ~ Sanctity of Life Sunday

9:15 Education Hour for Adults and Students
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Doing the Right Thing, Even When It's Hard*
Scripture: *Daniel 6:1-10*
Offering: Lynden Human Life
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *The Feast of Purim*
Scripture: *Esther 9:20-32*
Offering: Lynden Human Life

Church Building Hours:

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday – Friday
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Saturday

Doors Unlocked: north office, east library, basement kitchen, and west side of Ed. Building

Church Office Hours:

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Monday – Friday