

CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you to all the people who celebrated my birthday with me and for the cards and well wishes. It was a wonderful day!
~ Nellie H

Council members, thank you for coming to our game night. We hope you had a lot of fun and that you were able to meet the incredible students that God has blessed us with. Thank you for the support and prayer that you give to our Tribe students and their families.

Thank you so much for the support and gifts that our ministry, Back to God Ministries International, receives from First CRC. We continue to share the Gospel around the world using radio, television and printed materials, but we also reach people with internet, blogs and apps. We ask that you pray for our ministry and staff, and pray that the Holy Spirit will work in the hearts of people who hear the message of salvation. Thanks again for your support.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE:**

** Today 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.

** Join "March for LIFE" in Olympia tomorrow, January 22! A bus will be leaving Lynden Safeway at 8:45 a.m. We will also be meeting with our legislators. Please bring a lunch and dress warmly. The cost is only \$10. For more information or to sign up, contact Marlae.

• **SERVE UPDATE:**

SERVE 2018 will be June 23-30 and we need your help! First, worksite coordinators are looking for SERVE projects. If you know of anyone in need, please contact Len H or Dan H.

Second, spiritual life coordinators are looking for a worship band, a speaker, and for students and adults to stay on site and helping during the SERVE week. Please pray for all of these needs and that God would be glorified by our efforts.

COUNCIL TIDBITS

June:

- (1) Council approved a new and improved job description base on a 30-hour week for the custodian.
- (2) Council modified the job description of the lead church secretary to include the tasks of Records Clerk and Council Recording Clerk, eliminating a council appointed position which will provide uniformity in electronic record keeping.
- (3) Documents were received listing First CRC as one of the beneficiaries of Bertha M.

August:

- (1) Council approved having a time of devotions before each meeting using "The Whole Story of the Bible in 16 Verses"
- (2) Council approved to host SERVE 2018.
- (3) Council appointed Andrew R advocate for Disability Concerns representing First CRC.
- (4) Council approved opening a Certificate of Deposit with Heritage Bank for \$250,000.
- (5) Properties reports of leaking flat roofs on the church building and are asked to investigate the proper way to perform repairs.

September:

- (1) Council approved \$200 to help with expenses for the Christmas Cantata at Third CRC.

October:

- (1) Council approved \$2500 to install wall mounted projectors in the sanctuary for use in worship and special services.

November:

- (1) Council received employee yearly reviews with the Executive Committee.
- (2) Council received information from the Elder board and membership audits. Non-active members who have relocate or found new church homes are being contacted and then their names removed from membership roles.
- (3) Council approved dropping Kevin B and Aaron W from the yearly missions financial support.
- (4) Church security was presented to Council and Council supports forming an ad-hoc committee led by Len Honcoop to look at First CRC's security needs.
- (5) Council receives a report from Elders Tinklenberg and Laird who met with our insurance provider to review and verify good and proper coverage.

December:

- (1) Council approved upgrading the lighting in the narthex to LED following damage from the power outage in November.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

• **EDUCATION WINTER SESSION:**

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

**** 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.

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

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

Join us on 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).

• **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):**

Join us this Wednesday, January 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Loft as we talk about God gifting you with unique gifts to serve the body of Christ. For more information, contact Dan H.

• **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:**

** **WEDNESDAY** – *A Woman of Wisdom* based on Proverbs BEGINS THIS WEEK, 10:00-11:30 a.m. in The Loft. Invite a friend for this practical study! Childcare is provided. Sign up TODAY, pick up your book and read the introduction. Contact Stephanie R with questions.

** **THURSDAY** – *A Woman of Wisdom* BEGINS THIS WEEK MEETING EVERY OTHER WEEK, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Loft. Invite a friend! Sign up TODAY, pick up your book in the back of church and prepare Week 1 to discuss this week. Contact Nancy Z with questions.

** **DAUGHTERS OF ZION** – We will meet this week Thursday, January 25 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ed. Building. Server this week are Gussie B and Ethel V. Contact Diane A with questions.

• **MEN'S STUDY:**

We will meet on Thursday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m., in the church basement. Please read Genesis 42. For more information, contact Pastor Robert at 360-354-4560.

PRAYER CLOSET

- **CHRIS R** returned home safely from 3 months in Nigeria.
- **LOUISA H** is at home recovering from her first round of chemo for lymphoma.
- **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.
- **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:**
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

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 if you have any concerns about cancellations.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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, Chuck & Peggy B
Welcome: John & Kathryn V
Ushers: Len Ho, Rich H, Ken R, Dan R
Security: Patrick J, Woody S
Sound: Rick B
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

Sunday, January 28, 2018

Bus Driver: Blaine K
Nursery Baby: Michelle S, Megan S, Reagan V
Toddler: Debbie S, Michelle T, Jacob T
Floater: Mindy V
PM: Nelda S, Linda T
Greeters: John & Jennie B, Rich & Yvonne B
Welcome: Jason & Amy V
Ushers: Carl R, Robert S, Brian S, Ed V
Security: Darren G, Ryan B
Sound: Jed S
Video: Brant H
Music AM: Cheryl K, Nancy Z
PM: Nancy Z
Coffee: Berny & Vicky D
Cookies: Susan B, Peggy B, Clarice B, Karen B

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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

Monday, January 22

6:30 Cadets meet in the Church Basement

Tuesday, January 23

7:00 Council meets in the Council Room

Wednesday, January 24

10:00 Women's Bible Study meets in the Loft
7:30 Tribe meets in the Loft

Thursday, January 25

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

Sunday, January 28

9:15 Education Hour for Adults and Students
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *God Delights in Us*
Scripture: *Zephaniah 3:14-20*
Offering: Benevolence
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Wisdom from Esther*
Scripture: *Esther 10*
Offering: Benevolence

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