CHURCH FAMILY

Birthday greetings to Perlene H who celebrated her 80th birthday on March 13 and to John E who celebrates his 89th birthday today.

Kaelan K and Doris L are the high school seniors of the month and Samantha T and Will R are the 6th graders of the month. Take a moment to say a prayer that they would continue growing in their relationship with Jesus.

10TH ANNUAL MISSIONS CELEBRATION

- Today is the final day of our annual Missions Celebration.
 We will have our presentation of flags and our missionaries during the morning worship service. Please join us in the basement after the morning worship service for a fellowship time with our missions partners.
- Tonight, we welcome to the pulpit Jason, Director of Light of the World Prayer Center.
- Baby Bottles for the Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic will be collected in the baskets by the church entrances. If you forgot your bottle, please drop it off this week or next Sunday.

EASTER CELEBRATION

• PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25:

The Children's Church will be singing during the morning worship service for Palm Sunday, March 25. Please bring your child to the Ed. Building before the morning service.

• GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30:

Join us on March 30 at <u>7:00 p.m.</u> as we gather to remember the sacrifice Christ made for us on that first Good Friday. We will be celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

• EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1:

- ** Come and celebrate the joy of the resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 1 at 10:30 a.m. as we gather to celebrate his joyful victory over death.
- ** Join us again as we gather together with other area CR churches on Easter evening at 6:00 p.m. at Sumas CRC.

• EASTER LILY FUNDRAISER:

Support Oasis (Junior High Youth Group) by purchasing an Easter lily (\$12.00 each) in memory of a loved one or just for yourself. The lilies will be used in church on Easter morning, and can be picked up following the Easter worship service. All orders must be received by Sunday, March 25 and can be turned in to the box on the Welcome Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• EDUCATION WINTER SESSION:

Education classes for adults and 3rd-12th grade students meet on Sundays from 9:15–10:15 a.m. A nursery and Bible class for 2nd grade and younger is available in the Ed. Building. Next Sunday, March 25 is the last week of the winter session. Information about summer session will be available later.

** Adult Education Class:

We know that God is working for his glory and you are invited to hear how God is working in the ministries we support. Next Sunday, March 25 we will hear from Chris R.

• SENIOR DINNER-TUESDAY, APRIL 10:

Anyone 70+ is invited to *An Evening with Elvis*, our Senior Dinner on Tuesday, April 10. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to attend, please sign up in the back of church or contact the church office at 360-354-4560.

• FIRST FAMILY CAMP - SEPTEMBER 7-9:

Plan to join us for family church camp, September 7-9 at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Concrete. This is a great time to get together and be blessed with God's family. *Everyone* is invited, to a potluck dinner on Saturday night. A shelter and clubhouse are reserved for us, so if we need to get out of the rain we have an area to gather. For more information, contact Amy V.

• YOUTH DYNAMICS CLOTHES DRIVE FUNDRAISER:

Youth Dynamics is collecting clothes, linen, shoes, etc. to be donated. Their goal this year is to collect 3000 pounds! You can drop off donations in the box in the Ed. Building. For more information, contact Tim N.

• SERVE UPDATE:

** Please pray for SERVE that we would have more groups sign up. We have 43 but we hope to have 50 or more participants so that we receive the funds needed to cover the speaker, song leaders, and supplies for projects in our area. There are so many worthy projects in our area with more than we can handle. Please pray that God would provide the funds that we need to do everything that he wants to accomplish.

** Laura and Dan had a great conference in Michigan. There they heard from the Professor who developed this year's Bible study, they learned from other sites, ideas to make our SERVE week better, and they prayed with fellow coordinators from other sites that God would be glorified through all of the sites. Please continue to pray for God's direction as our SERVE host teams prepare for SERVE week, June 23-30.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

CADETS (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY):
 We will meet this week Monday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. If you have any questions, contact Brian S.

• COUNCIL:

We will meet this Tuesday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

- ** **WEDNESDAY AM –** We will meet Wednesday, March 21 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in The Loft. Childcare is provided. Contact Stephanie R with questions.
- ** **THURSDAY PM –** We will meet this Thursday, March 22 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Loft. Contact Nancy Z with questions.
- ** **DAUGHTERS OF ZION –** We will meet this Thursday, March 22 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ed. Building and study lesson 7 from "Growing Older and Wiser". A love offering will be received. Hostesses are Joyce H and Greta E. Contact Diane A with questions.

• TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):

It's week 5 of our climb up and through the book of John. You are doing great! The climb is hard at times, fun at times, boring at times, and exciting at times, but in the end we trust that God's word is powerful, transformative, and worth the climb. Psalms 119:103 reads, "How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" Join us to see how sweet it is Wednesday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Loft. For more information, call Dan H.

• MEN'S STUDY:

We will meet this week Thursday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m., in the church basement. Please read Genesis 46. For more information, contact Pastor Robert at 360-354-4560.

• DISCOVERY CLASS:

We will meet this week Friday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Parsonage. For more information, contact Pastor Robert at 360-354-4560.

• OASIS 2.0 (7th – 8th MINISTRY):

- ** Join us next Monday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft.
- ** Then join us again at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 31 to set up the Easter Lilies for Easter. It takes less than an hour and is blesses so many people. Please let Dan know if you can't make it. For more information, contact Dan H.

PRAYER CLOSET

- RICH & CONI H are in England caring for children of missionaries as they attend conferences and have some time of rest and renewal.
- INDIA/NEPAL TEAM left this last Friday on their way to visit orphanages run by Kidstown International in India and Nepal. Pray for safe travels and for this trip to be a blessing to the team, Mike & Carla H, Jeanne J, and Michelle T, and for those they meet along the way.
- BEA V is in rehab at the Christian Health Care Center.
- LOUISA H is at home and continues to deal with issues of weakness.
- RUTH K continues daily chemo treatments.
- WILMA P is recovering from some broken vertebrae.
- **RENA S** is recovering at home from a broken pelvis.
- 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 Ba, Grace H, Nellie H

• ORCHARD PARK RESIDENTS: Eleanor & Carol Z

• ST. FRANCIS RESIDENT: Grace V

• REMEMBER OUR FIRST CRC MISSIONARIES:

Jeff & Melissa Ray & Angie Steve & Sandy Gary & Mary Memli & Luiza Al & Julie

Tim & Charlene

Eric & Penny

Mitchell & Rochelle

Chuck

John & Jean

Ken & Chris

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday. March 18. 2018

Bus Driver: Willie A

Nursery Baby: Megan P, Madison B

Toddler: Mary P, Stephanie R, Tate B

Floater: Pam R

PM: Bev H, Coni H

Brent & Jolene H. **Greeters:**

Dustin & Kari H

Kara H Welcome:

John V. Jason V. **Ushers:**

Dan B. Josh B

Sound/Video: Rick B, Jordan H AM: Ken & Lisa Q Music

PM: Lee V

Lori S Flowers:

Patrick J & Marilyn M Coffee: Jolene H, Roslyn H, Cookies: Kari H. Louise H

Sunday, March 25, 2018

Willie A **Bus Driver:**

Nursery Baby: Kim Ry, Michelle S,

Kelli H

Toddler: Debbie S, Nelda S, Coleson B

Floater: Megan S

PM: Virginia H, Sadie H

Marlys H, Chris R, **Greeters:**

Marv & Evie H

Linsey & Kristin Ho Welcome:

Ushers: Cal B, Jake D,

Kyle E, Craig G

Sound/Video: Jed S, Brant H AM: Sharon A. Lee V Music

PM: Nancy Z

Sandi V Flowers:

Cookies:

Alan & Pat D. Arlene V Coffee:

Marlys H, Evie H, Betty H, Crystal H

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

First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington

Sunday, March 18 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent and **Missions Celebration**

8:45 Prayer Time in the Council Room

9:15 Education Hour for Adults and Students

10:30 Worship Service ~ Tim L

Message: Why God Blesses Us Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4

Offering: Steve & Sandy

11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement

6:00 Worship Service ~ Jason H

Message: Linking Prayer and Missions for the Glory of the Lamb!

Scripture: Matthew 9:35-39 Offering: Steve & Sandy

Monday, March 19

7:00 Cadets meet in the Church Basement

Tuesday, March 20

7:00 Council meets in the Council Room

Wednesday, March 21

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

7:30 Tribe meets in the Loft

Thursday, March 22

10:00 Daughters of Zion meets in the Ed. Building

7:00 Men's Study meets in the Church Basement

7:00 Women's Study meets in the Loft

Friday, March 23

7:00 Discovery Class at the Parsonage

Sunday, March 25 ~ Palm Sunday

8:45 Prayer Time in the Council Room

9:15 Education Hour for Adults and Students

10:15 Children's Church meets in the Ed. Building

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W

Message: Make Your Calling and Election Sure

Scripture: II Peter 1:9-11 Offering: Benevolence Fund

11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement

6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W

Message: Athanasian Creed: The Controversy Continues

Scripture: John 5:19-20a; I Cor. 15:27-28

Offering: Benevolence Fund