

## SERVE UPDATE

- **COULD YOU COME PRAY WITH US FOR SERVE?**

God is preparing our church and community for SERVE and we are excited! We would love as many in the congregation as possible to come join us in prayer. No prayer experience is required, just a willing heart and we will direct you on how to pray for SERVE. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Ed. Building on the following Sundays: April 29, May 13, 27 and June 10. For more information, please contact Cal or Laura B or Melinda B.

- **HOST HOMES NEEDED:**

We are looking for people to host some students on Sunday, June 24. As a host home, you would pick up the students at church on Sunday morning (prior to the service), feed them breakfast, provide a shower and then bring them back to church for the commissioning service that morning. If you would be willing to host some students, please contact Carla Z.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **COUNCIL ELECTIONS – SUNDAY, MAY 6:**

The Lord led the council to nominate the following men for the office of elder and deacon. The congregation will vote on May 6 to select new elders and deacons. God's hand will guide the drawing of lots to select three elders and three deacons out of the six elder and deacon nominees with the most congregational votes.

**Elder Nominees:** Jake D, Jeff F, Marv H, Ron K, Wes V, Tim V, Bill V, and John V

**Deacon Nominees:** Bryan A, Tabin B, Kyle E, Brent H, Linsey H, Doug H, Randy, Dave R, Mark T, and Jason V

Absentee ballots are available at the Welcome Center. Completed and signed ballots must be in a sealed envelope and returned to council clerk, Galen L (box H8), prior to the start of the meeting.

- **PRAYER SERVICE FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Next Sunday evening, April 29 will be a prayer service as we consider the election of new elders and deacons. Jesus prayed before choosing the apostles and the apostles prayed before choosing a replacement for Judas. Scripture calls us to pray and ask God to set apart those whom He has called.

- **PLAYING & PRAYING IN THE PARK:**

The Women's Bible Study is hosting "Playing & Praying in the Park." Join us for a time of fellowship and fun this week Wednesday, April 25 at 10:00 a.m. at Boulevard Park. Look for new events every other week throughout the spring and summer! If you are planning to attend this week, please RSVP with Stephanie R.

- **COME SKATE WITH US THIS SATURDAY!**

*Everyone* is invited to join the GEMS for a fun afternoon of ice skating and fellowship! The GEMS have rented the entire ice rink at the Bellingham Sportsplex on Saturday, April 28 from 1:30-3:00 p.m. and you are invited to come and skate or just enjoy the show. Admission is covered by the GEMS, but the concession stand will be open to purchase snacks. For more information, contact Amy V.

- **GEMS SUNDAY – APRIL 29:**

Next Sunday, April 29 is GEMS Sunday and the GEMS will help to lead us in worship during the morning service. The GEMS theme this year is "In His Steps" based on 1 John 2:6.

- **FIRST FAMILY CAMP – SEPTEMBER 7-9:**

Join us for First Family 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* (staying the weekend or just visiting for the day) is invited to a potluck dinner on Saturday night. To make reservations or for more information, contact Amy V.

- **CASCADE FAMILY BIBLE CAMP – JULY 5-9:**

Looking for something meaningful for family to do together? Then register for Cascade Family Bible Camp, held July 5-9 at Warm Beach Camp. Speakers include Timothy Blackmon, the Chaplain at Wheaton College. First time attenders save 50% on registration. Registration forms are available at church or online at [www.cascadefamilybiblecamp.org](http://www.cascadefamilybiblecamp.org).

- **PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:**

\*\* Sports schedules – It sort of feels like Spring around here and spring means spring sports. If your student is in sports, please update Dan on the game dates, times, and location so he can cheer for your student.

\*\* Parent of HS Seniors – Please turn in a photo of your student for the graduation bulletin board into Dan's box (G10). Graduation Sunday will be June 10.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **OASIS 2.0 (7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> MINISTRY):**

Join us this week Monday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft for devotions, activities and food. Please pray healing and comfort for Case Van Beek, as he had surgery last week. For more information, contact Dan.

- **DISCOVERY CLASS & ELDERS:**

We will be meeting together this week Tuesday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft.

- **GEMS (1<sup>ST</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY)**

\*\* We will meet this Wednesday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ed. Building for group night and GEMS Sunday practice.

\*\* Join us again Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the Bellingham Sportsplex for our family skating day.

\*\* Next Sunday, April 29 is GEMS Sunday. Please meet in the back of church by 10:00 a.m. and wear your GEMS shirt. For more information about any of these events, contact Amy V or Gail B.

- **WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM:**

We will be meeting this Wednesday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

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

Join us this Wednesday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Loft. We will begin a new study topic. Please pray for recovery and ease of pain for Davis as he dislocated his shoulder. For more information, contact Dan.

- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:**

\*\* **WEDNESDAY AM** – Join us for a time of fellowship with "Playing and Praying in the Park" on Wednesday, April 25 starting at 10:00 a.m. at Boulevard Park. Contact Stephanie R for questions or to RSVP.

\*\* **THURSDAY PM** – We meet this week Thursday April 26, and our final meeting on May 3. Contact Nancy Z with questions.

- **MEN'S STUDY:**

Our next meeting will be this Thursday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. Contact Pastor Robert at 354-4560 with questions.

- **CADETS (1<sup>ST</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOYS MINISTRY):**

Our next meeting will be next Monday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. If you have any questions, contact Brian S.

## CHURCH FAMILY

Birthday greetings to Pastor Barry B who celebrates his 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday on April 28.

## PRAYER CLOSET

- **TENLEY F** (granddaughter of Wes & Liz V) was diagnosed with a benign mass in her abdomen. She will be on antibiotics for 6-8 weeks before having surgery.
- **JULIA S** is back at the Christian Health Care Center recovering from gall bladder surgery.
- **RUTH K** has finished chemo treatments and is waiting for her next treatments.
- **BEA V** is recovering at home from a fall.
- **LOUISA H** continues to deal with weakness.
- **WILMA P** is recovering from broken vertebrae.
- **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 and Kristi N, Henrietta N, Gerrit P, Maggie S, Shirley S, Albert V, Andy 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  
Ray & Angie  
Steve & Sandy  
Gary & Mary  
Memli & Luiza  
Al & Julie  
Tim & Charlene  
Eric & Penny  
Mitchell & Rochelle  
Chuck  
John & Jean  
Ken & Chris

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### Sunday, April 22, 2018

**Bus Driver:** Galen L  
**Nursery Baby:** Carolyn B, Jan B, Levi M  
**Toddler:** Jenny B, Sara B, Logan B  
**Floater:** Swandel E  
**PM:** Dora B, Brooklyn B  
**Greeters:** Doug & Dawn H  
**Welcome:** Bryan & Kim A  
**Ushers:** Tim V, John V, Jason V, Dan B  
**Sound:** Rick B  
**Video:** Kaelan K  
**Flowers:** Elsie D  
**Music AM:** Sharon A, Lee V  
**Music PM:** Perlene H  
**Coffee:** Debbie S, Nicole B  
**Cookies:** Joanne K, Denise K, Ardelle K

### Sunday, April 29, 2018

**Bus Driver:** Dan V  
**Nursery Baby:** Anna Lee F, Sandy G, Nicholas M  
**Toddler:** Kelsey G, Tanisha G, Luke K  
**Floater:** Jolene H  
**PM:** Kari H, Kennadi H  
**Greeters:** GEMS  
**Welcome:** GEMS  
**Ushers:** GEMS  
**Sound:** Jed S  
**Video:** Jordan Hi  
**Flowers:** Meredith Z  
**Music AM:** Cheryl K, Nancy Z  
**Music PM:** Nancy Z  
**Coffee:** Brian K, Nikki B  
**Cookies:** Cheryl K, Candace L, Renee L, Joan M

#### **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, April 22

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W  
Message: *You Will Be My Witnesses*  
Scripture: *Acts 1:6-11*  
Offering: First CRC SERVE 2018  
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement  
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W  
Message: *Something Better*  
Scripture: *II Peter 1:16-21*  
Offering: First CRC SERVE 2018

### Monday, April 23

7:00 Oasis 2.0 meets in the Loft

### Tuesday, April 24

7:00 Discovery Class and Elders meet in the Loft

### Wednesday, April 25

10:00 Playing & Praying at Boulevard Park  
6:30 GEMS meets in the Ed. Building  
7:00 Worship Planning meets in the Council Room  
7:30 Tribe meets in the Loft

### Thursday, April 26

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

### Saturday, April 28

1:30 – 3:00 Ice Skating with the GEMS at the Bellingham Sportsplex

### Sunday, April 29 ~ GEMS Sunday

10:00 GEMS meet in the back of Church  
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W  
Message: *Devoted to Prayer*  
Scripture: *Acts 1:12-14*  
Offering: GEMS  
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement  
6:00 Prayer Service for the Elections of Council  
Offering: GEMS