

CHURCH FAMILY

- **WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:**

The following came before the elders to profess or reaffirm their faith: Nathan M, Ken & Jennifer M, Neil & Debbie M, Jack & Wendi P and son Jack, Audrey P, Pam R, and Blake V

They will make public profession of faith and be introduced during a morning worship service. We welcome them to the First Church family and pray we will be a blessing to them.

- **2018 HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES:**

The 2018 High School Seniors from our church include:

Brant H, Mia H, Kaelan K,

Doris L and Rachel N

** You have an opportunity to bless these students by writing a word of blessing, a Bible verse, or a letter in their journals. Journals will be in the church basement until June 10 and you can write in the journals or on a separate piece of paper.

** Parents of High School 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.

** Are you graduating from college or tech school this year? Let us know where you are graduating from, and what degree you will receive. Contact the church office at 360-354-4560 or info@firstcrclinden.org with your information.

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 as possible to 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: May 13, 27, June 10. For more information, contact Cal or Laura B or Melinda B.

- **HOST HOMES NEEDED:**

We are looking for people to host students on Sunday, June 24. As a host, 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 before the morning service. If you would be willing to host, please contact Carla Z.

- **CRAFTY PEOPLE NEEDED:**

Dan needs help to get ready for SERVE. This year's theme is Loving God = Loving Others. If you are interested, meet Dan this Monday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **GEMS SUNDAY TODAY:**

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

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

This evening's service, 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.

- **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 the elders and deacons out of the nominees with the most congregational votes. In addition to selecting three elders and three deacons, a fourth elder will be selected this year to replace Jim Aguirre who is stepping down as an elder. The remaining two years of his term will be filled by the fourth elder selected.

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 Ho, Randy L, 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 on Sunday, May 6.

- **CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE PAYMENT:**

The second payment for the 2017-2018 school year was made for the Christian Education program last week. First CRC has 47 students in the program this year and a total of \$28,881.50 was distributed, with \$614.50 given per student! Thank you for your faithful support of our students.

- **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 on Wednesday, May 9 at 10:00 a.m. at Marine Park in Blaine. Look for new events every other week throughout the spring and summer! If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Stephanie R.

- **TIRED BUT NOT RETIRED – MAY 18:**

Tired but Not Retired are planning a night of pizza & bowling on Friday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Mt. Baker Lanes in Ferndale. For those interested, we can carpool from church. Sign up in the back of church or let Liz V or Dawn H know you are coming. There is a fee for bowling and shoe rental as well as pizza. More details to follow.

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

Join us for First Family Camp, September 7-9 at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Concrete. To make reservations, contact Amy V.

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

Register now for Cascade Family Bible Camp, held July 5-9. Registration forms are available at church or online at www.cascadefamilybiblecamp.org.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Join us next Monday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. Questions, contact Brian S.

- **DEACONS:**

We will meet this this week Monday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

- **MINISTRY TEAMS:**

Ministry teams will meet this Tuesday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m. unless you hear otherwise from your chairperson.

** The Education Curriculum team will meet on Wednesday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ed. Building.

- **ELDERS:**

We will meet this week Tuesday, May 1 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

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

Join us this Wednesday, May 2 for our next series called "Thanks for Sharing". Food, Bible discussion, activities and more all starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Loft. For more information, contact Dan H.

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

We will meet this Thursday, May 3 for our final meeting. Contact Nancy Z with questions.

- **OASIS 2.0 (7th – 8th MINISTRY):**

Join us next week Monday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft for devotions, activities and food. For more information, contact Dan H.

PRAYER CLOSET

- **TENLEY F** (granddaughter of Wes & Liz Va) was diagnosed with a benign mass in her abdomen. She will be on antibiotics for 6-8 weeks before having 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 Ni, Henrietta N, Gerrit P, Maggie S, Shirley S, Albert V, Andy V, and Cora V
- **MEADOW GREENS RESIDENTS:** Dennis Ba, 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 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 H
Flowers: Meredith Z
Music AM: Cheryl K, Nancy Z
Music PM: Sharon A
Coffee: Brian K, Nikki B
Cookies: Cheryl K, Candace L, Renee L, Joan M

Sunday, May 6, 2018

Bus Driver: Dan V
Nursery Baby: Roslyn H, Crystal H, Kelli H
Toddler: Kristen H, Leanne H, Kennadi H
Floater: Bev H
PM: Louise H, Dawn H
Greeters: Patrick J & Marilyn M, Larry & Joanne Kl
Welcome: Dan & Gail B
Ushers: Cal B, Jake D, Kyle Ek, Chris F
Sound: Rick B
Video: Jeff K
Flowers: Peggy B
Music AM: Ken & Lisa Q
Music PM: Lee V
Coffee: Larry & Joanne K
Cookies: Joyce M, Jill M, Karen M, Marsha M

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Sunday, April 29 ~ GEMS Sunday

10:00 GEMS meet in the back of Church
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *How to Wait on the Lord*
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

Monday, April 30

7:00 Cadets meet in the Church Basement
7:00 Deacons meet in the Council room
7:00 SERVE Craft Volunteers meet in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 1

7:00 Ministry Teams Meet
8:00 Elders meet in the Council room

Wednesday, May 2

6:30 Ed. Curriculum Team meets in the Ed. Building
7:30 Tribe meets in the Loft

Thursday, May 3

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

Sunday, May 6

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert Wo
Message: *And Then There Were Twelve*
Scripture: *Acts 1:16-26*
Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance
Elections of New Officers
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *What Falling Away Looks Like*
Scripture: *II Peter 2:1-3*
Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

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