

CHURCH FAMILY

We would like to thank Ron D for his many years of service as our full-time custodian. As of April 1, Ron will be maintaining the outside grounds and Nelda S will be taking over as our inside custodian.

Kendra B, Kelli H, Kennadi H, Brant H, Carl R, and Avery V have come before the elders to profess or reaffirm their faith. Avery will make public profession of faith today during the morning service, and the others will make public profession of faith or reaffirmation on Sunday, April 14 during the morning service. We welcome them to the First Church family and pray we will be a blessing to them.

Seniors of the month of April are Carl R and Judy W. Please check out their poster in the back of church and pray for God's blessing on their life and future.

COUNCIL TIDBITS

- Profession of Faith and Reaffirmation of Faith is scheduled for March 31 and April 14.
- Upcoming calendar items:
 - Good Friday communion service on April 19
 - Easter evening service hosted by Sumas CRC on April 21
- The overture to create a new classis in Whatcom County was presented at the Classis meeting in March and passed by 70%. The next step is for it to be presented to Synod this summer.
- Names for Elders and Deacon nominations where approved.
- Ron K has stepped down as Elder.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **FIRST GROUPS:**
During the season of Lent, we are exploring how the truth of the Gospel affects every area of our daily lives through the sermon series and in personal interactions and application at First Groups. If you would still like to sign up to be in a group, contact Pastor Robert at 360-354-4560.
** **STUDY GUIDES – WEEKS 4, 5, 6** are now available in the back of church. Whether you are in a small group or want to study on your own, you are welcome to pick up a copy of *A Gospel Primer* and a study guide in the back of church. A suggested donation of \$10 per book can be placed in Kara H's box (G12). Please make checks out to First CRC.

- **SENIOR DINNER– TUESDAY, APRIL 9:**
Anyone 70+ is invited to our Senior “Hawaiian” dinner on Tuesday, April 9. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to attend, sign up in the back of church or contact the church office at 360-354-4560 or info@firstcrlcynden.org.
- **FIRST FAMILY CAMP – SEPTEMBER 13-14:**
Join us for family church camp, September 13-14 at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Concrete. This is a great time to get together and be blessed with God's family. Reservations should be made through Amy V.
- **SERVE 2019 UPDATES:**
** Pray for our SERVE coordinators and that God would help us place the right volunteers for the right task.
** Mark Warren will be our speaker for Lynden SERVE 2019 and Mitchell Senti will lead us in music during worship.
** We are looking for students (going into 9th grade on up) help with SERVE for the whole week or even part of the time. If you are interested, contact Dan H or one of the coordinator team members: Molly H, Len H, Steve L, or Cal B.
- **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, April 14 and can be turned in to the box on the Welcome Center.
- **YOUTH DYNAMICS CLOTHING DRIVE FUNDRAISER:**
Youth Dynamics is collecting clothes, linens, and accessories as a fundraiser. See the flyer in your mailbox for more details. Donations can be dropped off in the Ed. Building. For more information, contact Tim N.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **CADETS (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY):**
On Monday, April 1 we will be taking the cadets to Park Bowl for a night of bowling. We will be leaving First CRC at exactly 6:25 p.m. and returning at 8:35 p.m. Please do not give your cadet any money for food or games; bowling will be paid for by the club. Cadets should wear their cadet shirt but NO scarf. For more information, contact Brian S.
- **DEACONS:**
Deacons will meet on Monday, April 1 at 7 p.m. in the Council Room.

- **MINISTRY TEAMS:**
Ministry Teams will meet this Tuesday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m. unless you hear otherwise from your chairperson.
- **ELDERS:**
We will meet this week Tuesday, April 2 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Room.
- **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):**
We don't have a normally scheduled meeting this week because of Spring Break but many of you have requested board game night. So, join us this Wednesday, April 3 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Loft. Bring snacks to share and your favorite board game. For more information, contact Dan H.
- **DAUGHTERS OF ZION WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:**
Join us on Thursday, April 4 at noon at Fairway Café for our Spring Luncheon. Remember to bring your love offering. For more information, contact Jo V.
- **THURSDAY PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:**
Join us this Thursday, April 4 in the Parsonage at 7:00 p.m. We will discuss Week 4 of *A Gospel Primer*. Contact Phama W for more information.
- **OASIS 2.0 (JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):**
Join us for an adventure at Castle Fun Park in Abbotsford, BC on Monday, April 8. We plan to leave church at 6:30 p.m. Youth group will put \$10.00 towards each person's games (indoor mini-golf, batting cages, arcades, go karts and more). What you need: 1) birth certificate or passport, 2) signed form with parents' permission (Dan will email a copy to sign), and 3) extra spending money. For information, contact Dan H.
- **MOMS@1ST:**
We will meet on Tuesday, April 9 at 9:15 a.m. in the Loft. Contact Stephanie R with questions.
- **GEMS (1st – 8th GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY):**
Join us Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ed. Building. For more information, contact Gail B
- **WORSHIP PLANNING:**
Worship Planning Team will meet on Wednesday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.
- **MEN'S STUDY:**
Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m., in the church basement. For more information, contact Pastor Robert at 360-354-4560.

PRAYER CLOSET

- **JANE S** is home following hip replacement surgery on Tuesday. Pray for Jane as she recovers from this surgery.
- **RUTH B** had a TIA this week but she is back at home and doing well.
- **JOHN B** is scheduled to have a second biopsy of a tumor on his liver on Wednesday. Continue to pray for peace of mind for John and family and a good report.
- **JOHN E** is home and doing well following a heart catheterization procedure on Thursday.
- **GLEN B** is at home recovering from an infection in his heart. He will receive antibiotics daily for 1 more week.
- **BETTY H** is failing in health and is now on hospice.
- **REVEREND RALPH H** (Dan's father) has completed his radiation treatment but is expecting a few more weeks of pain as a side effect of the treatment.
- **ALDERWOOD PARK RESIDENT:** Kristi N
- **CASCADE CHRISTIAN HOME RESIDENT:** Amy B
- **CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE RESIDENTS:** Jennie B, Jim B, Mary K, Carl F, Betty H, Johanna R, Adrietta S, Joanne V
- **LYNDEN MANOR RESIDENTS:** Edie M, Maggie S, Shirley S, Albert V, Janet V, Cora V
- **MEADOW GREENS RESIDENTS:** Freda G, Grace H, Nellie H, Andy V, Ruth W
- **ORCHARD PARK RESIDENTS:** Eleanor & Carol Z
- **REMEMBER OUR FIRST CRC MISSIONARIES:**
Jeff & Melissa
Ray & Angie
Steve & Sandy
Gary & Mary
Memli & Luiza
Al & Julie
Tim & Charlene
Eric & Penny
Mitchell & Rochelle
John & Jean
Ken & Chris
S Home – India

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 31

Bus Driver: Willie A
Nursery Baby: Kim A, Gail B, Kim F
Toddler: Jill B, Dee B, Brooklynn B
Floater: Peggy B
PM: Kathryn V, Gail A
Greeters: Willie & Grace A
Jacob & Valerie A
Welcome: Dan & Gail B
Ushers: Ed V, Dan V, Wes V, Tim V
Safety Usher: Tabin B, Woody S
Sound: Rick B
Video: Brant H
Flowers: Peggy B
Coffee: Nikki B, Arlene V
Cookies: Sharon A, Gail B, Jill B, Nikki B
Music **AM:** Sharon A, Lee V
PM: Lee V

Sunday, April 7

Bus Driver: Willie A
Nursery Baby: Lori M, Pam R, Kennadi H
Toddler: Jennie B, Carolyn B, Jessica H
Floater: Jan B
PM: Anna Lee F, Jolene H
Greeters: Paul & Sharon A
Josh & Jill B
Welcome: Terry & Nicole B
Ushers: Blake V, Fred Y
Dan B, Levi B
Safety Usher: Darren G, Ryan B
Sound: Chris F
Video: Rick B
Flowers: Helene Y
Coffee: Elvin & Anna Lee F
Cookies: Nicole B, Gert B, Dee B, Peggy B
Music **AM:** Sharon A, Nancy Z
PM: Perlene H

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Sunday, March 31 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Do Better, Be Better, Try Harder*
Scripture: *Galatians 3:2-5; Ephesians 2:8-10; II Timothy 1:9*
Offering: Mission and Outreach Fund
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *God is Love*
Scripture: *I John 4:7-14*
Offering: Mission and Outreach Fund

Monday, April 1

6:25 Cadets meet in the church parking lot for bowling
7:00 Deacons meet in the Council Room

Tuesday, April 2

7:00 Ministry Teams meet
8:00 Elders meet in the Council Room

Wednesday, April 3

7:00 TRIBE meets in the Loft

Thursday, April 4

12:00 Daughters of Zion meet at Fairway Cafe

Sunday, April 7 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *The Gospel Before Time*
Scripture: *Ephesians 1:3-6*
Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Perfect Love Casts Out Fear*
Scripture: *I John 4:15-21*
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