

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **UNITY WORSHIP SERVICE TONIGHT:**
Join area Christian Reformed Churches for a Unity Service TONIGHT at 6:00 p.m. at Second CRC. An offering will be received for NW Hispanic Ministry. There will be fellowship time and refreshments following the service.
- **CHURCH CLOSURE – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2:**
The church buildings will be locked and all church offices will be closed on Monday, September 2 because of Labor Day.
- **EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY:**
Education classes for 3rd -12th grade and adults will begin next Sunday, September 8 at 9:30 a.m. See brochure in your mailbox for more information about classes and ministry opportunities at First CRC.
- **NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12:**
Join women of all ages in studying *Nehemiah: A Heart That Can Break* by Kelly Minter. This 7-session study will meet every other Thursday, Sept. 12 – Dec. 5 from 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Loft. Discover real-life ways to put feet to your faith. Sign up today by the Welcome Center and pick up your book. Contact Phama W for more details.
- **FAMILY CAMP POTLUCK – SEPTEMBER 14:**
Everyone is invited to join us for the day or just for dinner on Saturday, September 14 at Howard Miller Steelhead Park. Last names A-K bring a salad and L-Z bring a dessert. Contact Amy V for more information.
- **DINNERS 8 – COUPLES, FAMILIES, AND SINGLES!**
What is Dinners 8?
Dinners 8 is a way to connect and get to know other people from our church family. Groups of 8 people (singles, couples or families of any age!) meet and share a meal together four times during the fall and winter (determined by members) at their homes, church, or some other gathering place. You are welcome to join any of these groups (a single is still welcome to be part of the couple group, etc.).
What are the different groups?
** Dinners 8 Couples is a group of 4 couples or mix of couples and singles to make 8 people total.
** Dinners 8 Singles is a group of 8 singles, any age from post high to 100+ are welcome!
** Dinners 8 Families is a group of families, children included!
How do I sign up?
Sign up in the back of church, or contact Patrick J, Marilyn M, or the church office at 360-354-4560.

- **SENIOR SEMINAR – OCTOBER 11:**
The Christian Reformed Churches of Lynden are hosting a seniors event. Authors Richard & Leona Bergstrom will be speaking about their book: *Third Calling – What are you doing the rest of your life?* All seniors from the Lynden CRC churches ages 55-100+ are welcome! Join us on Friday, October 11 from 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. at Sonlight CRC. For more information, contact Nancy Z
- **HELPERS NEEDED FOR MOMS@1ST:**
MOMS@1st needs ministry workers for Kids@1st starting September 10. Contact Stephanie R or Dora B if you are willing to help.
- **NEW CHURCH COOKBOOK:**
MOMS@1st will be selling cookbooks and need your help! Families, we are looking for some wonderful cookout recipes from your camping trips. Ladies don't forget to put in your favorite go-to recipes, holiday dishes and picnic favorites. Kids, we want your slumber party snacks, favorite cookies and desserts. Put your recipes in Carla Z's mailbox (Q12).
- **CUPCAKE MINISTRY UPDATE:**
We are taking a break from providing cupcakes for our high school students this year. Thank you for 12 years of showing our love for our students through the cupcake ministry.
- **PERMISSION SLIP REMINDER FOR TRIBE AND OASIS:**
Tribe & Oasis families, if you have not filled out the permission slip for your student, please fill it out and return it back to the office as soon as possible. We appreciate your help to minister to the students in our church family.
- **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**
Parents of school-aged children, a form concerning financial assistance for Christian education was in your church mailbox. ALL parents are asked to fill out this form, so we know where First CRC children are attending school. If you did not receive a form, contact the church office at 360-354-4560. Please return forms to Jake D's church mailbox (C17) ASAP.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **MINISTRY TEAMS:**
Ministry Teams will meet this week Tuesday, September 3 at 7:00 p.m. unless you hear otherwise from your chairperson.
- **MOMS@1st LEADERSHIP TEAM:**
We will meet this Tuesday, September 3 at 9:15 a.m. in the Loft. If you have any questions, contact Stephanie R.

- **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY):**
** We know that for many of you the end of summer and the beginning of a new school year is not on your top 10 favorite times of year. Let's celebrate the end of the summer with a BBQ at Berthusen park on Wednesday, September 4 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Please bring a favorite bag of chips to share. We look forward to catching up and hearing about your summer adventures.
** Our official kickoff will be on Wednesday, September 18 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the Loft.
** Dan is phasing out his role in Tribe and handing over the reins to Cal & Laura B and Andrew R. If you have any questions, suggestions, or just want to talk, call or text Cal B or Laura B.
- **SEARCH TEAM:**
Search Team will meet this week Thursday, September 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council room.
- **CADETS (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY):**
All boys in 1st -8th grade are invited as we will kick off the Cadet season at Meenderincks' Pond on Monday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. Moms, dads, sisters and brothers are welcome for a fun night of fishing and swimming, along with hot dogs and chips. We will use this opportunity to sign up all cadets and update emails. For more information about Cadets, please contact Brian S.
- **MOMS@1st:**
We will meet next week Tuesday, September 10 at 9:15 a.m. in the Loft. If you have any questions, contact Stephanie R.
- **ELDERS:**
Elders will meet next week Tuesday, September 10 (please note the change of date) at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.
- **GEMS (1ST – 8TH GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY):**
All girls in 1st – 8th grade are welcome to join us at GEMS! We will start with a sign-up night and potluck, on Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. Main course and dessert will be provided, please bring something to share. If your daughter's GEMS shirt is too small, please bring it along to switch for a larger size. For more information, contact Gail B.
- **OASIS 2.0 (7th-8th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY):**
We are excited to begin a new school year with you! Join us on Monday, September 16 from 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Loft for our kick-off. For more information, contact Jeff & Renee L or Patty R.

CHURCH FAMILY

Birthday greetings to Mick V who celebrates his 84th birthday on September 2 and Albert V who celebrates his 85th birthday on September 4.

Thank you to the church council and the congregation for the generous gifts given to the staff during staff appreciation.
~ First CRC Staff – Kara H, Susan B, Ron D, Nelda S and Nancy Z

PRAYER CLOSET

- **SHIRLEY S** has been moved to the Whatcom Hospice House.
- **PAT M** is at home recovering from open heart surgery to replace a valve. Pray for pain relief and a steady recovery.
- **CASCADE CHRISTIAN HOME RESIDENT:** Amy Bl
- **CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE RESIDENTS:** Jennie B, Mary K, Carl F, Johanna R, Adrietta S, Joanne V
- **LYNDEN MANOR RESIDENTS:** Edie M, Kristi N, Maggie S, Shirley S, Albert V, Janet V, Cora V
- **MEADOW GREENS RESIDENTS:** Gussie B, Freda G, Grace H, Nellie H, Andy V, Jo V, Ruth W
- **ORCHARD PARK RESIDENTS:** Eleanor & Carol Z
- **SILVERADO CARE FACILITY:** Bennie M
- **HAUSA PEOPLE GROUP OF NORTHERN NIGERIA:** Pray that God will pour out His Holy Spirit on the Hausa and build His church among them.
- **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
Snehakunja Home –India

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 1

Bus Driver: Galen L
Nursery Baby: Crystal H, Samantha T
Toddler: Kristen H, Kristen H, Brielle H
Greeters: Robert & Debbie S, Mark & Michelle T
Welcome: Brian & Carly V
Ushers: Ken R, Brian S, Ed V, Dan V
Safety Usher: Patrick J, Tabin B
Sound: Chris F
Video: Li E
Flowers: Susan B
Coffee: Berny & Vicky D, Elvin & Anna Lee F
Cookies: Nelda S, Elaine S, Ann T, Lorna T
Music: Ken & Lisa Q

Sunday, September 8

Bus Driver: Galen L
Nursery Baby: Leeanne H, Katelyn V
Toddler: Kara H, Cheryl K, Nicholas M
PM: Jessica H, Bev H
Greeters: Larry & Debbie S, Brian & Nelda S
Welcome: John & Kathryn V
Ushers: Robert S, Dan R, Wes V, Tim V
Safety Usher: Woody S, Darren G
Sound: Rick B
Video: Rob H
Flowers: Marilyn M
Coffee: Robert & Debbie S, Lloyd & Linda F
Cookies: Linda T, Michelle T, Ethel V, Lillian V
Music **AM:** Mike H, Nancy Zy
PM: Nancy Z

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Sunday, September 1

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Scripture: *Acts 8:29-40*
Message: *The Gospel According to Philip*
Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance
11:45 Fellowship Time on the church lawn or in the church basement (weather dependent)
6:00 Combined Worship Service at Second CRC
Offering: NW Hispanic Ministry

Monday, September 2 ~ Labor Day

** Church building locked and offices closed

Tuesday, September 3

9:30 MOMS@1st Leadership Team meets in the Loft
7:00 Ministry Teams meet

Thursday, September 5

7:00 Search Team meets in the Council Room

Sunday, September 8

9:30 Education classes for 3rd grade – Adult meet
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Scripture: *Acts 9:1-9*
Message: *The Greatest Conversion in History*
Offering: Memli & Luiza
11:45 Fellowship Time on the church lawn or in the church basement (weather dependent)
6:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Scripture: *Ill John 1:1-8*
Message: *No Greater Joy*
Offering: Memli & Luiza