

CHURCH FAMILY

A new year is upon us and we eagerly anticipate the amazing ways the Holy Spirit will move through the Luke Society in 2020. First Christian Reformed Church plays a vital role in that process through your generosity and support. We are truly blessed by the kindness of your gifts and humbly covet your prayers and encouragement in this year ahead. Thank you for your continued support! ~ The Luke Society

12TH ANNUAL MISSIONS CELEBRATION

• **SATURDAY, MARCH 21:**

Join us for a delicious Thai dinner (children's meals available) and fellowship at a new location, Faith Community Church (586 Birch Bay Lynden Rd.) Saturday, March 21 at 5:00 p.m. After dinner, we will be hearing from our guest speakers Dustin & Melissa, serving with Converge International Ministries, and Von, serving with Frontier Missions. Families are welcome! There will be a program for children ages 3 – 2nd grade during the guest speaker presentations. There will also be a time before dinner and after presentations to meet and talk with other area mission representatives. Join us for this uplifting time to hear how God is working here in Whatcom County and around the world!

• **SUNDAY, MARCH 22:**

** EDUCATION HOUR – Ray & Angie, serving with East-West Ministries International, will give a presentation about their ministry during the Education Hour at 9:30 a.m. in the church basement.

** MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – During the morning worship service, we will have our presentation of flags and mission representatives, with Ray, a missionary with East-West Ministries International bringing the message.

** FELLOWSHIP TIME – Following the morning worship service, join us for refreshments in the church basement. Representatives from numerous area ministries will have display tables set up and will be available to answer questions.

** EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE – Russell, interim pastor at Sumas CRC, will be bringing the message during the evening worship service.

** BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER – Baby bottles will also be collected on Sunday, March 22. Additional bottles are available in the back of church. Plan to return the bottles to boxes in the lobby when you come to worship. Proceeds from the bottles will be given to Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **CHURCH CLOSURE – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17:**

The church offices will be closed and the buildings locked on Monday, February 17 in observance of President's Day.

• **ELDER AND DEACON NOMINATIONS:**

The First CRC Council will be discussing nominations for elder and deacon positions at its February 18 meeting. Ten nominees for each office will be selected for presentation to the congregation for a vote in early May. Please keep the nominating process in your prayers. If you have suggestions regarding men you feel should be considered for nomination, please give them to any of the elders or deacons today. Your suggestions and prayers are very much appreciated.

• **BE A BLESSING TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY:**

** **WEB DESIGN** – The church website is in the middle of a refresh and we are looking for a volunteer to help finish this update. This person will not be responsible for maintaining or updating the site, once it is completed. The updated website still needs some new graphics, pictures, and to have some pages fixed (which may require time with tech support).

** **OTHER NEEDS** – Prayerfully consider if you can be a blessing to the church family with your time and talents in any of the following areas that need more volunteers: Bus Driver, Sound Board, Video Camera, Usher, Greeter, Nursery Attendant, Welcome Center Attendant, or bringing meals. ** If you are willing to help in any of these areas *or have another area where you are being called to help*, contact the church office at 360-354-4560 or info@firstcrlcynden.org.

• **MOMS@1ST COOKBOOKS STILL AVAILABLE!**

These amazing cookbooks are available to purchase at the church office any Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cookbooks are only \$20 and \$5 goes to New Way Ministries!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

• **EDUCATION HOUR:**

Education Hour for grades 3-12 and adults meet on Sundays from 9:30–10:15 a.m. You are welcome to join at any time!

** The adult class, *A Sprint Down the Romans Road: Romans Made Simple*, led by David W meets in the church basement. A nursery and Bible class for children in 2nd grade and younger is available in the Education Building.

• **DISCOVERY CLASS:**

The Discovery class will meet on Monday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the parsonage. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Robert or the church office at 360-354-4560.

• **CADETS (1ST – 8TH GRADE BOYS MINISTRY):**

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Basement for our Mother/Son game night. For more information about Cadets, contact Brian S.

• **GEMS (1ST – 8TH GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY):**

** Join us on Monday, February 17 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. for our area skating party at the Lynden Skateway. If you plan to rent roller-skates, there is no charge, but if you would like to rent inline skates, the cost is \$3.00. ** Our next regular meeting will be Wednesday, March 4. For more information, contact Gail B.

• **MOMS@1ST:**

MOMS@1st will meet on Tuesday, February 18 at 9:30 a.m. in the Loft. For more information, contact Stephanie R.

• **COUNCIL:**

Council will meet on Tuesday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

• **WORSHIP PLANNING:**

The Worship Planning Team will meet on Wednesday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

• **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY):**

Join us Wednesday, February 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Loft. Snacks this week are Hayley Basart. For more information, contact Cal or Laura B.

• **DAUGHTERS OF ZION WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:**

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 20. We will be studying *A Psalm in Your Heart, Psalm 90-91* and have our love offering. Servers are Dianne A and Agnes R. For more information, contact Jo V

• **THURSDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:**

Join us as we study "The Sermon on the Mount" on Thursday, February 20 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Loft. For more information, contact Phama W.

• **MEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY:**

Men of all ages are invited to study *The Book of Judges: Leaders in Times of Crisis*, on February 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Basement. Please read Judges 13-14. For more information, contact Pastor Robert at 360-354-4560.

• **OASIS 2.0 (7TH-8TH GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY):**

Join us on Monday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft! For more information about Oasis, contact Jeff & Renee L or Patty R.

PRAYER CLOSET

- **RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:** Ted S (neck), Phama W (spine)
- **DEALING WITH CANCER:** Paul R, Rick B, John B, Susan B, Ralph H
- **ASSISTED LIVING AND CARE CENTER RESIDENTS:**
Cascade Christian Home – Amy B
Christian Health Care Center – Jennie B, Mary K, Bennie M, Johanna R, Joanne V
Cordata Court – Diane S
Lynden Manor – Anna G, Edie M, Kristi N, Maggie S, Albert V, Janet V, Cora V
Meadow Greens – Gussie B, Freda G, Grace H, Nellie H, Andy V, Jo V, Ruth W
Orchard Park – Eleanor & Carol Z
Silverado Care – Casey V
- **ASSOCIATE PASTOR:** Pray for God's will and leading to bring the man of His choosing to First CRC.
- **PHASE III BUILDING:** Pray for God's wisdom and clear leading and for His sufficient provision for building our future.
- **SERVE 2020:** Pray for God to bring the right students, leaders, volunteers and work sites together for Serve to be a blessing.
- **MOMS@1st:** Pray for God to nurture a fruitful ministry to the many moms and children that participate.
- **HAUSA PEOPLE GROUP:** Pray that God would open doors for the Gospel to reach the Hausa people in northern Nigeria.
- **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

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 16

Bus Driver: Galen L
Nursery Baby: Mia H, Taryn B
Toddler: Jessica H, Jill M, Noah A
PM: Ardelle K, Candace L
Greeters: Ken & Jennifer M,
Eric & Lori M
Welcome: John & Kathryn V
Ushers: Carl R, Ed V,
Dan V, Wes V
Safety Usher: Randy L, Brian K
Flowers: Marilyn M
Sound/Video: Chris F, Li E
Music AM: Cheryl K, Nancy Z
PM: Perlene H
Coffee: Patrick J & Marilyn M
Cookies: Marsha M, Lori M,
Jill M, Leona O

Sunday, February 23

Bus Driver: Galen L
Nursery Baby: Cheryl K, Kaden K
Toddler: Joan M, Marilyn M, Emily A
PM: Jill B, Hayley B
Greeters: Neil & Debbie M, Jack & Wilma P
Welcome: Jason & Amy V
Ushers: Larry K, Tim V,
Blake V, Fred Y
Safety Usher: Ryan B, Lance H
Flowers: Lori S
Sound/Video: Chris F, Brant H
Music AM: Ken & Lisa Q
PM: Lee V
Coffee: Arlene V, Nikki B
Cookies: Wilma P, Wendi P,
Mary P, Lisa Q

NURSERY REMINDER

In order to keep everyone healthy, we are asking that you *not use or work in the nursery* if you had a fever in the last 24 hours or if you have a runny nose or cough. Thank you!

EDUCATION BUILDING A PEANUT-FREE SPACE

Please do not send or use any food products with peanuts or tree nuts for snacks or meals in the Education Building at any time.
Food allergies can be serious and life threatening. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

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Sunday, February 16

9:30 Education Classes meet
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Did God Say? Satan's Attack on Headship/Submission*
Scripture: *Genesis 2:7, 15-17, 20-24*
Offering: Jeff & Melissa
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Elijah the Tishbite, A Man Like Us II*
Scripture: *1 Kings 17:1-2*
Offering: Jeff & Melissa

Monday, February 17 ~ President's Day **Church Offices and Buildings Closed**

6:30 GEMS Skating Party at the Lynden Skateway
7:00 Discovery Class meets in the Parsonage
7:00 Cadets meet in the Church Basement

Tuesday, February 18

9:15 MOMS@1st meet in the Loft
7:00 Council meets in the Council Room

Wednesday, February 19

7:00 Worship Planning meets in the Council Room
7:30 Tribe meets in the Loft

Thursday, February 20

10:00 Daughters of Zion meets in the Ed. Building
7:00 Men's Study meets in the Church Basement
7:00 Women's Bible Study meets in the Loft

Sunday, February 23

9:30 Education Classes meet
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Did God Say?
Satan's Attack on Sex*
Scripture: *Ephesians 5:1-12*
Offering: Building the Future Fund
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Elijah, The Making of a Man Like Us*
Scripture: *1 Kings 17:1-7*
Offering: Building the Future Fund