

CHURCH FAMILY

Birthday greetings to Henrietta N who celebrates her 89th birthday on October 28.

Thank you very much for all of the cards, gifts, expressions of love and appreciation and especially for the generous gift certificate for pastors' appreciation month. We are tremendously thankful to our church family for your prayers, love and support that you give us. We are humbled and grateful to God for the privilege of serving Him here. You are all a blessing to us and we appreciate you too!

~ The Pastors

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **NEW CHURCH BUILDING HOURS:**

Church buildings will be unlocked during the following hours:

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday – Friday

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Saturday

Doors unlocked during that time:

Church Building – north office door, east library door,
and basement kitchen door

Education Building – west door

Thank you for your patience as we adjust to these new hours.

• **EDUCATION CLASSES:**

Education classes for adults and students in 3rd-12th grades, meet on Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. You are welcome to join at any time! The adult class, *God's Story Is Bigger Than This Cultural Moment!* meets in the church basement. A nursery and Bible class for children 2nd grade and younger is available in the Ed. Building.

• **JOINT REFORMATION DAY WORSHIP SERVICE:**

Join us next Sunday, October 29 at 6:00 p.m. at First CRC for our annual Reformation Day worship service with area Christian Reformed Churches. Our speaker will be Dr. Jeffrey W, Professor of New Testament at Calvin Theological Seminary. An offering will be received for the World Renew to assist hurricane relief in Puerto Rico.

• **COMBINED CRC CHRISTMAS CHOIR CANTATA:**

All singers are invited to perform "Come to the Manger" on Sunday, December 3 at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at Third CRC. Rehearsals will be October 25, November 1, 8, 15, and 29 from at 7:00–8:30 p.m. at Third CRC in Lynden.

• **DINNER 8'S – SIGN UP TODAY:**

Dinner 8's is a great way to connect with other people from our church family. It's called dinner 8's because generally groups of 8 people, made up of individuals and couples, meet and share a meal together during the months of November, January, February, and March (the schedule is flexible and determined by members). Once you sign up, you will be placed in a group of 7-8 people that rotate homes and what people bring. Sign up in the back of church TODAY! If you have any questions, please contact Patrick or Marilyn.

• **HARVEST DINNER – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5:**

Our annual Harvest Dinner will be Sunday, November 5, following the morning service. Everyone is invited to join us as we give thanks to God. If you would like a meal delivered or a take-out meal due to health difficulties, please contact the church office at 360-354-4560 by Friday, November 4. Take-out meals will only be available to those signed up. Donation will be accepted to help defer the cost of the meal.

• **CADET POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER:**

Cadets are once again selling beautiful poinsettias. They are available in red, pink, white, and jingle bell in 6" pots for \$10.00 each. To place an order, contact one of the Cadets, or place your order form and payment in the box located on the Welcome Center. Poinsettias will be available for pick-up on Friday, November 24 in the Ed. Building. Orders and payment must be received by Sunday, November 19.

• **PUMPKINS NEEDED FOR TRIBE EVENT:**

Tribe is hosting an event for the international students this Wednesday, October 25 and we are looking for pumpkins for the event. We are planning on 38 international students plus our youth group, for a total of about 50 people. If you have any extra pumpkin, please contact Cal or Laura B, Andrew R, or Dan H. Thank you!

• **USED MEN'S JACKETS NEEDED FOR SEAFARERS:**

The Mission Ministry Team is collecting new and used men's jackets (medium & large preferred) for the Seafarers ministry for the month of October. Many crew members reside in tropical countries and do not own jackets that would keep them warm when they work on deck over a cold ocean. Since these men are away from home for up to 10 months, used Christian CDs and DVDs would also be appreciated. Please put donations in the marked box in the Ed. Building.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

• **HELPING HANDS:**

We will meet on Monday, October 23 at 1:00 p.m. in the Ed. Building. All who love to sew, knit, or crochet are welcome! For more information, call Leona O.

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

All boys in 1st -8th grade are invited to join us on Monday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. For more information, contact Brian S.

• **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):**

We are hosting the international students this Wednesday, October 25 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Robert & Debbie S's Here are a couple of things to know: 1) Leaders and Tribe members – Plan to meet after church this morning to walk around Smit's property in the daylight. 2) Try to meet at S's a little early (between 6:00-6:30 p.m.). 3) If you have any extra pumpkins, bring them. 4) Wear your version of what a cowboy/cowgirl or farmer would wear. 5) Our goal is to be hospitable to our international friends and to have fun!
For information, contact Dan H.

• **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:**

**** Wednesday AM & Thursday PM–**

We are studying *Joy Beyond Agony: Embracing the Cross of Christ* on Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m. and Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Loft. Please prepare lesson 7 for this week. For more information, contact Phama W or Stephanie R.

**** DAUGHTERS OF ZION –**

Join us as we study *Miracles: Signs of God's Glory* on Thursday, November 2 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ed. Building. For more information, call Diane A.

• **MEN'S STUDY:**

All men, young and old, are invited to join Pastor Robert in a study of the *Life of Joseph: Favorite Son, Hated Brother* and explore the challenges men face as brothers, husbands and fathers. Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m., in the church basement. Please read Genesis 39. For more information, contact Pastor Robert at 360-354-4560.

PRAYER CLOSET

- **CASE V** is at the Christian Health Care Center. Please remember Case & Ada and their family at this time as Case's health is failing.
- **ROGER B** will be having knee replacement surgery on Monday.
- **CURT M** returned home on Saturday from rehab at the Christian Health Care Center.
- **BETTY H** is in rehab at the Christian Health Care Center.
- **MARIA T** continues treatment for cancer.
- **SHELLEY L** continues her recovery from a stroke.
- **CASCADE CHRISTIAN HOME RESIDENT:** Amy B
- **CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE CENTER RESIDENTS:** Mary K, Carl F, Julia S, Ann V, and Joanne V
- **LYNDEN MANOR RESIDENTS:** Edie M, Evelyn & Kristi N, Henrietta N, Gerrit P, Maggie S, Albert V, Andy & Gert V, and Cora V
- **MEADOW GREENS RESIDENTS:** Dennis B, Jennie B, Grace H, Nellie H, Adrietta S
- **ORCHARD PARK RESIDENTS:** Eleanor & Carol Z
- **ST. FRANCIS RESIDENT:** Grace V
- **REMEMBER OUR FIRST CRC MISSIONARIES**

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 22, 2017

Nursery Baby: Jan B, Jenny B, Reagan V
Toddler: Sara B, Swandel E, Jacob T
Floater: AnnaLee F
PM: Kelli V, Phama W
Greeters: Ken & Lisa Q, Ken & Connie R
Welcome: Mike & Michelle S
Ushers: Carl R, Robert S, Brian S, Ed V
Bus Driver: Blaine K
Sound: Tim H
Video: Jeff K
Flowers: Lori S
Cookies: Betty S, Cora S, Michelle S, Metdy S, Lloyd & Linda F, Nelda S
Coffee: AM: Lee V, Nancy Z
PM: Sharon A

Sunday, October 29, 2017

AM Nursery
Baby: Sandy G, Kelsey G, Avery V
Toddler: Tanisha G, Jill H, Abbey A
Floater: Jolene H
PM Nursery: Nicole B, Dora B
Greeters: Dave & Kim R, Ron & Jane S
Welcome: Brian & Carly V
Ushers: Dan V, Wes V, Tim V, John V
Bus Driver: Dan V
Sound: Rick B
Video: Jordan H
Cookies: Debbie S, Sherri S, Debbie S, Rena S, Larry & Joanne KI
Coffee: AM: Sharon A, Nancy Z
PM: Cheryl K, Nancy Z

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Sunday, October 22

9:30 Education Hour for Adults and Students
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Why Did God...?*
Scripture: *Romans 11:33-36*
Offering: Memli & Luiza
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Sleepless in Susa*
Scripture: *Esther 6:1-13*
Offering: Memli & Luiza Mema

Monday, October 23

7:00 Cadets meet in the Church Basement

Wednesday, October 24

10:00 Women's Bible Study meets in the Loft
6:30 Tribe meets at Smit's

Thursday, October 25

7:00 Women's Study meets in the Loft

Sunday, October 29

9:30 Education Hour for Adults and Students
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Reformed and Always Reforming*
Scripture: *Psalms 78; II Timothy 1:1-14*
Offering: Steve & Sandy
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Joint Reformation Day Worship Service ~
Dr. Jeffrey W
Message: *The Church's Battle:
A Reformation Reminder*
Scripture: *Ephesians 6:10-17*
Offering: World Renew – Puerto Rico Relief