

## CHURCH FAMILY

Birthday greetings to Freda G who celebrates her 87<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 2.

We extend our sympathy to the following church families:

- Rich & Yvonne B with the sudden passing of their grandson, Tyler H on October 23.
- Ada V and Nellie V with the passing of their husband and brother-in-law, Case on October 25.
- Lloyd & Linda and Chris F with the passing of Linda's mother, Ruth W in Iowa on October 26.

Chris R is returning to Nigeria with Resonate Global Mission (formerly Christian Reformed World Missions) for a short-term mission trip from November into January. Please pray for safety in travel, that all the flights and connections will work out, that her luggage will arrive with her and that the driver will bring her safely to Jos where she will be stationed. If you would like to stay in contact with Chris while she is away, you can email her.

This past week Tribe (HS Youth) hosted 38 international students for our Pumpkin Olympics. It was a rousing success because of several people that made it happen. Laura B grabbed this event by the horns and along with her sidekick, Cal, worked diligently to cover all the details. Laura says, "Debbie & Robert worked hours to make this event happen. It was the better part of every day for the last 2 1/2 weeks. They are absolute GEMS! Their neighbors even helped b/c Robert sweet talked them into lending us their giants' lights for a few hours!" We are also very proud of our students who welcomed our international friends and encouraged them to participate. Tate and his dad helped get pumpkins. Brant and Kaelan did the grunt work. Carl and Luke T gave the participants a show with their chainsaws. Andrew and Laura had the difficult task of explaining games to a group of 50+ students, most whom are not native English speakers. Thank you everyone for making this event fun for everyone!

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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **JOINT REFORMATION DAY WORSHIP SERVICE:**  
Join us tonight 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.
- **EDUCATION CLASSES:**  
Education classes for adults and students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades, meet on Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.  
\*\* Please note the adult class, *God's Story Is Bigger Than This Cultural Moment!* will NOT meet next Sunday, November 5.
- **CHILDREN'S CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS CANTATA:**  
Looking for children ages 8-13 who love to sing and would like to join a Children's Choir for the Christmas Cantata. Rehearsals will be Wednesdays, November 1, 8, 15 from 7:00-7:45 p.m. at Third CRC, with a dress rehearsal on November 29. For more information, please contact Teresa L.
- **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS – NOVEMBER 5:**  
Reminder that next Sunday, November 5, Daylight Savings Time will be coming to an end. Remember to set your clocks back one hour and enjoy an extra hour next Sunday morning!
- **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.
- **LIBRARY REMINDER:**  
Please remember to check at home for church library books. Currently there are quite a number checked out that are past their due dates. Thank you!

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **DEACONS:**  
We will meet on Monday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.
- **OASIS 2.0 (7<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> GRADE MINISTRY):**  
Join us as we help at Second Chance this week Monday, October 30. We will be helping with whatever they give us to do. Please meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft. For more information, contact Dan H.
- **GEMS (1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY):**  
We will meet this week Wednesday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ed. Building. If you have any questions, please contact Amy V or Gail B.
- **WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM:**  
The Worship Planning Team will meet on Wednesday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.
- **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):**  
Join this Wednesday, November 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Loft for our regular meeting. 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 8 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* Thursday, November 2 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ed. Building. We will study lesson 4 and take a Love Offering for Cascade Connections. Our servers will be Gert B and Diane A. For more information, contact 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.
- **CADETS (1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE BOYS MINISTRY):**  
All boys in 1<sup>st</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us next week Monday, November 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. For more information, contact Brian S.

## PRAYER CLOSET

- **LORI S** will be having a heart procedure on Monday.
- **PHAMA W** is home recovering from surgery.
- **CURT M** is at home continuing his treatment for cancer.
- **BETTY H** is continuing her recovery and hopes to be home at the end of the month.
- **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 29, 2017

#### AM Nursery

**Baby:** Sandy G, Kelsey G, Avery V

**Toddler:** Tanisha G, Jill H, Abbey A

**Floater:** Jolene H

#### PM Nursery

**Baby:** Nicole B, Virginia H, Sadie H

**Toddler:** Dora B, Leah B, Madison 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

**Coffee:** Larry & Joanne K

**Music AM:** Sharon A, Nancy Z

**PM:** Cheryl K, Nancy Z

### Sunday, November 5, 2017

**Nursery Baby:** Kari H, Marlys H, Trinity V

**Toddler:** Louise H, Kristen H, Blake V

**Floater:** Crystal Hi

**PM:** Dawn H, Mia H

**Greeters:** Mike & Michelle S, Robert & Debbie S

**Welcome:** John & Kathryn V

**Ushers:** Jason V, Dan B, Josh B, Cal B

**Bus Driver:** Dan V

**Sound:** Jed S

**Video:** Brant H

**Music AM:** Shirley B, Nancy Z

**PM:** Perlene H

## *First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington*

### Sunday, October 29

9:30 Education Hour for Adults and Students

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W

Message: *Reformation & the Butterfly Effect*

Scripture: *Matthew 13:31-33*

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

### Monday, October 30

7:00 Deacons meet in the Council Room

7:00 Oasis 2.0 meets in the Loft

### Wednesday, November 1

10:00 Women's Bible Study meets in the Loft

6:30 GEMS meet in the Ed. Building

7:00 Worship Planning meets in the Council Room

7:30 Tribe meets in the Loft

### Thursday, November 2

10:00 Daughters of Zion meets in the Ed. Building

7:00 Women's Study meets in the Loft

7:00 Men's Study meets in the Church Basement

### Sunday, November 5

9:30 Education Hour for 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

\*\* No Adult Education Class or Nursery

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W

Message: *The Law of Sowing and Reaping*

Scripture: *II Cor. 9:6-11; Gal. 6:7-8*

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

11:45 Harvest Dinner served in the Church Basement

6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W

Message: *Haman's Last Supper*

Scripture: *Esther 6:14-7:10*

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance