

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP SERVICE:**
Join us on Thursday, November 23 as we gather to praise and thank God for the abundance He has given us this year. Please note the Thanksgiving Day worship service will begin at 10:00 a.m. Childcare will be available in the Ed. Building.
** Thanksgiving Day Offering – A write up of suggested causes and envelopes are at the Welcome Center. All loose money will go toward Christian School Tuition Assistance.
- **CHURCH CLOSURE FOR THANKSGIVING:**
Church offices will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for Thanksgiving. The bulletin deadline will be Tuesday, November 21 at 10:00 a.m.
- **CADET POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER – LAST DAY!**
Cadets are selling poinsettias 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 and payment in the box 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 today Sunday, November 19.
- **PIPE ORGAN & PANFLUTE CONCERT – NOVEMBER 21:**
From the Netherlands, Peter Wilddman on organ and Gerlinda vanden Berg on piano and pan flute will join the King's Men of Song for a Thanksgiving concert on Tuesday, November 21 at 7:30 p.m. at First CRC. Suggestion donation is \$10 per person or \$25 per family.
- **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT & MALL HUNT – NOVEMBER 27:**
Parents' night out and Mall hunt for 5th-12th graders has been rescheduled for Monday, November 27. Please sign up in the back of church if your 5th-8th graders are planning on coming or if you are willing to be one of the disguised/hunted players. For more information, contact Dan H.
- **LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE – DECEMBER 2:**
The Lighted Christmas Parade is a Lynden tradition. Gather your friends and family, set up your chairs on Front Street and join us on the church steps for coffee, hot chocolate, and cookies starting at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 2.
- **CHRISTMAS CANTATA – DECEMBER 3:**
The combined choir singers of Whatcom County churches will be presenting, "Come to the Manger", a Christmas choir cantata with full orchestra on Sunday December 3 at 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. at Third CRC. Come to worship God and celebrate Christ's birth with beautiful choral and orchestra music! An offering will be received for the Lighthouse Mission.

- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – DECEMBER 4:**
The annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. to vote on the proposed budget for 2018 and the proposed concept for Phase III of the Building the Future.
** Absentee ballots are available at the Welcome Center. Please return signed ballots to Council Clerk, Galen L (box H8) prior to the start of the meeting.
- **GEMS SOUP SUPPER – DECEMBER 6:**
The GEMS Soup Supper & Bake Sale will be Wednesday, December 6 from 5:00–7:00 p.m. in the Church Basement. Don't miss the delicious soups, salad and dessert! Also plan to stop by the bake sale table full of yummy goodies to purchase. Proceeds will go to the First CRC GEMS.
- **2018 BIRTHDAY CALENDAR UPDATES:**
The church birthday calendar is being updated for next year. If you have any corrections, additions, deletions or any 80+ birthdays or significant anniversaries, please contact the church office at 360-354-4560 or info@firstcrlcynden.org.
- **WINTER WEATHER POLICY:**
The office will try to send out an email if a church service or meeting is cancelled. Otherwise, listen to Praise 106.5, KGMI 790 or contact your district elder or group leader.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **CADETS (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY):**
All boys in 1st -8th grade are invited to join us this week Monday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. For more information, contact Brian S.
- **COUNCIL:**
We will meet this week Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.
- **TRIBE & OASIS 2.0:**
We will not meet this week. Enjoy your Thanksgiving break and we hope to see you on Monday, November 27 for the mall hunt. For more information, contact Dan H.
- **WOMEN'S WED. AM & THURS. PM BIBLE STUDY:**
We are studying *Joy Beyond Agony* on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft. We will not meet this week but will meet on November 29 & 30 and December 6 & 7 to finish this semester. For more information, contact Phama W or Stephanie R.

CHRISTMAS SEASON AT FIRST CRC

- Saturday, December 2**
6:00 p.m. Lighted Christmas Parade
- Sunday, December 3 ~ First Sunday in Advent**
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
~ No Evening Worship Service at First CRC ~
4:00 p.m. Christmas Cantata at Third CRC
6:00 p.m. Christmas Cantata at Third CRC
- Monday, December 4**
7:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting
- Wednesday, December 6**
5:00–7:00 p.m. GEMS Soup Supper
- Sunday, December 10 ~ Second Sunday in Advent**
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Evening Service
Nine Lessons and Carols with Candles
- Saturday, December 16**
9:30 a.m. Children's Service practice in Sanctuary
(Children's Church – 6th grade)
- Sunday, December 17 ~ Third Sunday in Advent**
9:30 a.m. Children's Service practice in Ed. Building
(Children's Church – 6th grade)
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service
5:40 p.m. Children meet in the Church Basement
6:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Service
- Sunday, December 24 ~ Fourth Sunday in Advent**
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service
~ No Evening Worship Service ~
- Monday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day**
10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship Service
** Church offices closed **
- Sunday, December 31**
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
~ No Evening Worship Service ~
- Monday, January 1 ~ New Year's Day**
** Church offices closed **



CHURCH FAMILY

- We extend our sympathy to Darlene M, Josh & Megan S, Rich & Coni H and their families with the passing of Curt M on November 11.
- Congratulations to Todd & Emma W with the birth of their daughter, Rose Clementine, November 15.
- Birthday greetings to Betty W who celebrates her 91st birthday on November 19.
- Thank to our church family, friends and relatives for helping us celebrate our 70th Anniversary. The cards and well-wishes were greatly appreciated. God is good and faithful.
~ Pete & Betty W and Jim & Babe B
- Thank you, church family, for your outpouring of cards, hugs and calls following our recent loss of mom and grandmother. Your prayers and support have been a blessing.
~ Lloyd, Linda & Chris F
- Brant H is our high school senior of the month and Taryn B and Aiden S our 6th graders of the month. When you view them, take a moment to say a prayer of that these students would continue growing in their relationship with Jesus. Thank you being a supporting church family.

PRAYER CLOSET

- **JERRY W** is at the Christian Health Care Center.
- **CHRIS R** is serving in Nigeria through January.
- **LIZ V** is having knee replacement surgery on Monday, November 20.
- **DIANE S** is anticipating surgery at UW Medical later this month for an ovarian cyst.
- **LORI S** is home recovering from a heart procedure.
- **MARIA T** continues treatment for cancer.
- **SHELLEY L** continues her recovery from a stroke.
- **CASCADE CHRISTIAN HOME:** Amy B
- **CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE CENTER:** Mary K, Carl Fu, Julia S, Ann V, Joanne V
- **LYNDEN MANOR:** Edie M, Evelyn & Kristi N, Henrietta N, Gerrit P, Maggie S, Albert V, Andy & Gert V, Cora V
- **MEADOW GREENS:** Dennis B, Jennie B, Grace H, Nellie H, Adrietta S
- **ORCHARD PARK:** Eleanor & Carol Z
- **ST. FRANCIS:** Grace V

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 19, 2017

Nursery Baby: Denise K, Karen M, Elliot B
Toddler: Lori M, Jill M, Levi B
Floater: Sade N
PM: Ardelle K, Candace L
Greeters: Brian & Nelda S; Gene & Linda T
Welcome: Dan & Gail B
Ushers: Ken H, Linsey H, Doug H, Len H
Bus Driver: Bryan A
Sound: Rick B **Video:** Kaelan K
Cookies: Lorna T, Linda T, Michelle T, Ethel V
Coffee: Patrick J & Marilyn M
Music AM: Shirley B, Nancy Z
PM: Sharon A

Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 2017

Nursery Baby: Megan P, Mary P, Hailey B
Toddler: Lisa Q, Debbie S, Miranda B
Floater: Nelda S
Greeters: Mark & Michelle T; Lee & Shelly V
Welcome: Bryan & Kim A
Ushers: Rich H, Ken R, Ed V, Robert S
Bus Driver: Willie A
Sound: Jed S **Video:** Jordan H
Music: Lee V, Nancy Z

Sunday, November 26, 2017

Nursery Baby: Stephanie R, Michelle S, Taryn B
Toddler: Debbie S, Megan S, Tate B
Floater: Linda T
PM: Jill M, Carla Z
Greeters: Gene & Lillian V; Ed & Ethel V
Welcome: Josh & Jill B
Ushers: Carl R, Brian S, Dan R, Dan V
Bus Driver: Willie A
Sound: Tim H **Video:** Brant H
Cookies: Lillian V, Shelly V, Sharon V, Sandi V
Coffee: Alan & Pat D, Arlene V
Music AM: Cheryl K, Nancy Z
PM: Lee V

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Sunday, November 19

9:30 Education Hour for Adults and Students
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Now Thank We All Our God*
Scripture: *Psalms 148*
Offering: Building the Future Fund
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *A Eucatastrophe*
Scripture: *Esther 8:1-17*
Offering: Building the Future Fund

Monday, November 20

7:00 Cadets Meet in the Church Basement

Tuesday, November 21

7:00 Organ and Pan Flute Concert in the Sanctuary
7:00 Council meets in the Council Room

Thursday, November 23 ~ Thanksgiving Day

10:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Romans 1:20-22*
Scripture: *What Atheists Can't Say*
Offering: Thanksgiving Envelopes

Sunday, November 26

9:30 Education Hour for Adults and Students
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *God's Fantastic Love*
Scripture: *John 3:1-12*
Offering: Benevolence
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Ken K
Message: *Forgive? Not So Fast*
Scripture: *Luke 23:32-37; 1 John 8-10*
Acts 2:22-24, 32-41
Offering: Benevolence

CHURCH BUILDING HOURS

Church building hours:
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday – Friday
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Saturday
Doors unlocked: Church Building – north office, east library,
basement kitchen
Education Building – west side