

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CHRISTMAS CANTATA TODAY:**
The combined choir singers of Whatcom County churches will be presenting, "Come to the Manger", a Christmas choir cantata with full orchestra today 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 this 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.
- **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE – DECEMBER 5:**
All are welcome as Pastor Robert W and Nancy Z lead a Remembrance Service this week Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jansen Art Center for those who have lost loved ones in the past year. This service is sponsored and hosted by Gillies Funeral Home.
- **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.
- **ANGEL TREE DONATIONS DUE DECEMBER 17:**
Angel Tree gifts need to be turned in no later than Sunday, December 17 so they can be distributed on December 20. If you wrap your gift, please tape your angel to the package.
- **PERSPECTIVES COURSE STARTING JANUARY 11:**
God has given us a call with both global and local dimensions. This class will help you understand that call and your specific place within it. Class will start on Thursday, January 11 at the Ferndale Conference and Retreat Center (5942 Portal Way). If you would like more information visit: www.perspectives.org.
- **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.
- **RETURNED DISHES:**
If you took a meal to someone or supplied food for church, please check the Ed. Building for your dishes. Thank you!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **EDUCATION CLASSES:**
Education classes for 3rd-12th grade and adults concluded their fall session today. Winter session will begin Sunday, Jan. 7.
- **CADETS (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY):**
Join us this Monday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. Questions, contact Brian S.
- **MINISTRY TEAMS:**
Ministry teams will meet this week Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. unless you hear otherwise from your chairperson.
- **ELDERS:**
We will meet on December 5 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Room.
- **GEMS (1ST – 8TH GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY):**
Join us this Wednesday, December 6 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. to help out at our Soup Supper. Parents – please remember to drop off your bake sale items! For more information, contact Gail B or Amy V.
- **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):**
** Pick up your Advent Calendar today in the back of church.
** Enjoy the GEMS soup supper on Wednesday, December 6, and then at 6:30 p.m. meet in the church parking lot to go to the Lighthouse Mission to help with some projects. We hope to be back at 9:15 p.m. Remember – NO tight pants or shirts with drug or alcohol advertisements. If you can't make it by 6:30 p.m., please contact Dan or Laura.
** Join us on Wednesday, December 13 for our Christmas party and bring a \$7.00 gift for our gift game. For more information, call Dan H.
- **WOMEN'S WED. AM & THURS. PM BIBLE STUDY:**
We will conclude our study this Wednesday, December 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the Loft, followed by our Christmas luncheon and Thursday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Loft for our Christmas dinner. For more information, contact Phama W at or Stephanie R.
- **CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S SERVICE PRACTICE:**
All children ages 3 – 6th grade are asked to practice for the Children's Service at 9:30 a.m. the following days:
Sunday, Dec. 10, Saturday, Dec. 16, and Sunday, Dec. 17.
- **OASIS 2.0 (7th-8th GRADE MINISTRY):**
** Pick up your Advent Calendar today in the back of church.
** Our Christmas party is next week Monday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft. Please bring a \$7.00 gift for a game. For more information, call Dan H.
- **DAUGHTERS OF ZION:**
We will meet next Thursday, December 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ed. Building, followed by our Christmas Social.

CHRISTMAS SEASON AT FIRST CRC

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

9:30 a.m. Children's Service practice in Ed. Building
(Children's Church – 6th grade)
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 express our sympathy to the following church families:

- Robert & Phama W with the passing of Phama's mother, Shirley H, on November 27. The memorial service is planned for December 9 in West Liberty, Ohio.
- Nellie H and Mick & Lena Marie V and families with the passing of sister and sister-in-law, Ann V on November 29. A memorial service is planned for Tuesday, December 5 at 2:00 p.m.

We would like to thank our First CRC family for all the prayers, cared, visits and support over the last year and a half during Curt's illness and his passing. A special thank you to Pastor Robert & Phama for their visits. We ask for your continued prayers during this time. We hold on to the promises of our loving Father. *"For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."* (II Cor. 4:17-18) Thank you for your love and concern. ~ Darlene M and family

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 that these students would continue growing in their relationship with Jesus. Thank you for being a supportive church family.

The first payment for the 2017-2018 school year was made for the Christian Education program last week. First CRC has 47 students in the program this year and a first payment total of \$30,225 was distributed, with \$650 given per student! Thank you for your faithful support of our students.

PRAYER CLOSET

- **BEV M** is at the Hospice House in Bellingham following a stroke this past week.
- **JERRY W** is at the Christian Health Care Center.
- **CHRIS R** is serving in Nigeria through January.
- **LIZ V** is recovering from knee surgery.
- **MARIA T** continues treatment for cancer.
- **SHELLEY L** continues her recovery from a stroke.
- **CASCADE CHRISTIAN HOME RESIDENT:** Amy B
- **CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE RESIDENTS:** Mary K, Carl F, Julia S, 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 He, Adrietta S
- **ORCHARD PARK RESIDENTS:** Eleanor & Carol Z
- **ST. FRANCIS RESIDENT:** Grace V

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Nursery Baby: Gail B, Nicole B, Leah B

Toddler: Dee B, Peggy B, Coleson B

Floater: Jennie B

Greeters: Dan & Sandi V, Mick & Lena Marie V

Welcome: Terry & Nicole B

Ushers: Wes V, Tim V, John V, Jason V

Bus Driver: Blaine K

Sound/Video: Rick B, Kaelan K

Cookies: Lena Marie V, Mindy V, Carly

Coffee: Berny & Vicky D

Music: Lee V, Nancy Z

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Nursery Baby: Carolyn B, Jan B, Madison B

Toddler: Jenny B, Sara B, Logan B

Floater: Dora B

PM: Kim A, Jill B

Greeters: Wes, Tim & Mindy V

Welcome: Kyle & Swandel E

Ushers: Dan B, Josh B, Cal B, Jake D

Bus Driver: Blaine K

Sound/Video: Jed S, Jeff K

Cookies: Mary V, Jodi V, Arlene V, Kathryn V

Coffee: Galen & Candace L

Music: Sharon A, Nancy Z

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.

First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington

Sunday, December 3 ~ First Sunday in Advent

9:30 Education Hour for Adults and Students

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Message: *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*
Scripture: *Isaiah 11:1-11*
Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance
Love Offering: Youth Unlimited

11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement

4:00 Christmas Cantata at Third CRC

Offering: Lighthouse Mission

6:00 Christmas Cantata at Third CRC

Monday, December 4

7:00 Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary

7:00 Cadets meet in the Church Basement

Tuesday, December 5

7:00 Ministry Teams meet

8:00 Elders meet in the Council Room

Wednesday, December 6

10:00 Women's Bible Study and Luncheon in the Loft

5:00-7:00 GEMS Soup Supper in the Basement

6:30 Tribe meets in the Church Parking Lot

Thursday, December 7

6:30 Women's Bible Study and Dinner in the Loft

Sunday, December 10 ~ Second Sunday in Advent

9:30 3 years- 6th Grade Practice in the Ed. Building

10:30 Worship Service ~ Barry B
Message: *Celebrate Christmas with Joy*
Scripture: *Luke 2:1-20*
Offering: Seafarers Ministry

11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement

6:00 Evening Service
Nine Lessons and Carols with Candles
Offering: Seafarers Ministry

Church Building Hours:

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday – Friday

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Saturday

Doors Unlocked: north office, east library, basement kitchen, west side Ed. Building

Church Office Hours:

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Monday – Friday