

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS:**
Join us tonight at 6:00 p.m. for a Traditional English Festival of Nine Lessons and Candles with Carols.
- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS:**
The congregation approved the proposed budget for 2018, and the proposed concept for Phase III of the Building the Future at Tuesday night's meeting.
- **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:
Saturday, December 16 and Sunday, December 17.
Children are also asked to be meet in the church basement at 5:40 p.m. on Sunday, December 17 for the service.
- **SINGERS WANTED FOR DECEMBER 24 SERVICE:**
Anyone who would like to sing a couple of familiar Christmas carol descants on Sunday, December 24 during the morning worship service, please join us to practice next Sunday, December 17 immediately after the morning worship service in the sanctuary. For more information, contact Bev H or Nancy Z.
- **ANGEL TREE DONATIONS DUE DECEMBER 17:**
Angel Tree gifts need to be turned in no later than next Sunday, December 17 so they can be distributed on December 20. If you wrap your gift, please tape your angel or ornament to the package. Thank you!
- **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@firstcrclinden.org.
- **END OF THE YEAR GIVING:**
If you would like to make contributions to the church before the end of the year, you can put it in the offering bag, give it to one of the deacons, or have it to the church office no later December 31 or post marked by December 31.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **OASIS 2.0 (7th-8th GRADE MINISTRY):**
** If you haven't done so already, pick up your Advent Calendar today in the back of church.
** Join us for our Christmas party is this week Monday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft. Please bring a \$7.00 gift for a game. For more information, contact Dan H.
- **WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM:**
The Worship Planning Team will meet on Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.
- **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):**
** If you haven't done so already, pick up your Advent Calendar today in the back of church.
** Join us this week Wednesday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Loft for our Christmas party. Please bring a \$7.00 gift for our gift game.
** You are invited to Snow Blast 2018 with youth groups from First Reformed, Nooksack Christ Community Church, Third CRC, Sunrise Baptist, and Grace Baptist. There will be sessions with a speaker and worship, skiing, snowboarding, sledding, and hanging out at "The Fir's Chalet" located by the sledding hill on Mt. Baker. More details are in your church mailbox and scholarships are available. For more information about any of these events, contact Dan H..
- **DAUGHTERS OF ZION:**
We will meet this week Thursday, December 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ed. Building, followed by our Christmas Social. We will study lesson 7 and servers this week are Leona O, Cora S, Myrna B, and Lillian V. Please bring your donations of socks and mittens. For more information, contact Diane A.
- **CADETS (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY):**
Join us next week Monday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement for our Christmas party. For more information, contact Brian S.
- **60+ CLUB CHRISTMAS SOCIAL – DECEMBER 19:**
Everyone 60 years or older is invited to a Christmas Potluck in the church basement on Tuesday, December 19 at 5 p.m. We will have a \$5 gift exchange. For more information, contact Cora S.

CHRISTMAS SEASON AT FIRST CRC

- 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 **



WINTER WEATHER POLICY

The church office will try to send out an email if a worship service or meeting is cancelled. Otherwise, please listen to Praise 106.5, KGMI 790 or contact your district elder or group leader.

CHURCH FAMILY

Birthday greetings to Lamar V who celebrates his 84th birthday on December 12, to Tony H who celebrates his 86th birthday on December 13, and a special greeting to Jennie B who celebrates 102 years of God's blessings on December 16.

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Bev M who passed away on Saturday, December 2.

You are invited to join Joanne K and family in celebrating her 70th birthday at an open house today, December 10 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the Education Building.

Thank you for your generous support of the First CRC GEMS by coming to the Soup Supper and Bake Sale! Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our club.

Mia H is our high school senior of the month and Katelyn V and Jessica H our 6th graders of the month. 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.

PRAYER CLOSET

- **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 Van D, Andy & Gert V, and Cora V
- **MEADOW GREENS RESIDENTS:** Dennis B, Jennie B, Grace H, Nellie, Adrietta S
- **ORCHARD PARK RESIDENTS:** Eleanor & Carol Z
- **ST. FRANCIS RESIDENT:** Grace V
- **REMEMBER OUR FIRST CRC MISSIONARIES**

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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 V, 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

Sunday, December 17, 2017

Nursery Baby: Swandel E, Kelsey G, Kim F
Toddler: Tanisha G, Louise H, Brooklyn B
Floater: Kari H
PM: Anna Lee F, Sandy G

Greeters: Brian & Carly V, John & Kathryn V
Welcome: Brent & Jolene H
Ushers: Kyle E, Craig G, Ken H, Linsey H

Bus Driver: Galen L
Sound/Video: Tim H, Jordan H
Cookies: Ria V, Amy V, Ada V, Nelly V
Coffee: Debbie S, Nicole B
Music: Ken & Lisa Q, Nancy Z

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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

Monday, December 11

7:00 Oasis meets in the Loft

Wednesday, December 13

6:30 Worship Planning meets in the Council Room
7:30 Tribe meets in the Loft

Thursday, December 14

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

Saturday, December 16

9:30 Children's Practice in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 17 ~ Third Sunday in Advent

9:30 3 years- 6th Grade Practice in the Ed. Building
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
Scripture: *Micha 5:2-5; Luke 2:1-14*
Offering: Envision Missions
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
5:40 3 years- 6th Grade meet in the Church Basement
6:00 Children's Worship Service
Offering: Envision Missions

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, and west side of Ed. Building

Church Office Hours:

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