

## PRAYER CLOSET

- **BETTY W** is in rehab at the Christian Health Care Center recovering from knee surgery she had last week.
- **DIANE A** is at home recovering from knee surgery.
- **JERRY W** is at the Christian Health Care Center.
- **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 H, Adrietta S
- **ORCHARD PARK RESIDENTS:** Eleanor & Carol Z
- **ST. FRANCIS RESIDENT:** Grace V
- **REMEMBER OUR FIRST CRC MISSIONARIES:**  
Chris R  
Jeff & Melissa  
Kevin & Meralee  
Steve & Sandy  
Gary & Mary  
Memli & Luiza  
Al & Julie  
Tim & Charlene  
John & Jean  
Ken & Chris  
Aaron & Kate

### **MISSIONARY UPDATE:**

Jeff & Melissa have served in Bangladesh for 15 years. Last summer they returned to Grand Rapids where Jeff serves as a mission-scholar-in-residence at Calvin Seminary for the current academic year. In this time of transition, God is preparing their family to begin ministry with Resonate Global Mission next summer in Oman – a muslim country where 700,00 Bangladeshis live and work. Jeff will continue to represent and work with the College of Christian Theology Bangladesh (CCTB) and will also train church leaders in Oman about ministering with Muslims.

## CHURCH FAMILY

Dear First Family,  
Your prayers were felt and clearly answered during the loss of Phama's mother and our trip to Ohio. Thank you for your lovely cards and kind expressions of sympathy. We are so blessed by your love and care. ~ Pastor Robert & Phama

Cadets would like to thank all those who supported our ministry by buying a poinsettia this year. We are so grateful that we have so many that pray for our ministry and that continually pray for the Cadets. We use the monies to pay for supplies, camping trips and all excursions.  
~ First CRC/Bethel Cadets

John V thanks the congregation for the 15 almost new jackets, DVDs, knit hats and scarves that were donated to the Seafarer's ministry in October. They will be distributed to seamen in Florida and Cherry Point.

Mia H is our high school senior of the month and Katelyn V and Jessica H our 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CHURCH AND OFFICE CLOSURES:**  
The church offices will be closed on Monday, December 25 and Monday, January 1. Thank you!
- **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE TONIGHT:**  
Join us for worship tonight at 6:00 p.m. as the children present "One Night in Bethlehem".  
\*\* All those involved are asked to please meet in the church basement at 5:40 p.m.
- **ANGEL TREE DONATIONS DUE TODAY:**  
Angel Tree gifts need to be turned in TODAY so they can be distributed on December 20. If you wrap your gift, please tape your angel or ornament to the package. Thank you!
- **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.

- **CADETS (1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE BOYS MINISTRY):**  
Join us on Monday, December 18 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the church basement for our Christmas party. Please bring a wrapped \$7 gift for the gift exchange and \$2 to donate for a gift the Cadets will buy as a group. This year it will be sheep or chickens for a mission area in Africa. We will be caroling around the neighborhood, so dress warm and don't wear your cadet shirt. We will also have pizza and pop for the boys. 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. Buns will be provided. We will have a \$5 gift exchange, bring a gift item per individual. For more information, contact Cora.
- **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):**  
\*\* Enjoy your Christmas break. We won't meet for the next two weeks during our normal Wednesday night, but some students want to meet up to hang out and play games. We will send a text or email when details are finalized.  
\*\* You are invited to Snow Blast 2018 with area youth groups. There will be a speaker and worship, skiing, snowboarding, sledding, and hanging out. Deadline to sign up is **TODAY**. For more information contact Dan H.
- **OASIS (7<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MINISTRY):**  
We wish you a Merry Christmas as we are off for a few weeks. We hope to have an event where we can hang out because we know that Christmas break can be a little boring. Watch for more information to come soon!
- **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](http://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](mailto:info@firstcrlcynden.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 give it to the church office no later December 31 or post marked by December 31.

## CHRISTMAS SEASON AT FIRST CRC

### Sunday, December 17 ~ Third Sunday in Advent

9:30 a.m. Children's Service practice in Ed. Building  
(Children's Church – 6<sup>th</sup> 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 \*\*



## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### 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:** Tim H

**Video:** Jordan H

**Cookies:** Ria V, Amy V,  
Ada V, Nelly V

**Coffee:** Debbie S, Nicole B

**Music:** Ken & Lisa Q, Nancy Z

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### Sunday, December 24, 2017

**Nursery Baby:** Jolene H, Marlys H,  
Kelli H

**Toddler:** Crystal H, Kristen H,  
Kennadi H

**Floater:** Perlene H

**Greeters:** Doug & Mary V  
Doug & Kelli V

**Welcome:** Dustin & Kari H

**Ushers:** Doug H, Len H,  
Dan V, Robert S

**Bus Driver:** Galen L

**Sound:** Rick B

**Video:** Brant H

**Cookies:** Helene Y, Janis Z  
Meredith Z, Luanne Z

**Coffee:** Brian K, Nicole B, Nelda S

**Music:** Cheryl K, Nancy Z

### Christmas Day, December 25, 2017

**Nursery Baby:** Kristin H, Jessica H,  
Leanne H

**Toddler:** Jessica H, Bev H,  
Mia H

**Floater:** Coni H

**Greeters:** Jason & Amy V,  
Jerry & Meredith Z

**Welcome:** Linsey & Kristin H

**Ushers:** Brian S, Ed V,  
Rich H, Wes V

**Bus Driver:** Dan V

**Sound:** Jed S,

**Video:** Jordan H

**Music:** Sharon A, Lee V

## 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.

## *First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington*

### Sunday, December 17 ~ Third Sunday in Advent

9:30 3 years- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Practice in the Ed. Building

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W

Message: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Scripture: *Micah 5:2-4; Luke 2:1-7*

Offering: Envision Missions

11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement

5:40 3 years- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade meet in the Church Basement

6:00 Children's Worship Service

Offering: Envision Missions

### Monday, December 18

6:30 Cadets meet in the Church Basement

### Tuesday, December 19

5:00 60+ Club Christmas Potluck  
in the Church Basement

### Sunday, December 24 ~ Fourth Sunday in Advent

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W

Message: *O Holy Night*

Scripture: *John 1:1-14; I John 1:5-7*

Offering: Christian Hope Association

11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement

### Monday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W

Message: *Joy to the World*

Scripture: *Psalms 98*

Offering: Jeff & Melissa

### **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