

## CHURCH FAMILY

Birthday greetings to Jane S who celebrates her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday today, December 24.

Thank you to Helene Y, Fred Y, Nancy Z, the speakers, and teachers that helped put together the Children's Christmas Program. What a blessing to His little ones proclaiming the birth of Christ.

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

### • CHRISTMAS EVE:

We will not have an evening worship service tonight, Christmas Eve, but join us again on Christmas morning.

### • CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP SERVICE:

Everyone is encouraged to join us on Christmas morning at 10:00 a.m. (note the earlier time) for a time of joy and celebration because of the gift God has given us with the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### • PRAYER SERVICE FOR OLD & NEW YEAR:

Join us next Sunday morning, December 31 as we gather to look back at 2017 and pray for 2018 and beyond. We will also be celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.  
\*\* Please note we will not have a Sunday evening worship service next Sunday, December 31.

### • CHURCH AND OFFICE CLOSURES:

The church offices will be closed on Monday, December 25 and Monday, January 1. Thank you!

### • 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, drop it off at the church office, or mail it to the church (post mark it no later December 31).

### • 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 if you have any concerns about cancellations.

### • TRIBE AND OASIS (7<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS):

Join us this week Tuesday, December 26 for a game day from 1:00–4:00 p.m. in the Loft. Bring board games, video gaming systems and games, if you have them, and a snack to share. For more information, please contact Dan H.

### • PAST AND PRESENT YOUTH GROUP MEMBERS:

Past and present youth group members join us on Thursday, December 28 at Fairway café at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast. Bring \$10.00 and the rest will be covered. This is a great chance to visit with others that are home for the holidays. For more information, contact Dan H.

### • 60+ CLUB CHRISTMAS SOCIAL – DECEMBER 28:

The 60+ Club Christmas Social has been rescheduled. Everyone 60 years or older is invited to a potluck in the church basement on Thursday, December 28 at 1:00 p.m. Buns will be provided. We will have a \$5 gift exchange, please bring one gift item per individual. For more information, contact Cora S.

### • CALVIN COLLEGE JANUARY SERIES:

You are invited to view the award-winning January Series at Calvin College beginning Wednesday, January 3 and continuing weekdays through January 23 at Third CRC. These lectures are free and open to the public and are streamed live in the Third CRC basement gathering room (use the west entrance) weekdays from 9:30–10:30 a.m. Topics include millennials, inequality and racism, the death penalty, the environment, cybersecurity, dementia, and partnerships between churches and cities. For more information about the speakers, topics, remote sites and listening options, visit the website at [www.calvin.edu/january](http://www.calvin.edu/january) or pick up a brochure on the Welcome Center.

### • 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 about this class please visit [www.perspectives.org](http://www.perspectives.org).

## EDUCATION WINTER SESSION

Education classes for winter session start on Sunday, January 7 for adults and students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. All classes meet on Sunday mornings from 9:15–10:15 a.m. A nursery and Bible class for children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and younger is available in the Education Building.

### \*\* Something new for 2018!

The Education Ministry Team has received permission from the council to test a new starting time for our Sunday morning education classes. Starting on January 7, 2018, education classes for Kindergarten through adults will be from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. One big reason to meet for a whole hour is that many of the Bible studies and curriculums are intended to take an hour or more. Following the winter education session, the education ministry team will collect feedback and evaluate this change.

### \*\* Adult Education Class

Everyone is encouraged to come and listen to some of our local mission ministries discuss how they are working in our community and how they are changing lives. On January 7, we will listen to Denny & Nancy Mc Harness talk about the work being done with the "Be the One" mentoring program here in Lynden. Dan H has been a "Be the One" mentor for almost three years with the same student and has seen the ministry first hand. In upcoming weeks, we will hear from other mission ministries such as the Bridges of Hope and Whatcom County Pregnancy Center. This class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the Church Basement.

## CHURCH 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:** 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

## PRAYER CLOSET

- **BETTY W** is back at home recovering from knee surgery.
  - **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 – Resonate Global Mission, Nigeria (through Jan.)  
Jeff & Melissa – CR World Missions, Bangladesh  
Steve & Sandy – AIM  
Gary & Mary – Frontier Ventures, Eastern Asia  
Memli & Luiza – Albania  
Al & Julie – Operation Mobilization, Belgium  
Tim & Charlene – Youth Dynamics, Everson  
Eric & Penny – PIM, Papua New Guinea  
Mitchell & Rochelle – Envision Missions, Bellingham  
John & Jean – Seafarers Ministry, WA & FL  
Ken & Chris – Wycliffe, North Carolina
- MISSIONARY UPDATE:** Last summer Jeff & Melissa returned to Grand Rapids where Jeff is serving now as a mission-scholar-in-residence at Calvin Seminary. 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.

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### Sunday, December 24, 2017

**Nursery Baby:** Jolene H, Marlys H, Kelli H  
**Toddler:** Crystal H, Kennadi H  
**Floater:** Mikaela 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 & 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

### Sunday, December 31, 2017

**Nursery Baby:** Kristen H, Mikaela H  
**Toddler:** Michelle & Samantha T, Jessica K  
**Floater:** Kara H  
**Greeters:** Fred & Helene Y, Randy & Kara H  
**Welcome:** Lance & Jessica H  
**Ushers:** Tim V, John V, Jason V, Dan B  
**Bus Driver:** Dan V  
**Cookies:** Nancy Z, Janis Z, Diane A, Kim A  
**Coffee:** Larry & Joanne K  
**Sound:** Tim H  
**Video:** Kaelan K  
**Music:** Ken & Lisa Q

## *First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington*

### 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  
\*\* No Evening Worship Service

### Monday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

10:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W  
Message: *Joy to the World*  
Scripture: *Psalm 98*  
Offering: Jeff & Melissa

### Tuesday, December 26

1:00-4:00 TRIBE & OASIS Games in the Loft

### Thursday, December 28

8:30 Past & Present Youth Group Breakfast at Fairway Cafe  
1:00 60+Club Christmas Potluck in the Basement

### Sunday, December 31 ~ New Year's Eve

10:30 Prayer Service for the New & Old Years  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
Offering: Mission and Outreach Fund  
Love Offering: Project Hope  
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement  
\*\* No evening worship service ~

### Monday, January 1 ~ New Year's Day

\*\* Church offices closed \*\*

