

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – DECEMBER 3:**  
The Congregational Meeting is scheduled for this Monday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. to vote on the proposed 2019 budget. There will be an update on the Phase III Building Project. Copies are available at the Welcome Center.  
\*\* Absentee ballots are available at the Welcome Center. Please return signed ballots in an envelope to the Council Clerk, Galen L (box H8) prior to the start of the meeting.
- **GEMS SOUP SUPPER – DECEMBER 5:**  
The GEMS Soup Supper & Bake Sale is this Wednesday, December 5 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.
- **APOLOGETICS TEACHING – DECEMBER 7:**  
Dan W, director of Reasonable Faith Chapter, is giving a teaching on apologetics to equip Christians with reasons for what we believe. Everyone is welcome this Friday, December 7 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Ferndale Camp and Conference Center (5942 Portal Way, Ferndale).
- **COMBINED ADVENT SERVICE – DECEMBER 9:**  
Third CRC invites area churches to worship together this Advent season on Sunday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. This Advent service will take the place of the cantata this year. An offering for Project Hope will be received.
- **CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S SERVICE PRACTICE:**  
All children ages 3 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade are asked to practice for the Children's Service the following days:  
Sunday, December 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ed. Building  
Saturday, December 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
Sunday, December 16 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ed. Building  
Some speakers and singers may also be asked to come for additional practices. Parents, thank you for helping with this!
- **ANGEL TREE DONATIONS DUE DECEMBER 16:**  
Angel Tree gifts need to be turned in no later than Sunday, December 16 so they can be distributed on December 20. Purchase 1 (or more of the items) and please do NOT wrap the gifts. There is no food donations this year. Thank you!
- **2019 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.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **FALL EDUCATION CLASSES:**  
Today was the final week of education classes for fall session. Winter session will begin on Sunday, January 6.
- **HELPING HANDS:**  
Join us Monday, December 3 at 1:00 p.m. in the Ed. Building. All those who love to sew, knit or crochet are welcome! For more information, contact Leona O.
- **CADETS (1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE BOYS MINISTRY):**  
Join us this week Monday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. For more information, please contact Brian S.
- **MOMS@1ST:**  
We will meet on Tuesday, December 4 at 9:15 a.m. in the Loft. Contact Stephanie R with questions.
- **MINISTRY TEAMS:**  
Ministry Teams will meet this week Tuesday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. unless you hear otherwise from your chairperson.
- **ELDERS:**  
We will meet this week Tuesday, December 4 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Room.
- **GEMS (1<sup>ST</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY):**  
Join us this week Wednesday, December 5 to help at our Soup Supper fundraiser. Please be at church by 4:45 p.m. and remember to bring some goodies for the bake sale table! For more information, contact Gail B.
- **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):**  
\*\* Wednesday, December 5 – Join us for our regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Loft.  
\*\* Wednesday, December 12 – We will be going to the Agape House (part of Light House Mission). Please meet at church at 6:30 p.m. We also need several people to bring plain sugar cookies, so we can decorate them with the kids and moms. If you could bring cookies, please contact Laura or Cal.  
\*\* Wednesday, December 19 – We will have our Christmas celebration. Please bring a \$7 gift for our gift exchange.  
\*\* For more information about any of these events, contact Dan H.
- **OASIS 2.0 (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> GRADE MINISTRY):**  
Join us on Monday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft for our Christmas celebration. Bring a \$7 gift for our gift exchange. For more information, contact Dan.

## CHRISTMAS SEASON AT FIRST CRC

### **Sunday, December 2 ~ First Sunday in Advent**

9:30 a.m. Education Hour

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service

### **Monday, December 3**

7:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting

### **Wednesday, December 5**

5:00–7:00 p.m. GEMS Soup Supper

### **Sunday, December 9 ~ Second 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

6:00 p.m. Combined Advent Worship Service  
at Third CRC

### **Saturday, December 15**

9:30 a.m. Children's Service practice in Sanctuary  
(Children's Church – 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

### **Sunday, December 16 ~ 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 23 ~ Fourth Sunday in Advent**

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service

6:00 p.m. Nine Lessons, Carols, & Candles Service

### **Tuesday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day**

10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship Service

\*\* Church offices closed \*\*

### **Sunday, December 30**

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service ~ Mitchell Senti

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service ~ Berny Dykstra

### **Tuesday, January 1 ~ New Year's Day**

\*\* Church offices closed \*\*



## CHURCH FAMILY

Janet V has moved to Lynden Manor, room #337.

We extend our sympathy Kristi N and family with the passing of Evelyn N on November 28.

We extend our sympathy to Rich & Coni H and family with the passing of Rich's mother last Saturday in Michigan.

## PRAYER CLOSET

- **RALPH H** (Dan's father) has a mass on the side of his face. Pray for relief from the effects of the mass and wisdom for the doctors as treatment is planned.
- **ADA V** is dealing with leg pain and is undergoing test to determine the cause of the pain.
- **BARRY B:** Pray for continued healing from cancer and wisdom for the doctors.
- **BERT & RUTH K:** Pray for Bert as he deals with heart issues and for Ruth as she continues her cancer treatments.
- **MYRNA B** is in rehab at the Christian Health Care Center recovering from a broken shoulder.
- **CASCADE CHRISTIAN HOME RESIDENT:** Amy B
- **CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE RESIDENTS:** Jennie B, Jim B, Mary K, Carl F, Adrietta S, Joanne V
- **LYNDEN MANOR RESIDENTS:** Edie M, Kristi N, Henrietta N, Gerrit P, Maggie S, Shirley S, Albert V, Cora V
- **MEADOW GREENS RESIDENTS:** Dennis B, Grace H, Nellie H, Andy V
- **ORCHARD PARK RESIDENTS:** Eleanor & Carol Z
- **REMEMBER OUR FIRST CRC MISSIONARIES:**  
Jeff & Melissa  
Ray & Angie  
Steve & Sandy  
Gary & Mary  
Memli & Luiza  
Al & Julie  
Tim & Charlene  
Eric & Penny  
Mitchell & Rochelle  
John & Jean  
Ken & Chris  
Snehakunja Home

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### Sunday, December 2

**Bus Driver:** Bryan A  
**Nursery Baby:** Nelda S, Linda T, Kim F  
**Toddler:** Michelle T, Meredith Z, Levi T  
**Floater:** Mindy V  
**PM:** Gail A, Jill B  
**Greeters:** Len & Bev H, Rich & Coni H  
**Welcome:** Linsey & Kristin H  
**Ushers:** Brian S, Ed V, Dan V, Wes V  
**Sound:** Rick B  
**Video:** Jeff K  
**Coffee:** Tabin & Jenny B  
**Cookies:** Joyce H, Coni H Virginia H, Kara H  
**Music AM:** Nancy Z, Sharon A  
**PM:** Lee V

### Sunday, December 9

**Bus Driver:** Bryan A  
**Nursery Baby:** Carly V, Carla Z, Kennadi H  
**Toddler:** Mary V, Gail B, Jessica H  
**Floater:** Kim A  
**Greeters:** Dan & Virginia H, Randy & Kara H  
**Welcome:** Lance & Jessica H  
**Ushers:** Blake V, Fred Y, Dan B, Josh B  
**Sound:** Chris F  
**Video:** Li E  
**Coffee:** Galen & Candace L  
**Cookies:** Marilyn M, Joanne K, Gert H, Denise K  
**Music:** Ken & Lisa Q

### **BE A BLESSING TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Prayerfully consider if you can be a blessing to our church family with your time and talents in the following areas:  
Sound Board Operator, Video Camera Operator, Nursery Attendant, Welcome Center Attendant, Usher, and Meals.  
If you are willing to help with any of these *or have another area where you are being called to help*, please contact the church office at 360-354-4560 or info@firstcrlcynden.org.

## ***First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington***

### Sunday, December 2 ~ First Sunday of Advent

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
Message: *The Incarnation –  
In the Beginning was the Word*  
Scripture: *John 1:1-18*  
Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance  
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement  
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W  
Message: *Preparing Our Hearts and Homes  
for the Holidays*  
Scripture: *1 Thessalonians 5:16-19*  
Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

### Monday, December 3

1:00 Helping Hands meets in the Ed. Building  
7:00 Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary  
7:00 Cadets meet in the Church Basement

### Tuesday, December 4

9:30 MOMS@1<sup>ST</sup> meets in the Loft  
7:00 Ministry Teams meet  
8:00 Elders meet in the Council Room

### Wednesday, December 5

5:00-7:00 GEMS Soup Supper and Bake Sale  
7:30 Tribe meets in the Loft

### Sunday, December 9 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W  
Message: *The Incarnation –  
The Word Became Flesh*  
Scripture: *John 1:1-18*  
Offering: First CRC Youth Ministries  
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement  
6:00 Combined Advent Service at Third CRC  
Offering: Project Hope

### WINTER WEATHER POLICY

The office will try to send 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.

### CHURCH BUILDING HOURS

8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Mon–Fri, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Sat

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Monday – Friday