

## CHURCH FAMILY

Birthday greetings to Lamar V who celebrates his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 12 and Tony H who celebrates his 87<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 13.

Thank you for the prayers, cards, visits and concern while Grace was ill. ~ Willie & Grace A

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.

### CHRISTMAS SEASON AT FIRST CRC

#### **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 \*\*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **COMBINED ADVENT SERVICE TONIGHT AT THIRD CRC:**  
Come worship together with area church this Advent season. Service will be tonight at 6:00 p.m. at Third CRC. An offering for Project Hope will be received.
- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS:**  
The congregation approved the proposed budget for 2019 at Tuesday night's congregational meeting.
- **TIRED BUT NOT RETIRED EVENT:**  
Save the date of Friday, December 29 for our next Tired But Not Retired get together. More information to come.
- **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@firstcrlinden.org.
- **2019 PRAYER CALENDARS:**  
There are 2019 calendars published by Voice of the Martyrs available at the Welcome Center. Feel free to take one.

### BLESSING OTHERS AT CHRISTMAS

- **ANGEL TREE DONATIONS DUE DECEMBER 16:**  
If you would like to make a donation for the Angel Tree, take an angel or ornament and purchase 1 (or more items) listed. Please turn in all UNWRAPPED gifts no later than Sunday, December 16 so they can be distributed on December 20. Please note there is no food donations this year.
- **SEAFARERS DONATIONS:**  
While aboard ships in Florida and locally at Cherry Point, Pastor John VH leads Christian worship services, preaches the gospel as opportunities arise, helps small groups and individuals to understand the Bible and gives Bibles to crew members who desire to read it in their own languages. Many crew members are from tropical countries and do not own warm clothing to wear when they work on the deck in cold waters. They are also separated from their families for several months at a time. If you would like to make donation, please place items in the Seafarer's Box in the Education Building. The following is a wish list of items:  
Jackets (medium & large), knit hats, scarves and gloves, toiletries, nuts are a favorite, hard candies, calendars (pocket or wall), stationery, pens, pencils, Christian CDs or DVD, magazines, items of local interest.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **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 Christmas celebration. Please bring a \$7 gift for our gift exchange that anyone would like (not a white elephant gift). For more information, contact Dan H.
- **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):**  
\*\* We will be going to the Agape House this Wednesday, December 12. Please meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. We are looking for people to bake plain sugar cookies, so we can decorate them with the kids and moms. If you can help, contact Laura 360-815-3030, or Cal Buys 360-815-2254.  
\*\* Advanced notice: We will have our Christmas celebration on Wednesday, December 19. Please bring a \$7 gift for our gift exchange (NOT a white elephant gift). For more information, contact Dan H.
- **DAUGHTERS OF ZION WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:**  
Join us this week Thursday, December 13 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ed. Building for our regular meeting and Christmas social. Servers are Joyce H, Agnes R, and Gert B. Remember donations for Light House Mission: socks, gloves, hats, deodorant, razors, lip balm, puzzle books, granola bars, hot chocolate packets, candy canes. For more information, contact Jo V.
- **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:  
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! Children will be asked to be meet in the church basement at 5:40 p.m. on Sunday, December 16 for the service.
- **CADETS (1<sup>ST</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOYS MINISTRY):**  
Join us next Monday, December 17 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the church basement for our Christmas Party. Bring a gift for the gift exchange (\$10 limit) and \$2 for a gift we will purchase for the less fortunate through World Missions. Dress warm for caroling (do NOT wear your cadet shirt). We will provide pizza for dinner! For more information, please contact Brian S.
- **GEMS (1<sup>ST</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY):**  
Join us next Wednesday, December 19 in the Ed. Building for our Christmas Party. For more information, contact Gail B.

## 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, Janet V, Cora V
- **MEADOW GREENS RESIDENTS:** Dennis B, Grace H, Nellie H, Andy V, Ruth W
- **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 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/Video:** Chris F, Li E  
**Coffee:** Galen & Candace L  
**Cookies:** Marilyn M, Joanne K,  
Gert H, Denise K  
**Music:** Ken & Lisa Q

### Sunday, December 16

**Bus Driver:** Willie A  
**Nursery Baby:** Kathryn Van W, Dee B  
Jessica K  
**Toddler:** Peggy B, Jan B, Sadie H  
**Floater:** Carolyn B  
**PM:** Anna Lee F, Louise H  
**Greeters:** Patrick J & Marilyn M  
Ken & Jennifer M  
**Welcome:** Brian & Carly V  
**Ushers:** Cal B, Jake D,  
Kyle E, Craig Ge  
**Sound/Video:** Rick B, Brant H  
**Coffee:** Larry & Joanne K  
**Cookies:** Ardelle K, Cheryl K,  
Candace L, Renee L  
**Music** **AM:** Sharon A, Lee V  
**PM:** Nancy Z

### **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 9 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
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

### Monday, December 10

7:00 Oasis 2.0 meets in the Loft

### Wednesday, December 12

6:30 Tribe meets to go to Agape House

### Thursday, December 13

10:00 Daughters of Zion meets in the Ed. Building  
7:00 Men's Study meets in the Church Basement

### Saturday, December 15

9:30 Children's Christmas Practice

### Sunday, December 16 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
Message: *The Incarnation –  
Why did the Word Become Flesh?*  
Scripture: *John 1:1-18*  
Offering: Seafarers Ministry  
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement  
5:40 Children meet in the Church Basement  
6:00 Children's Christmas Service  
Offering: Seafarers Ministry

### **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