

## CHURCH FAMILY

Birthday greetings to Lamar V who celebrates his 86<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 12 and Tony H who celebrates his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 13.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Carl F, who passed away on December 2. Services will be held on Tuesday, December 10 at First Reformed Church.

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

*When Heaven and Earth Meet:*

*The Theophanies of Jesus in the Old Testament*

#### **Sunday, December 8 ~ Second Sunday in Advent**

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

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service

#### **Saturday, December 14**

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

#### **Sunday, December 15 ~ Third Sunday in Advent**

9:30 a.m. Children's Service practice in Ed. Bldg.  
(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 22 ~ Fourth Sunday in Advent**

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
6:00 p.m. Nine Lessons, Carols, & Candles Service

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

10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship Service  
\*\* Church offices closed \*\*

#### **Sunday, December 29**

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service ~ David W  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service ~ Berny D

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

\*\* Church offices closed \*\*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### • **COUNCIL TIDBITS FROM NOVEMBER 19, 2019 MEETING:**

- ~ Mike H presented a contract from Marceau & Associates Organ company explaining all parties' responsibilities, cost and timeline. Council approves entering into the contract with the company. Work will begin in January with an anticipated completion date of mid-April.
- ~ The 2020 Budget is presented to council and is approved.

### • **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS:**

The congregation approved the proposed budget for 2020 at Tuesday night's congregational meeting.

### • **CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S SERVICE PRACTICE:**

All children ages 3 yrs. old – 6<sup>th</sup> grade are asked to practice for the Children's Service the following days:

Sunday, December 8, 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ed. Building  
Saturday, December 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
Speakers/singers may also be asked to come for additional practice. Parents, thank you for helping with this! Children are asked to meet in the church basement at 5:40 p.m. on Sunday, December 15 for the Children's Service.

### • **ANGEL TREE DONATIONS DUE DECEMBER 15:**

Angel Tree gifts need to be turned in no later than Sunday, December 15. If interested in participating, purchase 1 or more items to donate but do NOT wrap the gifts. Thank you!

### • **JAARS MISSION TRIP MEETING – DECEMBER 15:**

We will have a meeting Sunday, December 15 in the Loft following the morning service, for anyone interested in learning more about our mission trip to Waxhaw, NC at the JAARS/Wycliffe Base on April 26, 2020. For more information, talk to Wes or Liz V.

### • **SENIOR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – DECEMBER 27:**

Everyone 70+ is invited to a Christmas Luncheon in the church basement on Friday, December 27 at 1:00 p.m. Please bring a \$5 gift for a gift exchange and Christmas goodie to share. Sign up now in the back of church!

### • **DISCOVERY CLASS STARTING IN JANUARY:**

Are you interested in knowing more about First CRC or in joining our church? Discovery class covers who we are, how we got here, what we believe and what we do. This class will begin in January. If you are interested, contact Pastor Robert or the church office at 360-354-4560.

### • **2020 BIRTHDAY CALENDAR UPDATES:**

If you have any corrections, additions, deletions or any 80+ birthdays or significant anniversaries for the church birthday calendar, please contact the church office at 360-354-4560.

### • **MOMS@1<sup>ST</sup> COOKBOOKS STILL AVAILABLE!**

If you would still like to purchase a cookbook, come to the church office any Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The best part, they are only \$20 and \$5 goes straight to New Way Ministries!

### • **THE DEACONS NEED YOUR HELP!**

The deacons have come into possession of a working motorized wheelchair. It isn't doing much good sitting unused, and we want to put it to good use! If you know someone who could use it, whether they be inside the congregation or out in the community, please talk to any of the deacons.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### • **OASIS 2.0 (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> GRADE MINISTRY):**

Join us for our Christmas Party, Monday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft. Please bring a \$5 wrapped gift to be exchanged and your Christmas cheer. See you there! For more information about Oasis, contact Jeff & Renee L or Patty R.

### • **WORSHIP PLANNING:**

We will meet on Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

### • **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY):**

We will be going to the Agape House this week Wednesday, December 11. Please be at church at 6:30 p.m. and will try to be back close to 9:00 p.m. For more information about TRIBE, contact Cal or Laura B.

### • **DAUGHTERS OF ZION WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:**

Join us on Thursday, December 12 for our Christmas Social. There will be no lesson. Please bring a salad or dessert, as well as scarves, gloves and hats for Lighthouse Mission. For more information, contact Jo V.

### • **MEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY:**

Men of all ages are invited to study *The Book of Judges*, on December 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Basement. Please read Judges 6-8. For more information, contact Pastor Robert.

### • **CADETS (1<sup>ST</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOYS MINISTRY):**

Join us for our Christmas party on Monday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. For more information about Cadets, contact Brian S.

### • **GEMS (1<sup>ST</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY):**

Join us on Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. for our Christmas party. Each GEMS girl is asked to bring a wrapped ornament for a gift exchange, with the ornament costing no more than \$5.

## PRAYER CLOSET

- **CLARICE B** has moved to PeaceHealth Rehab at United General Hospital in Sedro Woolley for stroke rehab.
- **MYRNA B** is in rehab at the CHCC after a fall.
- **RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:** Harold H
- **DEALING WITH CANCER:** Paul R, Rick B, John B, Susan B, Ralph H
- **CASCADE CHRISTIAN HOME RESIDENT:** Amy B
- **CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE RESIDENTS:** Jennie B, Mary K, Carl F, Johanna R, Joanne V
- **CORDATA COURT RESIDENT:** Diane S
- **LYNDEN MANOR RESIDENTS:** Edie M, Kristi N, Maggie S, Albert V, Janet V, Cora V
- **MEADOW GREENS RESIDENTS:** Gussie B, Freda G, Grace H, Nellie H, Andy V, Jo V, Ruth W
- **ORCHARD PARK RESIDENTS:** Eleanor & Carol Z
- **SILVERADO CARE RESIDENTS:** Bennie M, Casey V
- **HAUSA PEOPLE GROUP OF NORTHERN NIGERIA:**  
Pray that God will pour out His Holy Spirit on the Hausa and build His church among them.
- **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 – India

**THANK YOU!** God's Word is powerful and effective. It is the light of Christ piercing this present darkness. Thank you for giving this great gift to hundreds of Iranian families. By your generosity, 100 complete Bibles in the Farsi language will be distributed to new believers and 150 New Testaments will be given to seeking individuals in the streets. God be praised! And thank you, again, for partnering with us in the work of the gospel. - Ray and Angie

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### Sunday, December 8

**Bus Driver:** Bryan A  
**Nursery Baby:** Denise & Jessica K  
**Toddler:** Ardelle K, Lori M, Alana K  
**PM:** Mary P, Mary V  
**Greeters:** Bill & Dora B, Ryan & Sara B  
**Welcome:** Brian & Carly V  
**Ushers:** Ed V, Dan V, Wes V, Tim V  
**Safety Usher:** Jacob A, Gene T  
**Sound/Video:** Chris F, Li E  
**Music AM:** Mike H, Nancy Z  
**PM:** Nancy Z  
**Coffee:** Arlene V, Nikki B  
**Cookies:** Greta E, Elsie D, Vicky D, Kim E

### Sunday, December 15

**Bus Driver:** Willie A  
**Nursery Baby:** Candace L, Levi M  
**Toddler:** Cheryl and Kaden K, Sade N  
**PM:** Mia H, Molly H  
**Greeters:** Kyle & Swandel E, Jeff & Donelle F  
**Welcome:** John & Kathryn V  
**Ushers:** Blake V, Fred Y, Dan B, Levi B  
**Safety Usher:** Len Ho, Ted S  
**Sound/Video:** Rob H, Jeff K  
**Music AM:** Sharon A, Lee V  
**PM:** Cheryl K, Nancy Z  
**Coffee:** Tabin & Jenny B  
**Cookies:** Sandy G, Swandel E, Donelle F, Anna Lee F

### NURSERY REMINDER

In order to keep everyone healthy, we are asking that you *not use or work in the nursery* if you had a fever in the last 24 hours or if you have a runny nose or cough. Thank you!

### EDUCATION BUILDING A PEANUT-FREE SPACE

*Please do not send or use any food products with peanuts or tree nuts for snacks or meals in the Education Building at any time.* Food allergies can be serious and life threatening. If you have questions, please contact the church office or talk to your Care District Elder.

## *First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington*

### Sunday, December 8 – Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 3 yrs.–6<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas Practice in Ed. Bldg.  
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W  
Scripture: *Joshua 5:13-15; Joshua 6:1-5*  
Message: *When Heaven and Earth Meet: Joshua and the General*  
Offering: Ken & Chris  
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement  
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W  
Scripture: *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*  
Message: *When Will Jesus Come Back Again? The Second Advent*  
Offering: Ken & Chris

### Monday, December 9

7:00 Oasis 2.0 meets in the Loft

### Tuesday, December 10

9:30 Moms@1st Meal Planning Meeting

### Wednesday, December 11

7:00 Worship Planning meets in the Council Room  
6:30 TRIBE meets in the Loft

### Thursday, December 12

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

### Saturday, December 14

9:30 3 yrs.–6<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas Practice in Sanctuary

### Sunday, December 15 – Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 3 yrs.–6<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas Practice in Ed. Bldg.  
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W  
Scripture: *Judges 6:11-24*  
Message: *When Heaven and Earth Meet: Gideon and the Angel of the Lord*  
Offering: Building the Future  
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement  
5:40 3 yrs.–6<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the Church Basement  
6:00 Children's Christmas Service  
Offering: Building the Future

### 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.