

THANK YOU

After years of lovingly serving lunches to family and friends following a funeral, the Daughters of Zion have turned this ministry over to the Fellowship Ministry Team. These women and those before them have faithfully ministered through food and friendship the celebration of the passing of so many of our members. It is one of the many traditions that First CRC has carried out for years often passing this time-honored service from mother to daughter, sister to sister. Thank you to these women for their years of carrying out this ministry with love, laughter, and reverence for those who we have lost. May God bless these ladies as they have blessed First CRC.

The Deacons and SERVE leadership team want to say a huge THANK YOU to the congregation for their tremendous support through the recent offering. A total of \$7,096 was given and we needed approximately \$7,000 to balance the budget. We are blessed by your generosity! Please continue to keep SERVE in your prayers.

Thank you to First CRC for your contributions to our clothes drive. This year 1,654 pounds were collected to support outreach to local teens through wilderness experiences.

~ Nooksack Valley Youth Dynamics

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• COUNCIL ELECTIONS TODAY:

The Lord led the council to nominate the following men for the office of elder and deacon. The congregation will vote following the morning worship service to select new elders and deacons. God's hand will guide the drawing of lots to select the elders and deacons out of the nominees with the most congregational votes. In addition to selecting three elders and three deacons, a fourth elder will be selected this year to replace Jim A who is stepping down as an elder. The remaining two years of his term will be filled by the fourth elder selected.

Elder Nominees: Jake DH, Jeff F, Marv H, Ron K, Wes VP, Tim VV, Bill VS, and John VW

Deacon Nominees: Bryan A, Tabin B, Kyle E, Brent H, Linsey H, Doug H, Randy L, Dave R, Mark T, and Jason V
Absentee ballots are available at the Welcome Center. Completed and signed ballots must be in a sealed envelope and returned to council clerk, Galen L (box H8), prior to the start of the meeting.

• ASCENSION DAY SERVICE – THURSDAY, MAY 10:

Join us in celebrating the Ascension of our Lord this week Thursday, May 10 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Second CRC. We will be celebrating the Ascension of Jesus at First CRC on Sunday evening, May 13.

• HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES:

** FIRST CRC 2018 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS –

Congratulations to the following students who are graduating from local high schools this year: Brant H, Mia H, Kaelan K, Doris L and Rachel N

** **BLESS OUR GRADUATES** – You have an opportunity to bless our high school graduates by writing a word of blessing, a Bible verse, or a letter about how much they mean to you in their journals. Journals will be in the church basement until June 10 and you are welcome to write directly in the journals or on a separate piece of paper.

** **PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS** – Please turn in a photo of your student for the graduation bulletin board into Dan H's church mailbox (G10). Graduation Sunday will be June 10 during the morning worship service.

** **COLLEGE/TECH SCHOOL GRADUATES** – Graduating from college or tech school this year? Let us know where you are graduating from and what degree or certificate you will receive. Contact the church office at 360-354-4560 or info@firstcrtclynden.org with your information.

• PLAYING & PRAYING IN THE PARK:

The Women's Bible Study is hosting "Playing & Praying in the Park." Join us for a time of fellowship and fun on Wednesday, May 9 at 10:00 a.m. at Marine Park in Blaine. Look for new events every other week throughout the spring and summer! If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Stephanie R.

• TIRED BUT NOT RETIRED – MAY 18:

Tired but Not Retired are planning a night of pizza & bowling on Friday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Mt. Baker Lanes in Ferndale. For those interested, we can carpool from church. Sign up in the back of church or contact either Liz VP or Dawn H. There is a fee for bowling, shoe rental, and pizza.

• FIRST FAMILY CAMP – SEPTEMBER 7-9:

Join us for First Family Camp, September 7-9 at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Concrete. To make reservations, contact Amy V.

• CASCADE FAMILY BIBLE CAMP – JULY 5-9:

Register now for Cascade Family Bible Camp, held July 5-9 at Warm Beach online at www.cascadefamilybiblecamp.org

UPCOMING MEETINGS

• HELPING HANDS:

Join us this Monday, May 7 at 1:00 p.m. in the Ed. Building. All those who love to sew, knit or crochet are welcome! For more information, call Leona O.

• OASIS 2.0 (7th – 8th MINISTRY):

Join us this week Monday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft for devotions, activities and food. For more information, contact Dan H.

• WORSHIP PLANNING:

Worship Planning will meet this week Wednesday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council room.

• TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):

Join us this Wednesday, May 9 for food, Bible discussion, and activities starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Loft. For more information, contact Dan H.

• CADETS (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY):

Next week Monday, May 14, is the Cadet's Year End Fishing Extravaganza at Meenderinck's pond. We will start at 6:30 p.m. and go till dusk (around 8:30 p.m.). All fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers are invited to enjoy a night of fishing, swimming, and food! Bring your fishing gear (if you have some) and swim shorts (if you want to swim). Cadet shirts are not needed...please leave them at home. If you have any questions, call Brian S.

SERVE UPDATE

• COULD YOU COME PRAY WITH US FOR SERVE?

God is preparing our church and community for SERVE and we are excited! No prayer experience is required, just a willing heart and we will direct you on how to pray for SERVE. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Ed. Building on Sunday May 13, May 27, and June 10. For more information, contact Cal or Laura B or Melinda B.

• HOST HOMES NEEDED:

We are looking for host homes for Sunday, June 24. As a host, you would pick up the students at church on Sunday morning, feed them breakfast, provide a shower and then bring them back to church before the morning service. If you can host, contact Carla Z.

• CRAFTY PEOPLE NEEDED:

Dan needs help to get ready for SERVE. This year's theme is Loving God = Loving Others. If you are interested, meet Dan TODAY following the morning service in the Sanctuary.

CHURCH FAMILY

WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

** PROFESSION OF FAITH –

The following came before the elders to profess or reaffirm their faith: Nathan M, Ken & Jennifer M, Neil & Debbie M, Jack & Wendi P and son Jack, Audrey P, Pam R, and Blake VV

They will make public profession of faith and be introduced during the morning worship service of June 3. We welcome them to the First Church family and pray we will be a blessing to them.

PRAYER CLOSET

- **JULIA S** is dealing with declining health.
- **JOHANNA R** struggles with dizziness due to ear problems. Wearing a medical patch and dark glasses help control some of the dizziness but it does not solve the issue.
- **TENLEY F** (granddaughter of Wes & Liz VP) was diagnosed with a benign mass in her abdomen. She will be on antibiotics before having surgery.
- **RUTH K** is waiting for her next cancer treatments.
- **BEA V** is recovering at home from a fall.
- **LOUISA H** continues to deal with weakness.
- **WILMA P** is recovering from broken vertebrae.
- **MARIA T** continues treatment for cancer.
- **CASCADE CHRISTIAN HOME RESIDENT:** Amy B
- **CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE RESIDENTS:** Mary K, Carl F, Adrietta S, Julia S, Joanne V
- **LYNDEN MANOR RESIDENTS:** Edie M, Evelyn and Kristi N, Henrietta N, Gerrit P, Maggie S, Shirley S, Albert VD, Andy VV, and Cora VV
- **MEADOW GREENS RESIDENTS:** Dennis B, Jennie B, Grace H, Nellie H
- **ORCHARD PARK RESIDENTS:** Eleanor & Carol Z
- **ST. FRANCIS RESIDENT:** Grace VD

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 6, 2018

Bus Driver: Dan VT
Nursery Baby: Roslyn H, Crystal H, Kelli H
Toddler: Kristen H, Leanne H, Kennadi H
Floater: Bev H
PM: Louise H, Dawn H
Greeters: Patrick J & Marilyn MC, Larry & Joanne K
Welcome: Dan & Gail B
Ushers: Cal B, Jake DH, Kyle E, Chris F
Sound: Rick B
Video: Jeff K
Flowers: Peggy B
Music AM: Ken & Lisa Q
Music PM: Lee VB
Coffee: Larry & Joanne K
Cookies: Joyce M, Jill MK, Karen M, Marsha M

Sunday, May 13, 2018

Bus Driver: Bryan A
Nursery Baby: Kristin H, Coni H, Jessica H
Toddler: Ardelle K, Jenna K, Mia H
Floater: Candace L
PM: Jessica H, Marilyn MC
Greeters: Bud & Gert K, Mike & Denise K
Welcome: Josh & Jill B
Ushers: Craig G, Ken H, Linsey H, Doug H, Jed S, Brant H
Sound: Helene Y
Video: Brant H
Flowers: Helene Y
Music AM: Lee VB, Nancy Z
Music PM: Perlene H
Coffee: Elvin & Anna Lee F
Cookies: Lori M, Jill M, Leona O, Wilma P

First Christian Reformed Church *Lynden, Washington*

Sunday, May 6

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard
Message: *And Then There Were Twelve*
Scripture: *Acts 1:16-26*
Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance
Elections of New Officers
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard
Message: *What Falling Away Looks Like*
Scripture: *II Peter 2:1-3*
Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Monday, May 7

1:00 Helping Hands meets in the Ed. Building
7:00 OASIS 2.0 meets in the Loft

Wednesday, May 9

10:00 Playing and Praying at Marine Park in Blaine
7:00 Worship Planning meets in the Council room
7:30 Tribe meets in the Loft

Sunday, May 13 ~ Mother's Day

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard
Infant Baptism
Message: *Motherhood and the Holy Spirit*
Scripture: *Acts 2:1-13*
Offering: Ken & Chris
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard
Message: *From Condescension to Ascension*
Scripture: *Acts 1:9-11*
Offering: Ken & Chris

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