

CHURCH FAMILY

Birthday greetings to Bea V who celebrates her 91st birthday on November 28 and Bud K who celebrates his 84th birthday on November 29.

Thank you for the donations for our Operation Christmas Child drive. We were able to pack and donate 33 boxes to be distributed to children who are less fortunate than we are.

~ First CRC GEMS

Thank you to all those who supported the Cadets by buying a poinsettia this year, we are very thankful for what this church does to support these young men. ~ First CRC Cadets

Thanksgiving season is an opportunity to say thank you to the congregation at First CRC for your support through the years. You have made it possible for us to continue and grow our ministry to local youth; sharing the love and truth of Jesus.

~Tim Nieuwsma, Youth Dynamics

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE – DECEMBER 1:**
The Lighted Christmas Parade is a Lynden tradition. Gather your friends and family, set up your chairs on Front Street and join us on the church steps for coffee, hot chocolate, and snacks starting at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 1.
- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – DECEMBER 3:**
The annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for 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 of the budget are in your mailbox today and additional 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 Laird (box H8) prior to the start of the meeting.
- **GEMS SOUP SUPPER – DECEMBER 5:**
The GEMS Soup Supper & Bake Sale will be 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.
- **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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **FALL EDUCATION CLASSES:**
Classes and childcare are available for all ages during the Education Hour from 9:30-10:15 a.m. on Sundays.
** Sunday, December 2 is the final week of the fall session. Winter session for all ages will begin on Sunday, January 6.
- **DEACONS:**
We will meet this week Monday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.
- **WORSHIP PLANNING:**
We will meet on Tuesday, November 27 (please note the change of date) at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.
- **MOMS@1ST:**
We will meet this week Tuesday, November 27 at 9:15 a.m. in the Loft. Please contact Stephanie R with questions.
- **GEMS (1ST – 8TH GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY):**
Join us this week Wednesday, November 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ed. Building. For more information, contact Gail B.
- **TRIBE & OASIS 2.0 MALL HUNT:**
Oasis 2.0 and Tribe will meet together this week Wednesday, November 28 for our annual mall hunt. If you need a ride to the mall, meet at the church parking lot at 6:30 p.m. If you meet us there, please meet by the fireplace in the food court. We hope to arrive back at church a little after 9:00 p.m. For more information, contact Dan H.
- **DAUGHTERS OF ZION WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:**
Join us this week Thursday, November 29 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ed. Building. We will study lesson 6. Servers will be Gussie Berendsen and Jo Van Vuuren. For more information, contact Jo VV.
- **MEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY:**
Men of all ages are invited to study *Life of Moses: Reluctant Leader, Friend of God* on Thursday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. For more information, contact Pastor Robert at 360-354-4560.
- **CADETS (1ST – 8TH GRADE BOYS MINISTRY):**
Join us next week Monday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. For more information, contact Brian S.

CHRISTMAS SEASON AT FIRST CRC

Sunday, December 2 ~ First Sunday in Advent

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 – 6th 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 – 6th grade)

Sunday, December 16 ~ Third Sunday in Advent

9:30 a.m. Children's Service practice in Ed. Building
(Children's Church – 6th 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 **



PRAYER CLOSET

• **SERVE 2019 UPDATE:**

Please pray that two key coordinator positions will be filled so planning can begin. Pray that God would lead the right people to the right positions. The dates for Lynden SERVE 2019 are June 15-22, which will be here before you know it! Thank you for your prayers and support.

• **ADA V** was admitted to the hospital this week with severe leg pain and is undergoing test to determine the cause of the pain.

• **GRACE A:** Pray for healing from high blood pressure and dizziness and understanding for the doctors.

• **BARRY B:** Pray for continued healing from cancer and wisdom for the doctors.

• **BERT & RUTH K:** Pray for continued healing and strength 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, Evelyn & Kristi N, Henrietta N, Gerrit P, Maggie S, Shirley S, Albert VD, Cora VW

• **MEADOW GREENS RESIDENTS:** Dennis B, Grace H, Nellie H, Andy VV

• **ORCHARD PARK RESIDENTS:** Eleanor & Carol Z

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 25

Bus Driver: Dan VT
Nursery Baby: Mary P, Lisa Q, Madyson B
Toddler: Megan S, Kim R, Brooklyn B
Floater: Debbie S
PM: Bev H, Coni H
Greeters: Doug & Dawn H, Lance & Jessica H
Welcome: Dustin & Kari H
Ushers: Linsey H, Dan R, Carl R, Robert S
Sound: Rick B
Video: Jordan H
Coffee: Berny & Vicky D
Cookies: Leanne H, Dawn H, Jessica H, Bev H
Music AM: Cheryl K, Nancy Z
PM: Perlene H

Sunday, December 2

Bus Driver: Bryan A
Nursery Baby: Nelda S, Linda T, Kim F
Toddler: Michelle T, Meredith Z, Levi T
Floater: Mindy VV
PM: Gail A, Jill B
Greeters: Len & Bev H, Rich & Coni H
Welcome: Linsey & Kristin H
Ushers: Brian S, Ed VB, Dan VT, Wes VP
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 VB

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@firstcrcllynden.org.

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Sunday, November 25

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *The Stoning of Stephen*
Scripture: *Acts 7:54-60, 8:1*
Offering: Building the Future Fund
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Aaron W
Message: *Joseph: God's Peace in Chaos*
Scripture: *Matthew 1*
Offering: Building the Future Fund

Monday, November 26

7:00 Deacons meet in the Council Room

Tuesday, November 27

7:00 Worship Planning meets in the Council Room

Wednesday, November 28

6:30 GEMS meets in the Ed. Building
6:30 Tribe & Oasis 2.0 meet at church for Mall Hunt

Thursday, November 29

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

Saturday, December 1

6:00 Lynden Lighted Christmas Parade

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: *God's Children*
Scripture: *1 John 2:28-3:3*
Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

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