

## CHURCH FAMILY

Larry & Joanne K will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Friday, August 30. Please join in their celebration with cake after the morning worship service today.

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Joni T. Joni passed away on August 20 in Michigan.

A big thank you for all who helped us celebrate our birthdays this past week. We have such a wonderful family!  
~ Patrick J & Marilyn M

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **STAFF APPRECIATION TODAY:**  
This morning we recognize the First CRC staff and the work they do. The staff includes: Ron D, Nelda S, Nancy Z, Kara H, and Susan B.
- **PRAYER SERVICE FOR NEW CHUCH YEAR TONIGHT:**  
Join us tonight for a prayer service for the start of the new year of education classes, Bible studies, and church groups.
- **UNITY WORSHIP SERVICE – SEPTEMBER 1:**  
Join area Christian Reformed Churches for a Unity Service at 6:00 p.m. at Second CRC next Sunday, September 1. An offering will be received for NW Hispanic Ministry. There will fellowship time and refreshment following the service.
- **CHURCH CLOSURE – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2:**  
The church buildings will be locked and all church offices will be closed on Monday, September 2 because of Labor Day. If you need access to the church, please make arrangements.
- **NEW CHURCH COOKBOOK:**  
MOMS@1<sup>st</sup> will be selling cookbooks as a fundraiser and need your help! Families, we are looking for some wonderful cookout recipes from your camping trips. Ladies, don't forget to put in your favorite go-to recipes, holiday dishes and church picnic favorites. Kids, we want your slumber party snacks, favorite cookies and desserts. Write down your favorite recipe(s), include your name and put the recipes in Carla Z's mailbox (Q12)
- **HELPERS NEEDED FOR MOMS@1ST:**  
MOMS@1<sup>st</sup> needs ministry workers for Kids@1st starting this fall. Please contact Stephanie R or Dora B if you are willing to help.

## • **DINNERS 8 – COUPLES, FAMILIES, AND SINGLES!**

### *What is Dinners 8?*

Dinners 8 is a way to connect and get to know other people from our church family. Groups of 8 people (singles, couples or families of any age!) meet and share a meal together 4 times during the fall and winter (schedule determined by members) at their homes, church, or some other gathering place. You are welcome to join any of these groups (a single is still welcome to be part of the couple group, etc.).

### *What are the different groups?*

\*\* Dinners 8 Couples is a group of 4 couples (or couples and singles to make 8 total) that meet and share meals together.

\*\* Dinners 8 Families is groups of families, with children included, that meet and share meals together.

\*\* Dinners 8 Singles is a group of 8 or so singles (any age from post high to 100+!) that meet and share meals together.

### *How do I sign up?*

Sign up in the back of church, or contact Patrick J, Marilyn M, or the church office at 360-354-4560.

- **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**  
Parents of school-aged children, a form concerning financial assistance for Christian education was in your church mailbox. ALL parents are asked to fill out this form, so we know where First CRC children are attending school. If you did not receive a form, contact the church office at 360-354-4560. Please return forms to Jake D's church mailbox (C17) ASAP.
- **TRIBE AND OASIS 2.0 FAMILIES:**  
Tribe and Oasis 2.0 families should have each gotten an email with next year's permission slip. If you have a student going into 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade and didn't get one, contact Dan H.
- **CUPCAKE MINISTRY:**  
For the cupcake ministry this year we are going to try something different that might bless the baker and receiver even more. This year we are looking for people to provide cupcakes near a high school student's birthday or half birthday and bring them to the student's school for them. Dan will assign each person to one or two students with a date that would be closest to their birthday and that person will get to drop off their gift at school. Please pray and ask God if this is a ministry that you could do to bless our students and show that First Church is all about blessing the next generation. For more information, contact Dan H.

## COMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- **DEACONS:**  
We will be meet Monday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.
- **PHASE III BUILDING TEAM:**  
We will meet on Tuesday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft.
- **TIRED BUT NOT RETIRED – AUGUST 30:**  
You are invited to a potluck at the beautiful historic home and garden of Patrick J & Marilyn M on Friday, August 30 at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Sign up today in the back of church or contact Liz V.
- **EDUCATION CLASSES & MINISTRY GROUPS:**  
Education classes for 3<sup>rd</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade and adults will begin on Sunday, September 8 at 9:30 a.m. More information about class topics and locations will be in your mailbox next week.
- **FAMILY CAMP – SEPTEMBER 13-15:**  
Family Camp Update – RV/Camper sites are full, but tent spots are still available! Everyone is invited to join us for the day on Saturday, September 14 at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Concrete, WA. We would love to have everyone for dinner on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. Last names A-K bring a salad and L-Z bring a dessert. A shelter and clubhouse are reserved, so if we need to get out of the rain, we have an area to gather. Please contact Amy V to make reservations or for more information.
- **SENIOR SEMINAR – OCTOBER 11:**  
The Christian Reformed Churches of Lynden are hosting a seniors event. Authors Richard & Leona Bergstrom will be speaking about their book: *Third Calling – What are you doing the rest of your life?* All seniors from the Lynden CRC churches ages 55-100+ are welcome! Join us on Friday, October 11 from 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. at Sonlight CRC. For more information, contact Nancy Z.

### ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH TEAM UPDATE

The search team covets your prayers for God's wisdom and guidance. If you have comments, questions or suggestions, contact any of the search team members: Gene T (chairperson), Fred Y (vice-chair), Mark T (Finance Team liaison), Susan B (secretary), Brian V (contact person), Molly H, Larry K, Andrew R, Cal B, and Patty R.

## PRAYER CLOSET

- **SHIRLEY S** had surgery this past week to take care of a burn wound. Pray for relief from pain for Shirley.
- **PAT M** is at home recovering from open heart surgery to replace a valve. Pray for pain relief and a steady recovery.
- **CASCADE CHRISTIAN HOME RESIDENT:** Amy BI
- **CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE RESIDENTS:** Jennie B, Mary K, Carl F, Johanna R, Adrietta S, Joanne V
- **LYNDEN MANOR RESIDENTS:** Edie M, Kristi N, Maggie S, Shirley 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 FACILITY:** Bennie M
- **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

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### Sunday, August 25

**Bus Driver:** Blaine K  
**Nursery Baby:** Dee B, Jessica K  
**Toddler:** Jennie B, Peggy B, Alana K  
**PM:** Kari H, Marlys H  
**Greeters:** Don & Rose S, Jeff & Lori S  
**Welcome:** Kara H  
**Ushers:** Doug H, Len H, Rich H, Dave L  
**Safety Usher:** Jason V, Randy L  
**Sound:** Rob H  
**Video:** Jordan H  
**Flowers:** Jan B  
**Coffee:** Tabin & Jenny B, Galen & Candace L  
**Cookies:** Sherri Stap, Debbie S, Rena S, Betty S  
**Music** **AM:** Mike S, Nancy Z  
**PM:** Perlene H

### Sunday, September 1

**Bus Driver:** Galen L  
**Nursery Baby:** Crystal H, Samantha T  
**Toddler:** Kristen H, Kristen H, Brielle H  
**Greeters:** Robert & Debbie S, Mark & Michelle T  
**Welcome:** Brian & Carly V  
**Ushers:** Ken R, Brian S, Ed V, Dan V  
**Safety Usher:** Patrick J, Tabin B  
**Sound:** Chris F  
**Video:** Li E  
**Flowers:** Susan B  
**Coffee:** Berny & Vicky D, Elvin & Anna Lee F  
**Cookies:** Nelda S, Elaine S, Ann T, Lorna T  
**Music:** Ken & Lisa Q

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

### **Sunday, August 25**

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W  
Scripture: *Acts 8:26-40*  
Message: *Philip's Divine Appointment*  
Offering: Benevolence  
11:45 Fellowship Time on the church lawn or in the church basement (weather dependent)  
Cake will be served in honor of  
Larry & Joanne K's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
6:00 Prayer Service for the New Church Season  
~ Robert W  
Offering: Benevolence

### **Monday, August 26**

7:00 Deacons meets in Council room

### **Tuesday, August 27**

7:00 Phase III Planning Team meets in the Loft

### **Sunday, September 1**

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W  
Scripture: *Acts 9:1-9*  
Message: *The Greatest Conversion  
in History*  
Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance  
11:45 Fellowship Time on the church lawn or in the church basement (weather dependent)  
6:00 Combined Worship Service at Second CRC  
Offering: NW Hispanic Ministry