

CHURCH FAMILY

Recently the church received a generous monetary gift from the Estate of Nella B. Nella spent many hours over the years in the church kitchen and the gift will be earmarked for the Building Fund and the new kitchen. We here at First CRC would like to extend our sincere thanks for the many blessing and memories of Nella B.

Thank you to everyone that donated food, gift certificates and money for the college care packages. The students really appreciate being remembered by their church family. Also, thank you to Swandel E, Coni H and Liz V, whose creative energy made the evening fantastic.

Kaelan K and Doris L are the high school seniors of the month and Samantha T and Will R are the 6th graders of the month. Take a moment to say a prayer that they would continue growing in their relationship with Jesus.

10TH ANNUAL MISSIONS CELEBRATION

• **SATURDAY, MARCH 17:**

Join us for a Persian dinner at The Barn Youth Center on Saturday, March 17 at 5:00 p.m. The evening will include guest speakers Chuck, Executive Director of Kidstown International and, missionaries with East-West Ministries International. There will also be a time to meet and talk with other missions' representatives.

Turn in registration forms to the Welcome Center or contact the church office to reserve your spot! Additional forms are available on the Welcome Center and on our website.

• **SUNDAY, MARCH 18:**

** On Sunday morning, special guests Don, Executive Director of Project Hope and Suzanne, Director of New Way Ministries will give a presentation during the Education Hour at 9:15 a.m. in the basement.

** During the morning worship service, we will have our presentation of flags and missionaries, with guest preacher, Tim, Director of Telos Fellowship. Angie will also be sharing with our children's church during the service.

** Following the morning service, join us for refreshments in the basement. Missions representatives will have display tables set up and will be available to answer questions.

** Sunday evening, our guest speaker will be Jason, Director of Light of the World Prayer Center.

** Baby bottles will also be collected on Sunday, March 18.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **EDUCATION WINTER SESSION:**

Education classes for adults and 3rd-12th grade students meet on Sundays from 9:15–10:15 a.m. A nursery and Bible class for 2nd grade and younger is available in the Ed. Building.

** **Adult Education Class:**

We know that God is working for his glory and you are invited to hear how God is working in the ministries we support. Next Sunday, March 11 we will be blessed to hear from Rusty and how God is working with Kidstown International.

• **JOINT CRC WORSHIP SERVICE TONIGHT:**

Join with area Christian Reformed Churches as we gather to worship tonight at 6:00 p.m. at Bethel CRC. An offering for World Renew will be received and a nursery will be available.

• **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 11:**

Just a reminder to "Spring Forward" one-hour next Sunday as we begin daylight savings time.

• **TIRED BUT NOT RETIRED LUNCH – MARCH 11:**

Join us on Sunday, March 11 for lunch following the morning worship service in the Loft. Sloppy Joes will be provided. Please sign up in the back of church to bring either a salad or dessert. If you have children yet at home, they are welcome to join us as well. For more information, contact Liz V or Dawn.

• **DISCOVERY CLASS STARTING MARCH 15:**

Are you interested in knowing more about First CRC or in joining our church? This Discovery class will cover who we are, how we got here, what we believe and what we do. The class will begin on Thursday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the parsonage. If you are interested, contact Pastor Robert or the church office at 360-354-4560.

• **FIRST FAMILY CAMP – SEPTEMBER 7-9:**

Everyone is invited to join us at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Concrete, September 7-9. For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Amy V.

• **SERVE UPDATE:**

SERVE is coming in a few short months! Dan is looking to put together a team of students for this vital part of SERVE. Students usually sleep onsite, in rooms with fellow student leaders from our church. They help guide our guests to be where they need to be, like waking up in the morning, going to bed at night, visiting them at sites, leading games and activities, and building relationships with participants. If you are interested, contact Dan H.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

• **HELPING HANDS:**

Join us on Monday, March 5 at 1:00 p.m. in the Ed. Building. All who love to sew, knit, or crochet are welcome!

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

Join us for our annual Skating Party on Monday, March 5 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. There will be no pickup at church, please meet at Lynden Skateway. Cost is \$5.50 for regular skates. Family and friends are invited to join us! If you have any questions, contact Brian S.

• **MINISTRY TEAMS:**

Ministry teams will meet this Tuesday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m., unless you hear otherwise from your chairperson.

• **ELDERS:**

We will meet this week Tuesday, March 6 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

• **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):**

Join us this Wednesday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Loft. Please read the passages in John that you committed to. For more information, call Dan H.

** Parents – we are reading through John and discussing the life of Jesus. This is a great opportunity to read the passages together at dinner, especially as we approach Easter.

• **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:**

** **WEDNESDAY AM** – *A Woman of Wisdom* meets this Wednesday, March 7 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in The Loft. Childcare is provided. Contact Stephanie R with questions.

** **THURSDAY PM** – *A Woman of Wisdom* meets this week Thursday, March 8 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Loft. Contact Nancy Z with questions.

** **DAUGHTERS OF ZION** – We will meet Thursday, March 8 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ed. Building and do lesson 12 and take a love offering. Servers are Diane A and Jo V. Contact Diane A with questions.

• **MEN'S STUDY:**

We will meet this week Thursday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m., in the church basement. Please read Genesis 45. For more information, contact Pastor Robert at 360-354-4560.

• **OASIS 2.0 (7th – 8th MINISTRY)**

Join us next week Monday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft. ** Snow Blast – There is still time to join Griffin, Levi, Blake, Lucas and Jarred at Snow Blast weekend, March 16-17. Email Dan H to sign up.

PRAYER CLOSET

- **RENA S** was able to return home this week. Pray for continued recovery from her broken pelvis.
- **LOUISA H** was in the hospital this past week due to dehydration and weakness. Pray for Louisa and for Ken as Louisa deals with ongoing health issues.
- **RUTH K** continues daily chemo treatments.
- **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 & Kristi N, Henrietta N, Gerrit P, Maggie S, Albert V, Andy & Gert V, and Cora V
- **MEADOW GREENS RESIDENTS:** Dennis B, Jennie B, Grace H, Nellie H
- **ORCHARD PARK RESIDENTS:** Eleanor & Carol Z
- **ST. FRANCIS RESIDENT:** Grace V
- **REMEMBER OUR FIRST CRC MISSIONARIES:**
Jeff & Melissa
Ray & Angie
Steve & Sandy
Gary & Mary
Memli & Luiza
Al & Julie
Tim & Charlene
Eric & Penny
Mitchell & Rochelle
Chuck
John & Jean
Ken & Chris

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 4, 2018

Bus Driver: Bryan A
Nursery Baby: Leanne H, Jessica H, Hayley B
Toddler: Marilyn M, Denise K, Elliot B
Floater: Cheryl K
Greeters: Jeff & Donelle F, Sid & Sandy G
Welcome: Kyle & Swandel E
Ushers: Dan R, Carl R, Robert S, Brian S
Security: Woody S, Darren G
Sound: Rich B
Video: Kaelan K
Music: Sharon A, Lee V
Flowers: Marilyn M
Coffee: Larry & Joanne K
Cookies: Anna Lee F, Sandy G, Anna G, Kelsey G

Sunday, March 11, 2018

Bus Driver: Bryan A
Nursery Baby: Joan M, Janis Z, Taryn B
Toddler: Karen M, Lori M, Miranda B
Floater: Sade N
PM: Dawn H, Mia H
Greeters: Kyle & Swandel E, Elvin & Anna Lee F
Welcome: Brent & Jolene H
Ushers: Ed V, Dan V, Wes V, Tim V
Security: Ryan B, Lance H
Sound: Jed S
Video: Jeff K
Music **AM:** Sharon A, Nancy Z
PM: Perlene H
Flowers: Bev H
Coffee: Elvin & Anna Lee F
Cookies: Freda G, Nicki G, Katrina H, Christine H

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Sunday, March 4 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

8:45 Prayer Time in the Council Room
9:15 Education Hour for Adults and Students
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *The Great Escape*
Scripture: *II Peter 1:3-4*
Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Joint CRC Worship Service at Bethel CRC
Offering: World Renew

Monday, March 5

6:30 Cadet Skating Party at Lynden Skateway

Tuesday, March 6

7:00 Ministry Teams meet
8:00 Elders meet in the Council Room

Wednesday, March 7

10:00 Women's Bible Study meets in the Loft
7:30 Tribe meets in the Loft

Thursday, March 8

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

Sunday, March 11 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:45 Prayer Time in the Council Room
9:15 Education Hour for Adults and Students
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Make Every Effort*
Scripture: *II Peter 1:5-8*
Offering: Building the Future
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Athanasius Against the World*
Scripture: *Acts 20:28-31; Joel 1:3-4*
Offering: Building the Future

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