

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **STAFF APPRECIATION TODAY:**
This morning we will recognize the staff (Ron, Kara, Susan, and Nancy) and the work they do here at First CRC.
- **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.
- **COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE – SEPTEMBER 2:**
You are invited to join area Christian Reformed Churches for a combined worship service at Second CRC next Sunday, September 2 at 6:00 p.m. An offering will be received for Church on the Ave, a Christian Reformed congregation planted in the heart of Seattle's University District. This ministry has been fostered out of Graduate Christian Fellowship and co-pastored by Geoff & Ashley V. In God's marvelous providence, the rental of an existing church building has been secured, and a third pastor, Calvin C, is being called and ordained to join the V's in pastoring both the campus ministry and the church plant.
- **CHURCH CLOSURE – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3:**
The church buildings will be locked and all church offices will be closed on Monday, September 3 because of Labor Day.
- **FIRST FAMILY CAMP – SEPTEMBER 7-9:**
Let's enjoy the fellowship we share as God's family at Family Camp at Howard Miller Steelhead Park near Concrete on September 7–9. You are invited to a potluck dinner at camp on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. Day visitors are welcome to join us! Contact Amy V for more information.
- **FALL EDUCATION CLASSES:**
Education classes for Pre-K through adults will begin on Sunday, September 16 from 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.
- **DINNER 8'S – SIGN UP NOW!**
What is Dinner 8's? Dinner 8's is a way to connect and get to know other people from our church family. It's called Dinner 8's because groups of 8 people meet and share a meal together 4 times (schedule determined by members).
Who can be part of Dinner 8's? Dinner 8's is for singles or couples of any age! If you are a single, you can sign up alone or find a partner and sign up together. Everyone is encouraged to be part of this fun, multi-generational time of fellowship with our church family.
How do I sign up? You can sign up in the back of church, contact Patrick J or Marilyn M, or contact the church office at 360-354-4560.

- **MISSION TRIP TO INDIA:**
Mike & Carla H are planning another mission trip to visit orphanages in India in February 2019, and Pastor Robert is planning to go along. If you are interested in going or want more information, contact Mike H or Pastor Robert.
- **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 or contact Jake D. Please return forms to Jake D's church mailbox (C17) ASAP. Thank you!
- **TRIBE AND OASIS 2.0 STUDENTS & PARENTS:**
It's that time of year when parents get hand cramps from filling out all of those school, sports, and activity forms. Unfortunately, we need a form from parents in order to serve you better and keep you safe. Medical /permission forms are located in your church mailbox, in the back of church, and will be online soon. To ease your parents pain, the first family to get their permission slip in will win bragging rights and two movie tickets and there will be other prizes for runners up. For more information, call/text Dan H.
- **MOMS@1ST LOOKING FOR "GRANDPARENTS":**
"Grandparents" are needed to serve and love children from babies to age 5 for the MOMS@1ST program meetings every other Tuesday morning from 9:15-11:00 a.m. starting September 11. If you have a heart for children, consider signing up to volunteer for 1 or more meetings. To sign up, please contact the KIDS@1ST coordinator, Dora B or sign up at the kiosk in the back of church.
- **PARENT RESOURCES:**
In your church mailbox this week there is a flier from the Christian Reformed Church about the stage of development that your children are in and how it affects their spiritual growth. This tool can help with the frustration that all parents feel when their kids are testing boundaries, questioning what they believe, trying on new identities (some identities that make it hard to recognize your child), and many more changes throughout their development. We hope that this resource benefits you as you seek to train your children in the ways of the Lord.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **DEACONS:**
We will meet this week Monday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.
- **MOMS@FIRST LEADERSHIP TEAM:**
We will meet this week Wednesday, August 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Loft. If you have any questions, contact Stephanie R.
- **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY) KICK-OFF:**
Join us for our season kick-off at the First Family Camp, September 7–9. Put the dates on your calendar and more information will be provided soon. For more information, call/text Dan H.
- **MOMS@1ST STARTING THIS FALL:**
First CRC will be hosting a new outreach ministry through MOPS International this fall. Moms of all age and stages are welcome to meet every other Tuesday from 9:30–11:00 a.m. starting Sept. 11. Sign up by August 20 to secure your spot. Also, pray and consider joining the leadership team. We need Discussion Table Leaders, Mentor Moms, and Co-Nursery Coordinators and Nursery Volunteers. For more information, please contact Stephanie R.
- **WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY:**
Join us in the Loft every Thursday night from 7:30-9:00 p.m. starting on September 20, as we begin our fall Bible study. We will study *Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story* by Angie Smith. This study will help you understand the Bible as a whole, as you change the way you look at Scripture, and connect with the people, places, and promises of God's Word in a fresh way. Sign up in the back of church or contact Stephanie R.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please look over the opportunities listed below and prayerfully consider if you can be a blessing with your time and talents:
Sound Board Operator, Video Camera Operator, CD/DVD Copier, Nursery Attendant, Welcome Center Attendant, Usher, and Meal Delivery.
If you are willing to help in any of these areas or have another area where you are being called to help, please contact the church office at 360-354-4560 or info@firstcrlcynden.org.

CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you to Pastor Robert, Pastor Barry and many others for your visits, prayers and cards due to my recent surgery. It was very much appreciated. ~ Tina D

A BIG thank you to all who came out to paint the Ed. Building basement this past week – you did a great job! A special thank you to Ron D and Ken H who did the prep work.

PRAYER CLOSET

- **STUDENTS AND TEACHERS** begin classes this week for our local public and private school.
- **MARSHA M** is having a liver biopsy done this week Monday, August 27.
- **DORIS B** is having hip replacement surgery this week Tuesday, August 28.
- **SADE N** is on bedrest due to complications with her pregnancy with twins. Pray for the babies to gain weight, that Sade will be able to carry the babies until at least October, and for patience and understanding for Sade, Dan, and their little daughter, Haven.
- **JENNIE B** moved this past week to the Christian Health Care Center, room 211.
- **JEFFREY** (son-in-law of Ada V) was diagnosed with cancer of the esophagus and lower stomach.
- **RUTH K** is undergoing treatment for her cancer.
- **CASCADE CHRISTIAN HOME RESIDENT:** Amy B
- **CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE RESIDENTS:** Jennie B, Mary K, Carl F, Adrietta S, Julia S, Joanne V
- **LYNDEN MANOR RESIDENTS:** Edie M, Evelyn & Kristi N, Henrietta N, Gerrit P, Maggie S, Shirley S, Albert V, Cora V
- **MEADOW GREENS RESIDENTS:** Dennis B, Grace H, Nellie H, Andy V
- **ORCHARD PARK RESIDENTS:** Eleanor & Carol Z
- **REMEMBER OUR FIRST CRC MISSIONARIES**

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 26, 2018

Bus Driver: Galen L
Nursery Baby: Gail B, Dee B, Kim F
Toddler: Peggy B, Carla Z, Tate B
Floater: Carolyn B
PM: Marlys H, Virginia H
Greeters: Doug & Mary V, Jason & Amy V
Welcome: Brent & Jolene H
Ushers: Fred Y, Dan B, Josh B, Cal B
Sound: Rick B
Video: Brant H
Flowers: Susan B
Music **AM:** Mike S, Nancy Z
PM: Perlene H
Coffee: Elvin & Anna Lee F, Berny & Vicky D
Cookies: Gail A, Sharon A, Gail B, Jill B

Sunday, September 2, 2018

Bus Driver: Blaine K
Nursery Baby: Kara H, Susan B, Kennadi H
Toddler: Jan B, Sara B, Jessica H
Floater: Dora B
Greeters: Fred & Helene Y, Jerry & Meredith Z
Welcome: Dustin & Kari H
Ushers: Jake D, Kyle E, Chris F, Craig G
Sound: Jed S
Video: Jeff K
Flowers: Helene Y
Music **AM:** Ken & Lisa Q
Coffee: Alan & Pat D; Arlene V, Patrick J & Marilyn M
Cookies: Nikki B, Nicole B, Gert B, Dee B

First Christian Reformed Church *Lynden, Washington*

Sunday, August 26

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Staff Appreciation
Message: *No Other Name*
Scripture: *Acts 4:1-12*
Offering: Benevolence
11:45 Fellowship Time on the church lawn or in the church basement (weather dependent)
6:00 Prayer Service for New Church Season
~ Robert W
Offering: Benevolence

Monday, August 27

7:00 Deacons meet in the Council room

Wednesday, August 28

7:30 MOMS@FIRST Leadership meets in the Loft

Sunday, September 2

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *The Spirit of Unbelief*
Scripture: *Acts 4:13-22*
Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance
11:45 Fellowship Time on the church lawn or in the church basement (weather dependent)
6:00 Joint Worship Service at Second CRC
Offering: Church on the Ave

Monday, September 3 ~ Labor Day

~ Church Buildings Locked and Offices Closed

Church Building Hours:

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday – Friday
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Saturday

Church Office Hours:

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Monday – Friday