

CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you to our First Church family for prayers, cards, visits and meals during my recovery from hip surgery. It was very much appreciated. ~ Ruth B

Thank you to my church family for the prayers, cards, well wishes and visits following my fall and then my time in rehab at the Christian Health Care Center recovering from my broken shoulder. ~Myrna B

We express our sympathy to Diane S and Blaine & Ardelle K with the passing of their husband and brother, Bob S last week.

We extend our sympathy to Casey V and Adrietta S and their families with the passing of their brother, Bud V last week.

Seniors of the month of March are Abbey A and Jessica K. Please check out their poster in the back of church and pray for God's blessing on their life and future.

11TH ANNUAL MISSIONS CELEBRATION

- This morning, Gary R and John V, chaplains with Ministries to Seafarers and Action International, will give a presentation during the Education Hour at 9:30 a.m. in the church basement.
- During the morning worship service, we will have the presentation of flags and missionaries, with guest preacher, Gary R, chaplain with Ministries to Seafarers in BC.
- 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.
- This evening, our guest speaker will be Mitchell S, elder with Envision Mission.
- Baby bottles will also be collected today, Sunday, March 17. Additional bottles are available at the Welcome Center. Return the baby bottles to boxes in the lobby when you come to worship. Proceeds from the bottles will be given to Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **FIRST GROUPS:**
During the season of Lent, we will explore how the truth of the Gospel affects every area of our daily lives through the sermon series and in more personal interactions and application at First Groups. These groups of 8-10 people will meet 6 times in various locations and different times. Sign up TODAY at the table in the back of church.
** Books have arrived and are available in the back of church. Whether you are planning to be in a small group or want to study on your own, you may pick up a copy of *A Gospel Primer* and a study guide. A suggested donation of \$10 per book can be given to your group leader, dropped off at the sign-up table, or placed in Kara H's box (G12). Please make checks out to First CRC.
- **LYNDEN MANOR LUNCH – TUESDAY, MARCH 26:**
All First CRC residents of Lynden Manor are invited to lunch with the pastors on Tuesday, March 26 at 12:30 p.m.
- **SENIOR DINNER– TUESDAY, APRIL 9:**
Anyone 70+ is invited to our Senior "Hawaiian" dinner on Tuesday, April 9. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to attend, sign up in the back of church or contact the church office at 360-354-4560 or info@firstcrlcynden.org.
- **FIRST FAMILY CAMP – SEPTEMBER 13-14:**
Join us for family church camp, September 13-14 (note this is a week later than past years) at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Concrete. This is a great time to get together and be blessed with God's family. *Everyone* is invited, to a potluck dinner together on Saturday night. This year reservations will be made directly with Amy V. For more information, contact Amy V.
- **SERVE 2019 UPDATES:**
Mark W will be our speaker for Lynden SERVE 2019 and Mitchell S will lead us in music. We are very excited to get down to the finer details and putting together all the various pieces. We are looking for students (going into 9th grade on up) to sleep on site, guide a work team, connect with teams coming to SERVE, and participate the whole week. We also need students that can't be there the whole time, too. If you are interested in serving this last year of our three-year commitment, please let Dan H know or one of our coordinator team (Molly H, Len H, Steve L, or Cal B).

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **EDUCATION CLASSES:**
Adult education for the spring has wrapped up as of this morning. Education Hour for grades 3-12 will meet one more week (March 24). There will be no childcare on March 24. Please talk to Brian V if you have any questions.
- **CADETS (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY):**
Our next meeting is on Monday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. If you have any questions, contact Brian S.
- **MOMS@1ST:**
We will meet on Tuesday, March 19 at 9:15 a.m. in the Loft. Contact Stephanie R with questions.
- **COUNCIL:**
We will meet on Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.
- **GEMS (1st – 8th GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY):**
Join us on Monday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ed. Building for our Spring Tea Party. Be sure to come dressed ready for tea and goodies. For more information, contact Gail B.
- **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):**
Join us this Wednesday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Loft for our regular meeting. The Bigger or Better winning team (Carl, Daisy, Andrew, Davis, Levi Br, Levi Ba, Judy) last week collected an antique snowmobile. Congrats team! For more information, contact Dan H.
- **DAUGHTERS OF ZION WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:**
Join us on Thursday, March 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ed. Building. We will study lessons 11 & 12 and have a love offering. Servers for this week are Gussie B and Jo V. For more information, contact Jo V.
- **THURSDAY PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:**
Join us this Thursday, March 21 in the Parsonage at 7:00 p.m. as we continue the Lenten study about preaching the gospel to ourselves. Contact Phama W for more information.
- **OASIS 2.0 (JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):**
Join us next week Monday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft. For information, contact Dan H.

PRAYER CLOSET

- **GLEN B** is at home recovering from an infection in his heart. He will receive antibiotics daily for 3 more weeks.
- **BETTY H** is failing in health and is now on hospice.
- **REVEREND RALPH H** (Dan's father) is undergoing radiation treatment. Pray for doctors to help relieve his pain and safety as they drive to appointments in the winter weather.
- **ALDERWOOD PARK RESIDENT:** Kristi N
- **CASCADE CHRISTIAN HOME RESIDENT:** Amy B
- **CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE RESIDENTS:** Jennie B, Jim B, Mary K, Carl F, Betty H, Johanna R, Adrietta S, Joanne V
- **LYNDEN MANOR RESIDENTS:** Edie M, Gerrit P, Maggie S, Shirley S, Albert V, Janet V, Cora V
- **MEADOW GREENS RESIDENTS:** Freda G, Grace H, Nellie H, Andy V, Ruth W
- **ORCHARD PARK RESIDENTS:** Eleanor & Carol Z
- **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
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WINTER WEATHER POLICY

The office will try to send an email if a church service or meeting is canceled. Otherwise, listen to Praise 106.5, KGMI 790 or contact your district elder or group leader.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 17

Bus Driver: Dan V
Nursery Baby: Sade N, Audrey P, Taryn B
Toddler: Megan P, Lisa Q, Logan B
Floater: Stephanie R
PM: Mary P, Michelle T
Greeters: Doug & Mary V,
John & Kathryn V
Welcome: Jason & Amy V
Ushers: Doug H, Rich H,
Brian K, Dan R
Safety Usher: Ted S, Jason V
Sound: Rich B
Video: Li E
Flowers: Nancy Z
Coffee: Alan & Pat D
Cookies: Helene Y, Janis Z,
Nancy Z, Carla Z
Music AM: Mike S, Nancy Z
PM: Nancy Z

Sunday, March 24

Bus Driver: Dan V
Nursery Baby: Kim R, Debbie S,
Kelli H
Toddler: Megan S, Carla Z,
Madison B
Floater: Mary V
PM: Mindy V, Carly V
Greeters: Fred & Helene Y,
Bryan & Kim A
Welcome: Bryan & Kim A
Ushers: Ken R, Carl R,
Robert S, Brian S
Safety Usher: Randy L, Patrick J
Sound: Chris F
Video: Jesse P
Flowers: Liz V
Coffee: Patrick J & Marilyn M
Cookies: Kim A, Grace A,
Valerie A, Gail A
Music AM: Ken & Lisa Q
PM: Sharon A

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Sunday, March 17 ~ Second Sunday of Lent

11th Annual Missions Celebration

- 9:30 Education Hour – Adults & 7th-12th grade meet in
Basement with Gary R, John V
10:30 Worship Service ~ Gary R
Message: *Gone Fishing*
Scripture: *Matthew 4:12-22*
Offering: Jeff & Melissa
11:45 Fellowship Time with our Missions Partners
in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Mitchell S
Message: *Understanding Truth and Grace*
Scripture: *Psalms 53; Ephesians 2:1-11; 3:16-21*
Offering: Jeff & Melissa

Monday, March 18

- 7:00 Cadets meet in the Church Basement

Tuesday, March 19

- 9:15 Mom's @ 1st meet in Loft
7:00 Council meets in the Council Room

Wednesday, March 20

- 6:30 GEMS meets in the Education Building
7:30 TRIBE meets in the Loft

Thursday, March 21

- 10:00 Daughter's of Zion meet in the Ed. Building
7:00 Women's Bible Study meets in the Parsonage

Sunday, March 24 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

- 9:30 Education Hour for 3rd – 12th grade only
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *The Four Glasses*
Scripture: *Psalms 116:12-13; Psalm 23:5*
Offering: Envision Missions
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Test the Spirits*
Scripture: *I John 4:1-6*
Offering: Envision Missions

CHURCH BUILDING HOURS

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