

CHURCH FAMILY

We express our sympathy to Rob, Crystal, Jordan and Brant H with the passing of their mom and grandmother, Betty, on Thursday, April 25. Her memorial service is planned for Thursday, May 2 at 2:00 p.m.

I wish to thank the congregation for all the calls, cards, and food we received during my hip surgery. Thank you especially to Pastor Robert for his early visit that morning. And thank you to all of you for the prayer offered up for me. God is good! All glory be to Him as I continue my recovery which is going well. ~ Love in Christ, Jane S

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE PAYMENT

(2nd payment for the 2018-2019 school year) was made from the Christian Education program last week. First CRC has 48 students in the program this year and a total of \$16,608 was distributed, with \$346 given per student. Thank you for your faithful support of our students.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS OF APRIL are Carl R and Judy W. Please check out their poster in the back of church and pray for God's blessing on their life and future.

SERVE UPDATE

• **SERVE NEEDS:**

The following are ways YOU can be involved and help with SERVE 2019. If you are interested in knowing more about any of these or would like to help, contact Dan H.

**** HOST HOMES** – People are needed to host students on Sunday, June 16. As a host home, you would pick up the students at church on Sunday morning, feed them breakfast, provide a shower and then bring them back for the morning service. If you would be willing to host some students, please contact Carla Z.

**** PRAYER PARTNERS** – People are needed to pray for the students and leaders as they prepare and during the SERVE week. You can sign up in the back of church or contact Debbie M.

**** SOCIAL MEDIA PERSON** – Do you enjoy posting things on Facebook? SERVE provides the social media plan and others will take pictures. It's a great gig, you get to support SERVE from the comfort of your home!

**** STUDENT HELP** – We are looking for students (going into 9th grade and up) to help for all or part of SERVE week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **GEMS SUNDAY – APRIL 28:**

Today is GEMS Sunday and the GEMS will help to lead us in worship during this morning service. Their theme this year is "Be A Blessing", based on 2 Corinthians 9:8.

• **COUNCIL ELECTIONS – SUNDAY, MAY 5:**

The Lord led the council to nominate the following men for the office of elder and deacon. Members will vote on 3 elders and 3 deacon names. God's hand will guide the drawing of lots to select 4 elders and 3 deacons out of the 6 elder and deacon nominees with the most votes at the congregational meeting on Sunday, May 5 following the morning service.

Elder Nominees:

Jake D, Lloyd F, Blaine K, Larry S,
Bill V, Wes V, Doug V

Deacon Nominees:

Kyle E, Brent H, Linsey H, Matt H,
Brian K, Randy L, Dave R

Absentee ballots are available at the Welcome Center. Signed ballots must be in a sealed envelope and returned to council clerk, Galen L (box H8), prior to the start of the meeting.

• **PRAYER SERVICE FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Next Sunday evening, April 28 will be a prayer service as we consider the election of new elders and deacons. Jesus prayed before choosing the apostles and the apostles prayed before choosing a replacement for Judas. Scripture calls us to pray and ask God to set apart those whom He has called.

• **COME BE INSPIRED! APRIL 29-MAY 2:**

See our future leaders at the Christian high school speech and debate regional championship at New Life Fellowship Church (810 E. Pole Rd.) April 29-May 2. Sign up to judge these amazing presentations! No experience necessary – we will train you in 15 minutes. For more information, visit www.ncfca.org/r2-championship.

• **CASCADE FAMILY BIBLE CAMP – JULY 4-8:**

Enjoy a weekend you will never forget at Cascade Family Bible Camp at Warm Beach. For more information or to register, visit www.cascadefamilybiblecamp.org.

• **FIRST FAMILY CAMP – SEPTEMBER 13-14:**

Join us for family church camp, September 13-14 at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Concrete. This is a great time to get together and be blessed with God's family. To reserve your spot, contact Amy V.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Join us on Monday, April 29 for a Cadre Night at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Basement. For more information, contact Brian S.

• **DEACONS:**

We will meet this week Monday, April 29 at 7:00 in the Council Room.

• **MOMS@1ST LEADER MEETING:**

We will meet on Tuesday, April 30 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ed. building. Contact Stephanie R with questions.

• **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):**

** We are doing a service project this Wednesday, May 1 (weather permitting). Wear clothing for the elements and that you don't mind getting dirty. This is a great way to put our faith into practice. Work gloves are optional. Please meet at church at 7:15 p.m. We will leave at 7:30 p.m. and plan to end up at DQ. It's great doing life with you guys and gals.

** Students interested in helping with SERVE, we will meet after youth group this Wednesday. For more information, contact Dan H.

• **OASIS 2.0 (JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):**

Our next meeting is Monday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft. We are planning some craziness so get ready to be amazed. For more information contact Dan H.

PRAYER CLOSET

- **JOHN B** has been diagnosed with stage 4 bile duct cancer. He will start chemo very soon in Bellingham.
- **REVEREND RALPH H'S** (Dan's father) scans look good and test have shown that he has plaque build up in a major artery. He is meeting with a heart specialist to see what can be done.
- **CASCADE CHRISTIAN HOME RESIDENT:** Amy B
- **CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE RESIDENTS:** Jennie B, Jim 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
- **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
S Home – India

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

GEMS Sunday, April 28

Bus Driver: Galen L
Nursery Baby: Jenna K, Jill M,
Luke K
Toddler: Sade N, Audrey P,
Coleson B
Floater: Mary P
PM: Jessica H, Dawn H
Greeters: GEMS
Welcome: GEMS
Ushers: GEMS
Safety Usher: Patrick J, Tabin B
Sound: Chris F
Video: Brant H
Flowers: Bev H
Coffee: Galen & Candace L
Cookies: Doris B, Jennie B,
Sara B, Dora B
Music AM: Ken & Lisa Q
PM: Shirley B

Sunday, May 5

Bus Driver: Dan V
Nursery Baby: Lisa Q, Pam R,
Levi M
Toddler: Kim R, Debbie S,
Nicholas M
Floater: Linda T
PM: Virginia H, Marilyn M
Greeters: Bill & Dora B,
Cal & Laura B
Welcome: Dustin & Kari H
Ushers: Dan R, Carl R,
Robert S, Brian S
Safety Usher: Woody S, Darren G
Sound: Rick B
Video: Luke K
Flowers: Kara H
Coffee: Larry & Joanne K
Cookies: Laura B, Pat D,
Elsie D, Vicky D
Music AM: Sharon A, Nancy Z
PM: Sharon A

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Sunday, April 28 ~ GEMS Sunday

10:00 GEMS meet in back of church
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *The Gospel of
God's Abounding Grace*
Scripture: *II Corinthians 9:8-11;
Philippians 4:19-20*
Offering: GEMS Girls Club
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Prayer Service for Council Elections
Offering: GEMS Girls Club

Monday, April 29

7:00 Cadets meet in the Church Basement
7:00 Deacons meet in the Council Room

Tuesday, April 30

9:15 MOMS@1ST Leaders meet in Ed. Building

Wednesday, May 1

7:15 Tribe meets in the Church Parking Lot

Sunday, May 5

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Talking to Your Soul*
Scripture: *Psalms 42:1-6, 11*
Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Faith that Overcomes the World*
Scripture: *I John 5:1-5*
Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

CHURCH BUILDING HOURS

8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Monday-Friday
9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Saturday