ANNOUNCEMENTS

• EDUCATION CLASSES BEGAN TODAY:

Education classes for 3rd -12th grade and adults began this morning, but you are invited to join at any time. See brochure at the Welcome Center for more information about classes and ministry opportunities at First CRC.

• FAMILY CAMP POTLUCK - SEPTEMBER 14:

Everyone is invited to join us for the day or just for dinner on Saturday, September 14 at Howard Miller Steelhead Park. Last names A-K bring a salad and L-Z bring a dessert. Contact Amy V for more information.

• 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 four times during the fall and winter (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?

- ** <u>Dinners 8 Couples</u> is a group of 4 couples or mix of couples and singles to make 8 people total.
- ** <u>Dinners 8 Singles</u> is a group of 8 singles, any age from post high to 100+ are welcome!
- ** <u>Dinners 8 Families</u> is a group of families, children included! **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.

• 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.

• CUPCAKE MINISTRY UPDATE:

Dawn and Molly H want to keep this sweet ministry alive! If you are willing to show our high school students that we care for them by baking or purchasing cupcakes and delivering them, please sign up in the back of church.

** High school student, your cupcakes are coming but we need a little time to get organized.

• HELPERS NEEDED FOR MOMS@1ST:

MOMS@1st needs ministry workers for Kids@1st starting September 10. Contact Stephanie R or Dora B if you are willing to help.

- PERMISSION SLIP REMINDER FOR TRIBE AND OASIS:
 Tribe & Oasis families, if you have not filled out the permission slip for your student, please fill it out and return it back to the office as soon as possible!
- FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:
 Parents of school-aged children, a form concerning financial assistance for Christian education was in your church mailbox.

 <u>ALL</u> 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.

• NEW CHURCH COOKBOOK:

MOMS@1st will be selling cookbooks 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 picnic favorites. Kids, we want your slumber party snacks, favorite cookies and desserts. Put your recipes in Carla Z's mailbox (Q12).

UPCOMING MEETINGS

• TRIBE PARENT MEETING TODAY:

There will be a Tribe parent meeting today at noon in the Loft. Please have one parent attend to learn more about what we will be doing this year. Our meeting will be done by 12:30 p.m.

• HELPING HANDS FOR BABIES:

We will meet on Monday, September 9 at 1:00 p.m. in the Ed. Building. All who love to sew, knit or crochet are welcome! For more information, call Leona O.

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

All boys in 1st -8th grade are invited as we will kick off the Cadet season at Meenderincks' Pond on Monday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. Moms, dads, sisters and brothers are welcome for a fun night of fishing and swimming, along with hot dogs and chips. We will use this opportunity to sign up all cadets and update emails. For more information about Cadets, please contact Brian S.

• MOMS@1st:

We will meet next week Tuesday, September 10 at 9:15 a.m. in the Loft. If you have any questions, contact Stephanie R.

• ELDERS:

Elders will meet this week Tuesday, September 10 (please note the change of date) at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

• GEMS (1ST - 8TH GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY):

All girls in 1st – 8th grade are welcome to join us at GEMS! We will start with a sign-up night and potluck, on Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. Main course and dessert will be provided, please bring something to share. If your daughter's GEMS shirt is too small, please bring it along to switch for a larger size. For more information, contact Gail B.

• WORSHIP PLANNING:

Worship planning will meet this Wednesday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council room.

- NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12: Join women of all ages in studying Nehemiah: A Heart That Can Break by Kelly Minter. This 7-session study will meet every other Thursday, Sept. 12 Dec. 5 from 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Loft. Discover real-life ways to put feet to your faith. Sign up today by the Welcome Center and pick up your book. Contact Phama W for more details.
- OASIS 2.0 (7th-8th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY):

We are excited to begin a new school year with you! Join us on Monday, September 16 from 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Loft for our kick-off. For more information, contact Jeff & Renee L or Patty R.

• TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY):

- ** Our official kickoff will be on Wednesday, September 18 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the Loft.
- ** Dan is phasing out his role in Tribe and handing over the reins to Cal & Laura B and Andrew R. If you have any questions, suggestions, or just want to talk, call or text Cal B or Laura B.

• DAUGHTERS OF ZION WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

All women are invited to join on Thursday, September 19 as we study the book, *Heaven: Finding Our True Home* by Douglas Connelly. These Bible studies provide a biblical perspective on heaven--something richer and more exciting than we can imagine. Books are in the Ed. Bldg. kitchen.

MEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY:

Men of all ages are invited to study of *The Book of Judges: Leaders in Times of Crisis*, every other Thursday night at 7:00 p.m., starting on Thursday, October 3. For more information, contact Pastor Robert at 360-354-4560.

CHURCH FAMILY

We express our sympathy to Dale & Joan A, Maggie S and the rest of the family and friends of Shirley S. Shirley passed away last Saturday, August 31.

I would like to thank everyone who sent me beautiful get-well cards. A big thank you to Marilyn M who brought flowers, vegies from her garden and soups. Many thanks to Coni H for the many jobs she did for me. Then thanks to Pastor W and Phama for their hospital visit. My recovery in going great. Thanks for all the prayers from God's people. ~ Pat M

PRAYER CLOSET

- **PAT M** is at home recovering from open heart surgery to replace a valve.
- CASCADE CHRISTIAN HOME RESIDENT: Amy B
- 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, 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, September 8

Bus Driver: Galen L

Nursery Baby: Leeanne H, Katelyn V

Toddler: Kara H, Cheryl K,

Nicholas M

PM: Jessica H, Bev H

Greeters: Larry & Debbie S,

Brian & Nelda S

Welcome: John & Kathryn V Robert S, Dan R,

Wes V, Tim V

Safety Usher: Woody S, Darren G

Sound: Rick B
Video: Li E
Flowers: Marilyn M

Coffee: Robert & Debbie S.

Lloyd & Linda F

Cookies: Linda T, Michelle T,

Ethel V, Lillian V

Music AM: Mike H, Nancy Z

PM: Nancy Z

Sunday, September 15

Bus Driver: Dan V

Nursery Baby: Joan M, Avery V

Toddler: Jill M, Susan B, Jacob T

PM: Coni H, Virginia H

Greeters: Gene & Linda T,

Ken & Sherri S

Welcome: Jason & Amy V Carl R, Blake V,

Fred Y, Dan B

Safety Usher: Ryan B, Lance H

Sound: Rob H
Video: Brant H
Flowers: Bev H

Coffee: Alan & Pat D,

Lloyd & Linda F

Cookies: Shelly V, Sandi V,

Sharon V, Liz V

Music AM: Mike H

PM: Perlene H

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Sunday, September 8

9:30 Education classes for 3rd grade – Adult

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W

Scripture: Acts 9:1-9

Message: The Greatest Conversion

in History

Offering: Memli & Luiza

11:45 Fellowship Time on the church lawn or in

the church basement (weather dependent)

12:00 TRIBE Parent meeting in the Loft

6:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W

Scripture: *III John 1:1-8*Message: *No Greater Joy*Offering: Memli & Luiza

Monday, September 9

1:00 Helping Hands meets in the Ed. Building

6:30 Cadets Kickoff at Meenderinck's Pond

Tuesday, September 10

9:30 MOMS@1st meets in the Loft

11:00 Shirley Scholten Memorial Service

7:00 Elders meet in the Council Room

Wednesday, September 11

6:30 GEMS Potluck in the Church Basement

7:00 Worship Planning meets in the Council Room

Thursday, September 12

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

Sunday, September 15

9:30 Education classes for 3rd grade – Adult

10:30 Worship Service ~ Steve

Scripture: Matthew 9:35-38

Message: *Right Under Your Nose* Offering: Building the Future Fund

11:45 Fellowship Time on the church lawn or in the church basement (weather dependent)

6:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W

Scripture: III John 1:9-15

Message: *Those Who Like to Be First* Offering: Building the Future Fund