

CHURCH FAMILY

We express our sympathy to the following:

Nicole B and family with the passing of her brother, Wayne B, on February 17 from a car accident.

Wes & Liz V and family with the passing of Liz's mother, Ann K, on February 19. A memorial service is planned for Tuesday, February 25 at 11 a.m. at First CRC.

12TH ANNUAL MISSIONS CELEBRATION

• **SATURDAY, MARCH 21:**

Join us for a delicious Thai dinner (children's meals available) and fellowship at a new location, Faith Community Church (586 Birch Bay Lynden Rd.) Saturday, March 21 at 5:00 p.m. After dinner, we will be hearing from our guest speakers serving with Converge International Ministries and with Frontier Missions. Families are welcome! There will be a program for children ages 3 – 2nd grade during the guest speaker presentations.

There will also be a time before dinner and after presentations to meet and talk with other area mission representatives.

Join us for this uplifting time to hear how God is working here in Whatcom County and around the world!

• **SUNDAY, MARCH 22:**

** EDUCATION HOUR – Missionaries serving with East-West Ministries International, will give a presentation about their ministry during the Education Hour at 9:30 a.m. in the church basement.

** MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – During the morning worship service, we will have our presentation of flags and mission representatives, with a missionary with East-West Ministries International bringing the message.

** FELLOWSHIP TIME – Following the morning worship service, join us for refreshments in the church basement. Representatives from numerous area ministries will have display tables set up and will be available to answer questions.

** EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE – Russell K, interim pastor at Sumas CRC, will be bringing the message during the evening worship service.

** BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER – Baby bottles will also be collected on Sunday, March 22. Additional bottles are available in the back of church. Plan to return the bottles to boxes in the lobby when you come to worship. Proceeds from the bottles will be given to Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic.

COUNCIL TIDBITS

- The newly formed Classis North Cascade will meet on February 27. It will be hosted by us, here at First CRC.
- The World Renew Board is requesting nominations for delegates from our Classis North Cascade.
- The Welcome Center in the narthex will continue to have the bulletins, newsletters, announcements, Tabletalk Devotions, etc., but will not be staffed by volunteers effective in April.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **BE A BLESSING TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY:**

** **WEB DESIGN** – The church website is in the middle of a refresh and we are looking for a volunteer to help finish this update. This person will not be responsible for maintaining or updating the site, once it is completed. The updated website still needs some new graphics, pictures, and to have some pages fixed (which may require time with tech support).

** **OTHER NEEDS** – Prayerfully consider if you can be a blessing to the church family with your time and talents in any of the following areas that need more volunteers: Bus Driver, Sound Board, Video Camera, Usher, Greeter, Nursery Attendant, Welcome Center Attendant, or bringing meals. ** If you are willing to help in any of these areas *or have another area where you are being called to help*, contact the church office at 360-354-4560 or info@firstcrlcynden.org.

• **MOMS@1ST COOKBOOKS STILL AVAILABLE!**

These amazing cookbooks are available to purchase at the church office any Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cookbooks are only \$20 and \$5 goes to New Way Ministries!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

• **EDUCATION HOUR:**

Education Hour for grades 3-12 and adults meet on Sundays from 9:30–10:15 a.m. You are welcome to join at any time!

** The adult class, *A Sprint Down the Romans Road: Romans Made Simple*, led by David W meets in the church basement. A nursery and Bible class for children in 2nd grade and younger is available in the Education Building.

• **DISCOVERY CLASS:**

The Discovery class will meet on Monday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the parsonage. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Robert or the church office at 360-354-4560.

• **DEACONS:**

We will meet on Monday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

• **OASIS 2.0 (7th-8th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY):**

This week we will be diving into a great lesson together. We will then be playing some larger than life games. Join us for a good time and snacks in the loft at 7 pm, Monday, February 23. For more information, contact Jeff & Renee L or Patty R.

• **MOMS@1ST:**

MOMS@1st Leadership Team will meet this week Tuesday, February 25 at 9:30 a.m. in the Education Building. For more information, contact Stephanie R.

• **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY):**

Join us Wednesday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Loft. Snacks this week are Li E. For more information, contact Cal or Laura B.

• **SEARCH TEAM:**

The Associate Pastor Search Team will meet on Thursday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft.

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

** Our annual Snow Derby at Heather Meadows/Mt. Baker Ski Area is Saturday, February 29. Please meet in the First CRC parking lot at 8:15 a.m. We will leave at 8:30 a.m. and return to church at 4:00 p.m. Please bring the following: sack lunch, dry clothes to change into and garbage bag for wet clothes.

** Our next meeting will be Monday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Basement.

** For more information about Cadets, contact Brian S.

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

All girls in 1st – 8th grade are invited to GEMS on Wednesday, March 4 in the Education Building. For more information, about GEMS, please contact Gail B.

• **DAUGHTERS OF ZION WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:**

Join us on Thursday, March 5 as we study *A Psalm in Your Heart*, Psalm 84 & 103 and have our second love offering. Servers will be Eleanor V and Shirley B. For more information, contact Jo V.

• **THURSDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:**

Join us as we study "The Sermon on the Mount" on Thursday, March 5 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Loft. For more information, contact Phama W.

• **MEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY:**

Men of all ages are invited to study *The Book of Judges: Leaders in Times of Crisis*, on March 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Basement. Please read Judges 15-16. For more information, contact Pastor Robert at 360-354-4560.

PRAYER CLOSET

- **PAUL R** has stopped treatment for his cancer and is now on hospice at home.
- **ISAAC T** (son of Mark & Michelle) plans to have corrective heart surgery on February 26 in Seattle.
- **RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:** Ted S (neck), Phama W (spine)
- **DEALING WITH CANCER:** Paul R, Rick B, John B, Susan B, Ralph H
- **ASSISTED LIVING AND CARE CENTER RESIDENTS:**
Cascade Christian Home – Amy B
Christian Health Care Center – Jennie B, Mary K, Bennie M, Johanna R, Joanne V
Cordata Court – Diane S
Lynden Manor – Anna G, Edie M, Kristi N, Maggie S, Albert V, Janet V, Cora V
Meadow Greens – Gussie B, Freda G, Grace H, Nellie H, Andy V, Jo V, Ruth W
Orchard Park – Eleanor & Carol Z
Silverado Care – Casey V
- **ASSOCIATE PASTOR:** Pray for God's will and leading to bring the man of His choosing to First CRC.
- **PHASE III BUILDING:** Pray for God's wisdom and clear leading and for His sufficient provision for building our future.
- **SERVE 2020:** Pray for God to bring the right students, leaders, volunteers and work sites together for Serve to be a blessing.
- **MOMS@1st:** Pray for God to nurture a fruitful ministry to the many moms and children that participate.
- **HAUSA PEOPLE GROUP:** Pray that God would open doors for the Gospel to reach the Hausa people in northern Nigeria.
- **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

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 23

Bus Driver: Blaine K
Nursery Baby: Cheryl K, Kaden K
Toddler: Joan M, Marilyn M, Emily A
PM: Jill B, Hayley B
Greeters: Neil & Debbie M,
Jack & Wilma P
Welcome: Jason & Amy V
Ushers: Larry K, Tim V,
Blake V, Fred Y
Safety Usher: Ryan B, Lance H
Flowers: Lori S
Sound/Video: Chris F, Brant H
Music AM: Ken & Lisa Q
PM: Lee V
Coffee: Berny & Vicky D
Cookies: Wilma P, Wendi P, Mary P, Lisa Q

Sunday, March 1

Bus Driver: Blaine K
Nursery Baby: Lori M, Tessa B
Toddler: Sade N, Megan P, Coleson B
PM: Nicole B, Anna Lee F
Greeters: Ken & Lisa Q
Roger & Mary P
Welcome: Bryan & Kim A
Ushers: Dan B, Levi B,
Josh B, Cal B
Safety Usher: Jacob A, Gene T
Flowers: Sandi V
Sound/Video: Rick B, Andrew R
Music AM: Lee V, Nancy Z
PM: Nancy Z
Coffee: Galen & Candace L
Cookies: Stephanie R, Agnes R, JoAnn R, Chris R

NURSERY REMINDER

In order to keep everyone healthy, we are asking that you *not use or work in the nursery* if you had a fever in the last 24 hours or if you have a runny nose or cough. Thank you!

EDUCATION BUILDING A PEANUT-FREE SPACE

Please do not send or use any food products with peanuts or tree nuts for snacks or meals in the Education Building at any time. Food allergies can be serious and life threatening. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

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Sunday, February 23

9:30 Education Classes meet
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Did God Say?*
Satan's Attack on Submission
Scripture: *Genesis 2:7, 15-17, 20-24*
Offering: Building the Future Fund
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Elijah, The Making of a Man Like Us*
Scripture: *1 Kings 17:1-7*
Offering: Building the Future Fund

Monday, February 24

7:00 Discovery Class meets in the Parsonage
7:00 Oasis 2.0 meets in the Loft
7:00 Deacons meet in the Council Room

Tuesday, February 25

9:30 MOMS@1st Leadership meets in the Ed. Bldg.

Wednesday, February 26

7:30 Tribe meets in the Loft

Thursday, February 27

6:30 North Cascade Classis meets in the Basement
7:00 Search Team meets in the Loft

Saturday, February 29

8:15 Cadets meet in the Parking Lot for Snow Derby

Sunday, March 1 ~ First Sunday in Lent

9:30 Education Classes meet
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Message: *Did God Say?*
Satan's Attack on Jesus, The First Temptation
Scripture: *Matthew 4:1-4*
Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance
Love Offering: Luke Society
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Elijah and the Widow at Zarephath*
Scripture: *1 Kings 17:8-24*
Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance