

THANK YOU NOTES

We thank our First Church family for all the prayers, cards, visits and love on our behalf during Don's hospitalization. What an awesome God we serve. ~ Don & Rose S

For the past 11 years, Helping Hands for Babies has worked to bless needy families and families of sick babies. We have now completed 10,000 blankets and over 25,000 hats! Through the years, our dedicated ladies have donated 1000's of hours to help of keeping little ones cozy and comfortable. Recently, we have branched out to new ministries. Whatcom Hospice receives lap blankets, we now make children's and adult hats, which go all over the world through World Vision, and Samaritans Purse and Operation Christmas Child will be getting shipments of blankets and hats this year. We continue to support 2 orphanages in Haiti, and several hospitals and agencies here in Washington and B.C. Each box is sent with prayers that recipients will be blessed. Only because of your generous offerings are we able to continue this work. Thank you, our Church Family! We thank God for the strength and patience to be helping hands for others. To God be the Glory!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES

- **GEMS COULD USE YOUR HELP!**
Do you have skills or talents that you could share with the 7th-8th grade GEMS? We are looking for guest speakers to talk about nutrition, or perhaps you have a different talent that you can share. Contact Gail B or Carly V if you can help.
- **MOMS@1ST LOOKING FOR "GRANDPARENTS":**
"Grandparents" are needed to serve and love children from babies to age 5 for the MOMS@1ST meetings every other Tuesday from 9:15-11:00 a.m. To sign up, contact Dora B, or sign up in the back of church.
- **BE A BLESSING TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY:**
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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **JOINT REFORMATION DAY WORSHIP SERVICE:**
Join us next Sunday, October 28 at 6:00 p.m. at First CRC for our Reformation Day worship service with area Christian Reformed Churches. Our speaker will be Dr. Lyle B, Director of Doctoral Studies and Professor of the History of Christianity at Calvin Theological Seminary. An offering will be received for World Renew Hurricane Florence Relief.
- **HARVEST DINNER – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4:**
Our annual Harvest Dinner will be Sunday, November 4, following the morning service. Everyone is invited to join us as we give thanks to God. If you would like a meal delivered or a take-out meal due to health difficulties, please contact the church office at 360-354-4560 by Friday, November 3. Take-out meals will only be available to those signed up. Donation will be accepted to help defer the cost of the meal.
- **DISCOVERY CLASS COMING SOON:**
Are you interested in knowing more about First CRC or in joining our church? Discovery class will cover who we are, how we got here, what we believe and what we do. If you are interested in being part of this class, please contact Pastor Robert or the church office at 360-354-4560 or info@firstcrlcynden.org.
- **HELP BLESS OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS – LAST DAY!**
Deadline to bless our college students is TODAY! Tribe would love to have the church be part of encouraging students by writing a note, donating food items or money (for gift cards), but above all, to pray for our young men and women. Monetary donation can be given to Liz V (box O3), other donations can be put in the box in the back of church. For more information, contact Liz V, Laura B, Coni H or Swandel E.
- **CADET POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER:**
Cadets are selling red, pink, white, and jingle bell poinsettias in 6" pots for \$10.00 each. To place an order, contact one of the Cadets, or place your order form and payment in the box on the Welcome Center. Poinsettias will be available for pick-up on Friday, November 23 in the Ed. Building. Orders and payment must be received by Sunday, November 11.
- **DONATIONS FOR NEW WAY MINISTRIES:**
Moms@1st is collecting diapers (sizes 3-6) and laundry pods for New Way Ministries. If you would like to help, please put donations in the box in the Education Building. Thank you!

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **FALL EDUCATION CLASSES:**
Classes and childcare are available for all ages during the Education Hour from 9:30-10:15 a.m. on Sundays. The Adult Class, *Cultures in Conflict*, meets in the church basement.
- **CADETS (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY):**
Join us this Monday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the basement. For more information, contact Brian S.
- **MOMS@1ST:**
Moms@1st will meet in the Loft at 9:15 a.m. on October 23. Contact Stephanie Rennie at 360-433-7616 with questions.
- **COUNCIL:**
Council will meet this week Tuesday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.
- **GEMS (1ST – 8TH GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY):**
Join us on Wednesday, October 24. For more information, contact Gail B.
- **WORSHIP PLANNING:**
The Worship Planning Team will meet this week Wednesday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.
- **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):**
Join us this Wednesday, October 24 for Pumpkin Olympics from 7:00–9:00 p.m. at Smit's farm (9039 Guide Meridian). We will be hosting the international students from Lynden Christian. For more information, contact Dan H.
- **WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY:**
All women are encouraged to join the Seamless Bible Study on Thursday nights from 7:30–9:00 p.m. For the October 25 meeting, please complete your reading of The Messiah on pages 118-139 and homework found on pages 141-143. Contact Stephanie R with questions.
- **OASIS 2.0 (7th-8th GRADE MINISTRY):**
** Join us at the Trampoline Zone on Monday, October 29. Meet in the church parking lot at 6:25 p.m. or meet us there (4201 Meridian St. Suite 107, Bellingham) before 7:00 p.m. Bring \$7.00, grip socks (we have extras), a water bottle, extra money if you want snacks, friends, and your height. If we have time, we will hit McDonalds on the way home.
** Parents - visit Trampoline zone online and fill out a waiver. For more information contact Dan H.
- **DAUGHTERS OF ZION WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:**
Join us as we continue studying *Daniel* on Thursday, November 1 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ed. Building. For more information, contact Jo V.

CHURCH FAMILY

We express our sympathy to Pete W, Marsha M, Jan B, Tabin & Jenny B and family, Tiffany B, Tory B, Henry W, Rena S and their families and friends with the passing of wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister-in-law, Betty W on Monday, October 15.

Birthday greetings to Henrietta N, who celebrates her 90th birthday on October 28. There will be cake in honor of her birthday during the fellowship time next Sunday after the morning worship service.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, so please remember Pastor Robert W, Pastor Barry B, Dan H and their wives in the weeks to come. We will be recognizing them in front of church on today, October 21.

Check out the youth bulletin board in the back of church for pictures of SERVE and events dating from years back. Can you recognize the babies that are now in high school?

PRAYER CLOSET

- **EVEYLN N** is in rehab in the CHCC after falling and breaking some bones.
- **LORI S** will be having hip surgery on Wednesday.
- **BARRY B** as he continues radiation treatments for lower back and leg pain.
- **MYRNA B** is in rehab at CHCC due to a broken shoulder.
- **BERT & RUTH K:** Bert is getting stronger and starting to feel better and Ruth continues to maintain with her treatment for cancer.
- **SADE N & TWINS, TREY AND TATUM** are at UW Hospital while the babies gain weight and continue to grow.
- **CASCADE CHRISTIAN HOME RESIDENT:** Amy Bl
- **CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE RESIDENTS:** Jennie B, Mary K, Carl F, Adrietta 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

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 21, 2018

Bus Driver: Willie A
Nursery Baby: Gail A, Carolyn B, Emily A
Toddler: Jan B, Jenny B, Noah A
Floater: Sara B
PM: Mary V, Dora B
Greeters: Cal & Laura B, Jake D
Welcome: Dan & Gail B
Ushers: Doug H, Linsey H, Rich H, Ken R
Sound: Rick B
Video: Brant H
Flowers: Nancy Z
Music **AM:** Mike S, Nancy Z
PM: Perlene H
Coffee: Alan & Pat D
Cookies: Anna Lee F, Sandy G, Nicki G, Kelsey G

Sunday, October 28, 2018

Bus Driver: Blaine K
Nursery Baby: Peggy B, Swandel E, Elliot B
Toddler: Jennie B, Sandy G, Levi B
Floater: Kelsey G
PM: Kathryn and Avery V
Greeters: Kyle & Swandel E, Jeff & Donelle F
Welcome: Josh & Jill B
Ushers: Dan R, Carl R, Robert S, Brian S
Sound: Jed S
Video: Luke K
Music **AM:** Mike H, Nancy Z
PM: Cheryl K, Nancy Z
Patrick J & Marilyn M
Coffee: Katrina H, Chris H, Jolene H, Roslyn H
Cookies:

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Sunday, October 21

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *The Apostles' Prison Break*
Scripture: *Acts 5:17-26*
Offering: Ken & Chris
11:45 Fellowship Time in the church basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard
Message: *Walk in the Same Way He Walked*
Scripture: *1 John 2:1-6*
Offering: Ken & Chris

Monday, October 22

7:00 Cadets meet in the Church Basement
7:00 Lynden Choral rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 23

9:15 MOMS@1ST meets in the Loft
7:00 Council meets in the Council Room

Wednesday, October 24

6:30 GEMS meets in the Ed. Building
7:00 Worship Planning meets in the Council Room
7:00 TRIBE meets at Smits' Farm

Thursday, October 25

7:30 Women's Bible Study meets in the Loft

Sunday, October 28

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Of God or Not*
Scripture: *Acts 5:27-42*
Offering: Benevolence
11:45 Fellowship Time in the church basement
6:00 Combined Reformation Day Worship Service ~
Dr. Lyle B
Message: *A TULIP in Late October?*
Offering: World Renew Hurricane Florence

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