

CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, thoughtful cards and meals after my surgery. It is so nice to have a church family who cares so much! ~ Lori S

- **CARE PACKAGE THANK YOU'S:**

Thank you to the TRIBE for the care package I received this week! It was great! ~ Mia H

Thank you for the great care package from the TRIBE. It was awesome! ~ Mikaela H

Thank you for remembering me with the care package. It was great to get it in the mail! ~ Brooke B

I was indeed joyed to receive the care package. I think the supplies in it will be extremely useful and the chocolate was the best thing ever. It was also good to know that my old youth group was supporting me. ~ Kaelan K

- **WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?**

Check out our Thankful Tree hanging in the back of church. Take a moment to write what you are thankful for on a leaf and add it to our tree. All ages are encouraged to participate! There will also be a time during our Thanksgiving worship service to say what you are thankful for this year. Let's count our many blessings together this Thanksgiving.

- **REMEMBER THOSE WITHOUT FAMILY NEAR:**

Thanksgiving Day will soon appear,
it's a special family time of year.
For those who are not from around here,
it's a day that can bring a tear.
If you have a space that's clear,
invite a guest to increase your cheer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP SERVICE:**

Join us on Thursday, November 22 as we gather to praise and thank God for the abundance He has given us this year. Please note the Thanksgiving Day worship service will begin at 10:00 a.m. Childcare will be available in the Ed. Building.

** **Thanksgiving Day Offering** – A write up of suggested causes and additional offering envelopes are available at the Welcome Center. All loose money collected will go toward Christian School Tuition Assistance.

- **OFFICE CLOSURE FOR THANKSGIVING:**

Church offices will be closed on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 for Thanksgiving. The bulletin deadline will be Tuesday, November 20 at 10:00 a.m.

- **POINSETTIA AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP NOVEMBER 23:**

If you ordered a poinsettia, they will be available to pick up in the Ed. Building starting this week Friday, November 23.

- **LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE – DECEMBER 1:**

The Lighted Christmas Parade is a Lynden tradition. Gather your friends and family, set up your chairs on Front Street and join us on the church steps for coffee, hot chocolate, and snacks starting at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 1.

- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – DECEMBER 3:**

The annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. to vote on the proposed budget for 2019. The long-range planning team will also present about the progress on the Phase III building project. ** Absentee ballots are available at the Welcome Center. Please return signed ballots to Council Clerk, Galen L (box H8) prior to the start of the meeting.

- **GEMS SOUP SUPPER – DECEMBER 5:**

The GEMS Soup Supper & Bake Sale will be Wednesday, December 5 from 5:00–7:00 p.m. in the Church Basement. Don't miss the delicious soups, salad and dessert! Also plan to stop by the bake sale table full of yummy goodies to purchase. Proceeds will go to the First CRC GEMS.

- **DISCOVERY CLASS STARTING JANUARY 14:**

Are you interested in knowing more about First CRC or in joining our church? Discovery class covers who we are, how we got here, what we believe and what we do. If you are interested in this class, contact Pastor Robert or the church office at 360-354-4560 or info@firstcrlcynden.org.

- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MALL HUNT:**

Volunteers needed for a few hours on Wednesday night, November 28 for the annual Tribe and Oasis 2.0 mall hunt. We are looking for people of any age to dress incognito and walk around the mall for a few hours. You can even get your Christmas shopping done while you are there! Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are interested. For more information, contact Dan H.

- **FAKE EVERGREEN TREES WANTED:**

Oasis and Tribe are looking for a fake tree to use in the Loft. It doesn't have to be pretty, just resemble an evergreen. If you are getting rid of one, contact Dan H.

- **2019 BIRTHDAY CALENDAR UPDATES:**

The church birthday calendar is being updated for next year. If you have any corrections, additions, deletions or any 80+ birthdays or significant anniversaries, please contact the church office at 360-354-4560 or info@firstcrlcynden.org.

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 Monday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the basement. For more information, contact Brian S.

- **COUNCIL MEETING:**

Council will meet on Tuesday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

- **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):**

We will not meet this week because of Thanksgiving break.

- **MOMS@1ST:**

We will meet next week Tuesday, November 27 at 9:15 a.m. Contact Stephanie R with questions.

- **WORSHIP PLANNING:**

Worship planning will meet on Tuesday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

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

Join us next week Wednesday, November 28 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Gail B.

- **TRIBE & OASIS 2.0 MALL HUNT:**

Oasis 2.0 and Tribe will meet together next Wednesday, November 28 for our annual mall hunt. If you need a ride to the mall, meet at the church parking lot at 6:30 pm. If you meet us there, please meet by the fireplace in the food court. We hope to arrive back at church a little after 9:00 p.m. ** OASIS 2.0 and TRIBE PARENTS – We need a few moms and dads to be room parents like in school. Specifically, we need help transporting students to and from the mall for our mall hunt. If you can help, please let Dan Houston know. ** For more information about this event, contact Dan H.

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

Join us next Thursday, 29 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ed. Building. We will study lesson 6. Servers will be Gussie B and Jo V. For more information, contact Jo V.

- **MEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY:**

Men of all ages are invited to study *Life of Moses: Reluctant Leader, Friend of God* on Thursday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. Please read Exodus 11-15. For more information, contact Pastor Robert at 360-354-4560.

PRAYER CLOSET

• **SERVE 2019 UPDATE:**

Please pray that two key coordinator positions will be filled so planning can begin. Pray that God would lead the right people to the right positions. The dates for Lynden SERVE 2019 are June 15-22, which will be here before you know it! Thank you for your prayers and support.

- **GRACE A:** Pray for healing from high blood pressure and dizziness and understanding for the doctors.
- **BARRY B:** Pray for continued healing from cancer and wisdom for the doctors.
- **BERT & RUTH K:** Pray for continued healing and strength for Bert as he deals with heart issues and for Ruth as she continues her cancer treatments.
- **MYRNA B** is in rehab at the Christian Health Care Center recovering from a broken shoulder.
- **CASCADE CHRISTIAN HOME RESIDENT:** Amy B
- **CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE RESIDENTS:** Jennie B, Jim 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
- **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, November 18

Bus Driver: Galen L
Nursery Baby: Lori M, Cheryl K, Taryn B
Toddler: Candace L, Jill M, Coleson B
Floater: Karen M
PM: Kristen H, Dawn H
Greeters: Marlys H, Perlene H, Marv & Evie H
Welcome: Terry & Nicole B
Ushers: Josh B, Kyle E, Craig G, Ken H
Sound/Video: Jed S, Jeff K
Coffee: Elvin & Anna Lee F
Cookies: Crystal H, Kristen H, Perlene H, Kristin H
Music **AM:** Lee V, Sharon A
PM: Lee V

Thanksgiving Day, November 22

Bus Driver: Dan V
Nursery Baby: Pam R, Jill M, Leah B
Toddler: Audrey P, Megan P, Logan B
Floater: Stephanie R
Greeters: Rob & Crystal H, Linsey & Kristin H
Welcome: Kyle & Swandel E
Ushers: Doug H, Len H, Rich H, Ken R
Sound/Video: Chris F, Luke K
Music: Ken & Lisa Qu

Sunday, November 25

Bus Driver: Dan V
Nursery Baby: Mary P, Lisa Q, Madyson B
Toddler: Megan S, Kim R, Brooklyn B
Floater: Debbie S
PM: Bev H, Coni H
Greeters: Doug & Dawn H, Lance & Jessica H
Welcome: Dustin & Kari H
Ushers: Linsey H, Dan R, Carl R, Robert S
Sound/Video: Rick B, Jordan H
Coffee: Berny & Vicky D
Cookies: Leanne H, Dawn H, Jessica H, Bev H
Music **AM:** Cheryl K, Nancy Z
PM: Perlene H

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Sunday, November 18

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *History of a Stiff-Necked People*
Scripture: *Acts 7:1-53*
Offering: Lighthouse Mission
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *The Antichrist*
Scripture: *1 John 2:18-27*
Offering: Lighthouse Mission

Monday, November 19

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

Tuesday, November 20

7:00 Council meets in the Council Room

Thursday, November 22 ~ Thanksgiving Day

10:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Go Your Way Feasting*
Scripture: *Nehemiah 8:9-12*
Offering: Thanksgiving Envelopes

Friday, November 23

~Offices Closed~
Poinsettias available for pick-up in the Ed. Building

Sunday, November 25

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *The Stoning of Stephen*
Scripture: *Acts 7:54-8:1*
Offering: Building the Future Fund
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Aaron W
Offering: Building the Future Fund

WINTER WEATHER POLICY

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

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