

CHURCH FAMILY

Birthday greetings to Jennie B who celebrates her 103rd birthday today, December 16.

We extend our sympathy to Jim & Gail A and family with the passing of Jim's brother, Bill A, last week.

Thank you to Pastor Robert for his visits and phone calls and to my First Church family for all the love and care while I was in the hospital and recovering. ~ Ada V

Thank you for the prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy shown to our family with the passing of Rich's mother.
~The H Family

It's often said this time of year that it's more blessed to give than to receive. We experience that blessing at the Luke Society as we distribute the financial gifts of First Christian Reformed Church to our ministries around the world. We see these gifts bearing everlasting fruit in the many new lives won for Christ. Thank you for being a part of the Luke Society family and touching lives in Jesus' name.

Thank you for your generous support our student ministry with the offering. Funds collected allow us to do things like minister to the women and children at Agape House. Last Wednesday, we did crafts, played bingo, and decorated cookies with the moms and kids. The residents were grateful for the activities and time we spent with them. One mom was thankful for our male students who took time to play her young son. Thank you to those that baked cookies for us to decorate. We are thankful for all your support which allows us to minister in this way.

BLESSING OTHERS AT CHRISTMAS

• **ANGEL TREE DONATIONS DUE TODAY:**

Please turn in all unwrapped Angel Tree donations TODAY so they can be distributed on December 20. Thank you!

• **SEAFARERS DONATIONS:**

While aboard ships in Florida and Cherry Point, Pastor John VH ministers to crew members through preaching the gospel and by showing God's love to them. If you would like to make donation, please place items in the Seafarer's Box in the Ed. Building. The following is a wish list of items:

Jackets (medium & large), knit hats, scarves and gloves, toiletries, nuts are a favorite, hard candies, calendars (pocket or wall), stationery, pens, pencils, Christian CDs or DVD, magazines, items of local interest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE TONIGHT:**

Join us tonight at 6:00 p.m. as the children lead us in worship as "Carriers of the Light".

** All those involved are asked to please meet in the church basement at 5:40 p.m.

• **60+ CLUB CHRISTMAS/NEW YEARS SOCIAL – DEC. 27:**

Everyone 60+ is invited to a Christmas/New Year Soup Luncheon in the church basement on Thursday, December 27 at 1:00 p.m. We have an afternoon of fun, laughter, and fellowship planned. Please bring a \$5 gift for a gift exchange. For more information, contact Joanne K.

• **TIRED BUT NOT RETIRED EVENT:**

Please join us on Friday, December 28 at 7 p.m. in the Loft for an evening of dessert and fun games. Please bring a d dessert. For more information, contact Liz V or Dawn H.

• **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. This class will begin on Monday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parsonage. If you are interested in this class, contact Pastor Robert or the church office at 360-354-4560 or info@firstcrlcynden.org.

• **CALVIN COLLEGE JANUARY SERIES:**

The January Series of Calvin College is coming to Lynden January 3–23. Third CRC will be one of more than 50 remote locations worldwide to broadcast this series. Lectures will be video streamed live from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. The lectures are free and open to the public. Brochures are available at the Welcome Center.

• **LAST WEEK FOR 2019 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.

• **2019 PRAYER CALENDARS:**

There are 2019 calendars published by Voice of the Martyrs available at the Welcome Center. Feel free to take one.

• **END OF THE YEAR GIVING:**

If you would like to make contributions to the church before the end of the year, you can put it in the offering bag, give it to one of the deacons, or give it to the church office no later December 31 or post marked by December 31.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Join us this week Monday, December 17 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the church basement for our Christmas Party. Bring a gift for the gift exchange (\$10 limit) and \$2 for a gift we will purchase for the less fortunate through World Missions. Dress warm for caroling (do NOT wear your Cadet shirt). We will provide pizza for dinner! For more information, contact Brian S.

• **WORSHIP PLANNING:**

Worship Planning Team will meet this week Wednesday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Honcoop's house.

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

Join us on Wednesday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ed. Building for our Christmas party and ornament exchange. We will have a craft and snacks. Please bring a \$5-10 ornament. For more information, call Gail B.

• **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):**

Join us for our Christmas celebration this week Wednesday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Loft. Please bring a \$7 gift for our gift exchange (NOT a white elephant gift). For more information, contact Dan H.

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

** Please note all church offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 25 and Tuesday, January 1.
Thank you!

PRAYER CLOSET

- **RALPH H** (Dan's father) has a mass on the side of his face that has been diagnosed as cancer. He plans to have surgery on Monday, December 17 to remove the mass.
- **BARRY B:** Pray for continued healing from cancer and wisdom for the doctors.
- **BERT & RUTH K:** Pray for Bert with his 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, Kristi N, Henrietta N, Gerrit P, Maggie S, Shirley S, Albert V, Janet V, Cora V
- **MEADOW GREENS RESIDENTS:** Dennis B, Grace H, Nellie H, Andy 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
Snehakunja Home

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 16

Bus Driver: Willie A
Nursery Baby: Kathryn V, Dee B, Jessica K
Toddler: Peggy B, Jan B, Sadie H
Floater: Carolyn B
PM: Anna Lee F, Louise H
Greeters: Patrick J & Marilyn M, Ken & Jennifer M
Welcome: Brian & Carly V
Ushers: Cal B, Jake D, Kyle E, Craig G
Sound/Video: Rick B, Brant H
Coffee: Larry & Joanne K
Cookies: Ardelle K, Cheryl K, Candace L, Renee L
Music AM: Sharon A, Lee V
PM: Nancy Z

Sunday, December 23

Bus Driver: Willie A
Nursery Baby: Jennie B, Kelsey G, Alana K
Toddler: Jenny B, Sara B, Levi M
Floater: Dora B
PM: Nicole B, Marlys H
Greeters: Larry & Joanne K, Blaine & Ardelle K
Welcome: John & Kathryn V
Ushers: Ken H, Linsey H, Doug H, Len H
Sound/Video: Chris F, Luke K
Coffee: Robert & Debbie S
Cookies: Joan M, Joyce M, Jill M, Karen M
Music AM: Mike H, Nancy Z
PM: Mike H

Christmas Day, December 25

Bus Driver: Blaine K
Nursery Baby: Swandel E, Sandy G, Steven R
Toddler: Jolene H, Kari H, Luke K
Floater: Crystal H
Greeters: Galen & Candace L, Eric & Lori M
Welcome: Jason & Amy V
Ushers: Rich H, Ken, Dan, & Carl R
Sound/Video: Rick B, Jordan H
Music: Cheryl K, Nancy Z

CHRISTMAS SEASON at First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington

Sunday, December 16 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 Children's Service practice in Ed. Building
(Children's Church – 6th grade)
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard
Message: *The Incarnation – The Gift of Gifts*
Scripture: *John 1:1-18; Galatians 4:4-7*
Offering: Seafarers Ministry
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
5:40 Children meet in the Church Basement
6:00 Children's Christmas Service
Offering: Seafarers Ministry

Monday, December 17

6:30 Cadets meet in the Ed. Building

Wednesday, December 19

6:30 Worship Planning meets at the Honcoop's
6:30 GEMS meet in the Ed. Building
7:30 Tribe meets in the Loft

Sunday, December 23 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard
Message: *The Incarnation –
Born of the Will of God*
Scripture: *John 1:1-18; Isaiah 7:14*
Offering: Envision Ministries
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard
Carols and Candles
Offering: Envision Ministries

Tuesday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

10:00 Christmas Day Worship Service
** Church offices closed **

Sunday, December 30

10:30 Morning Worship Service ~ Mitchell Senti
6:00 Evening Worship Service ~ Berny Dykstra

Tuesday, January 1 ~ New Year's Day

** Church offices closed **

