

CHURCH FAMILY

Birthday greetings to Jane S who celebrates her 81st birthday on December 24.

Congratulations to Brian & Jenna K on the birth of their son, Trace Jameson on Monday, December 17.

Thank you to Helene and Fred Y, Nancy Z, the speakers, and teachers that helped put together the Children's Christmas Program. What a blessing to His little ones proclaiming the birth of Christ.

Thank you to all those who gave gifts for the "Angel Tree". These gifts were distributed to the many less fortunate children and their families from all around Whatcom County.

Dear First family,
On behalf of Tatum, Trey, Haven, Dan and myself, I would like to say thank you. Thank you for all the prayers that were put over us. Thank you for all the meals that were made. Thank you for watching and caring for Haven while I was on bed rest. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus and displaying his love and charity to us. May God bless you all this Christmas season and happy new year.
~ Dan & Sade N and family

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP SERVICE:**

Everyone is encouraged to join us on Christmas morning at 10:00 a.m. (note the earlier time) for a time of joy and celebration because of the gift God has given us with the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

** Christmas Day Offering:

An offering will be received on Christmas Day for World Renew Disaster Response Services, to assist those affected by the wildfires in California this fall. World Renew Disaster Response Services shows God's love and brings hope to disaster-affected communities by restoring the homes and lives of those who are most vulnerable.

• **CHURCH BUILDING AND OFFICE CLOSURES:**

The church offices will be closed and buildings locked on Tuesday, December 25 and Tuesday, January 1. Thank you!

• **SPRING ADULT ED STARTS JANUARY 6!**

Sunday Education Hour for grades 3-12 starts January 6!
All classes meet on Sunday mornings from 9:30–10:15 a.m.

** Grades 3 & 4 are led by Helene Y, grades 5 & 6 are led by Mary V, grades 7 & 8 are led by Glen B and grades 9-12 are led by Dan H. Feel free to contact the teachers with any questions!

** Join the adult class as we walk through two more video studies by Ray Vander Laan. We'll look at the Path to the Cross as well as the Mission of Jesus. Join us in the church basement at 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mornings!

** A nursery and Bible class for children in 2nd grade and younger is available in the Education Building.

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

Everyone 60+ is invited to a Christmas/New Year Soup Luncheon on Thursday, December 27 at 1:00 p.m. in the church basement. We have an afternoon of fun, laughter, and fellowship planned. We will have a \$5 gift exchange. Please bring a plate of Christmas goodies to share as our dessert. The church bus is available if you would like a ride. For more information, contact Joanne K.

• **TIRED BUT NOT RETIRED SOCIAL – DECEMBER 28:**

Please join us on Friday, December 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft for an evening of dessert and fun games. Please bring a dessert. For more information, contact Liz V or Dawn H.

• **TRIBE & OASIS 2.0 (7th-12th GRADE MINISTRIES):**

It's Christmas break and time to celebrate with friends and family. Our next gathering will be in the new year. If you would like to hang out with Dan, please sign up in the back of church. For more information, contact Dan 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@firstcrclynden.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 webcast locations worldwide to broadcast one of the nation's leading lecture and cultural art 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.

• **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.

• **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.

PRAYER CLOSET

- **RALPH H** (Dan's father) is recovering from surgery to remove a tumor from his face this past week. Pray for Ralph and the family as the doctors follow-up his surgery with additional treatment.
- **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 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 Van W
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
Toddler: Jolene H, Kari H, Luke K
Floater: Crystal H
Greeters: Galen & Candace L, Eric & Lori M
Welcome: Jason & Amy Vi
Ushers: Rich H, Ken, Dan, & Carl R
Sound/Video: Rick B, Jordan H
Music: Cheryl K, Nancy Z

Sunday, December 30

Bus Driver: Blaine K
Nursery Baby: Kristin H, Leeanne H,
Kelli H
Toddler: Molly H, Bev H,
Nicholas M
Floater: Coni H
PM: Dawn H, Jessica H
Greeters: Neil & Debbie M, Jack & Wendi P
Welcome: Bryan & Kim A
Ushers: Robert S, Brian S,
Ed V, Dan V
Sound/Video: Chris F, Jeff K
Coffee: Lloyd & Linda F
Cookies: Marsha M, Lori M,
Jill M, Leona O
Music AM: Sharon A, Nancy Z
PM: Shirley B

Christmas Season at First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington

Sunday, December 23 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *The Incarnation –
Born of the Will of God*
Scripture: *John 1:1-18*
Offering: Envision Mission
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Festival of Nine Lessons, Carols, and Candles
Offering: Envision Mission

Tuesday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

10:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *The Incarnation –
We Have Beheld His Glory*
Scripture: *John 1:1-18*
Offering: World Renew – California Fire Relief
** Church Offices Closed **

Thursday, December 27

1:00 60+ Club Luncheon in the Church Basement

Friday, December 28

7:00 Tired But Not Retired Social in the Loft

Sunday, December 30

10:30 Worship Service ~ Mitchell S
Message: *Qualities of Christ*
Scripture: *I Timothy 3:8-16*
Offering: Building the Future
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Berny D
Message: *Our Love for Jesus Depends Upon
Our Perceived Need for Him*
Scripture: *Luke 7:36-50*
Offering: Building the Future

Tuesday, January 1 ~ New Year's Day

** Church Offices Closed and Buildings Locked

