

CHURCH FAMILY

Birthday greetings to Jane S who celebrates her 82nd birthday on December 24.

We would like to thank our church family for their thoughts and prayers during Harold's recent surgery. Thank Pastor Robert for your visit and prayers. To God be the glory for his healing hand. ~ Harold & Louise H

Thank you so much for all the prayer, visits, cards and meals we received after my back surgery. We appreciate all the love and support provided to us during this time.

~Josh & Megan S

Thank you to Helene & Fred Y, Nancy Z, the speakers, and teachers that helped put together the Children's Christmas Service. 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 will be distributed to the many less fortunate children and their families from all around Whatcom County.

It's often said during the holiday season that it's more blessed to give than to receive. The Luke Society is able to live that out all year in the way we help to fund the Christian calling of more than 40 ministry directors. First Christian Reformed Church is an important part of that process as directors reach their own people in Christ's name. We thank you for your support and wish you a blessed Christmas season.

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.

• **CHURCH BUILDING AND OFFICE CLOSURES:**

The church offices will be closed and buildings locked on Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25 and again on New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1.

• **ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH TEAM:**

The Search Team will meet TODAY following the morning worship service for a short meeting in the Council Room.

• **SENIOR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – DECEMBER 27:**

Everyone 70+ is invited to a Christmas Luncheon in the church basement on Friday, December 27 at 1:00 p.m. Please bring a \$5 gift for a gift exchange and Christmas goodie to share. Sign up now in the back of church!

• **TIRED BUT NOT RETIRED – JANUARY 2:**

All those 40-70ish are invited to an "UnChristmas Party" on Friday, January 2. More details will be available later but mark your calendar and plan to attend this fun event!

• **SPRING ADULT ED STARTS JANUARY 5:**

Sunday Education Hour for grades 3-12 starts January 5!
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 Zach W.

Feel free to contact the teachers with any questions!

** Join the adult class, a study of Romans, led by David W. This class meets in the church basement.

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

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

We will be studying "The Sermon on the Mount" starting January 9 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Please sign up for a book on Sunday, December 29. Please contact Phama W with any questions.

• **DISCOVERY CLASS STARTING IN JANUARY:**

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 in January. If you are interested, contact Pastor Robert or the church office at 360-354-4560.

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

There is still time to purchase a cookbook for yourself or as a gift! You can purchase these amazing cookbooks at the church office Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or find them for sale at Christian Connections Bookstore or The Green Barn. The best part, they are only \$20 and \$5 goes straight to New Way Ministries!

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

Please look over the opportunities listed below and prayerfully consider if you can be a blessing to the church family with your time and talents:

Sound Board Operator, Video Camera Operator, Usher, Greeter, Nursery Attendant, Welcome Center Attendant, or bringing meals to those recovering from surgery or having health issues.

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@firstcrclynden.org.

• **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.

• **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.

• **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.

PRAYER CLOSET

- **CLARICE B** is at PeaceHealth Rehab at United General Hospital in Sedro Woolley for stroke rehab.
- **DEALING WITH CANCER:** Paul R, Rick B, John B, Susan B, Ralph H
- **CASCADE CHRISTIAN HOME RESIDENT:** Amy B
- **CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE RESIDENTS:** Jennie B, Mary K, Johanna R, Joanne V, Myrna B (rehab)
- **CORDATA COURT RESIDENT:** Diane S
- **LYNDEN MANOR RESIDENTS:** Edie M, Kristi N, Maggie S, Albert V, Janet V, Cora V
- **MEADOW GREENS RESIDENTS:** Gussie B, Freda G, Grace H, Nellie H, Andy V, Jo V, Ruth W
- **ORCHARD PARK RESIDENTS:** Eleanor & Carol Z
- **SILVERADO CARE RESIDENTS:** Bennie M, Casey V
- **HAUSA PEOPLE GROUP OF NORTHERN NIGERIA:**
Pray that God will pour out His Holy Spirit on the Hausa and build His church among them.
- **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 – India

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 22

Bus Driver: Willie A
Nursery Baby: Lisa Q, Samantha T
Toddler: Joan M, Stephanie R, Jackson M
PM: Mindy & Katelyn V
Greeters: Elvin & Anna Lee F; Brent & Jolene H
Welcome: Bryan & Kim A
Ushers: Josh B, Cal B, Jake D, Kyle E
Safety Usher: Jason V, Randy L
Sound/Video: Rob H; Brant H
Music AM: Ken & Lisa Q
PM: Sharon A
Coffee: Galen & Candace L
Cookies: Jolene H, Kelsey G, Roslyn H, Chris H

Christmas, December 25

Bus Driver: Blaine K
Nursery Baby: Linda T, Levi T
Toddler: Pam R, Megan S, Nicholas M
Greeters: Dustin & Kari H; Marlys H; Perlene H
Welcome: Jason & Amy V
Ushers: Craig G, Ken H, Doug H, Linsey H
Safety Usher: Patrick J, Tabin B
Sound/Video: Chris F, Jordan H
Music: Lee V, Nancy Z

Sunday, December 29

Bus Driver: Blaine K
Nursery Baby: Kim and Brinley R
Toddler: Debbie S, Meredith Z, Ella M
PM: Carly and Reagan V
Greeters: Linsey & Kristin H, Doug & Dawn H
Welcome: Dan & Gail B
Ushers: Len H, Rich H, Dave L, Ken R
Safety Usher: Woody S, Darren G
Sound/Video: Chris F, Li E
Music AM: Sharon A, Nancy Z
PM: Perlene H
Coffee: Berny & Vicky D
Cookies: Marlys H, Kari H, Louise H, Crystal H

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Sunday, December 22 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Scripture: *Daniel 3:8-30; Isaiah 43:2-3*
Message: *When Heaven and Earth Meet: The Fiery Furnace*
Offering: Christian Hope Association
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
11:45 Search Team meets in the Council Room
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Nine Lessons & Carols Candlelight Service
Offering: Christian Hope Association

Wednesday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

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

Friday, December 27

1:00 Senior Christmas Luncheon
in the Church Basement

Sunday, December 29

10:30 Worship Service ~ David W
Scripture: *II Kings 18:13-25*
Message: *20/20 Vision for 2020*
Offering: Envision Mission
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Berny D
Scripture: *Mark 2:13-17*
Message: *Jesus Came to Save Sinners*
Offering: Envision Mission

Wednesday, January 1 ~ New Year's Day

** Church offices closed **

