

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **GUEST PASTOR:**

Tonight we welcome Nathaniel T to the pulpit. Nathaniel is the director of Reformed University Fellowship at Western Washington University.

- **EDUCATION CLASSES:**

All education classes have wrapped up for the fall session. Classes will resume for winter session on January 5.

- **CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S SERVICE PRACTICE:**

All children ages 3 yrs. old – 6<sup>th</sup> grade are asked to practice for the Children's Service the following days:

Sunday, December 1, 8, 15 at 9:30 am in the Ed. Building

Saturday, December 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Some speakers and singers may also be asked to come for additional practices. Parents, thank you for helping with this! Children will be asked to be meet in the church basement at 5:40 p.m. on Sunday, December 15 for the service.

- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – DECEMBER 3:**

The Congregational Meeting will be Tuesday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. to vote on the proposed 2020 church budget.

\*\* Absentee ballots are available at the Welcome Center.

Return signed absentee ballots to Council Clerk, Doug VW (box O10) prior to the start of the meeting.

- **GEMS SOUP SUPPER – DECEMBER 4:**

The GEMS Soup Supper & Bake Sale will be Wednesday, December 4 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.

- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MALL HUNT:**

Volunteers needed on Wednesday, December 4 for the annual Tribe/Oasis 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! Sign up in the back of church or talk to Cal or Laura.

- **ANGEL TREE DONATIONS DUE DECEMBER 15:**

Angel Tree gifts need to be turned in no later than Sunday, December 15. If interested in participating, purchase 1 or more items to donate but do NOT wrap the gifts. Thank you!

- **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.

- **MISSION TRIP TO WAXHAW, NC/JAARS-WYCLIFFE:**

A mission trip to Waxhaw, NC at the JAARS/ Wycliffe Base is being planned for April 26, 2020. We will have a meeting Sunday, December 15 in the Loft following the morning service. For more information, talk to Wes or Liz VP.

- **SERVE 2020 WORKSITES:**

If you know of anyone who would benefit from having a group clean up their yard, repair a fence, etc., contact Len H or Steve L.

- **2020 BIRTHDAY CALENDAR UPDATES:**

If you have any corrections, additions, deletions or any 80+ birthdays or significant anniversaries for the church birthday calendar, please contact the church office at 360-354-4560.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **CADETS (1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE BOYS MINISTRY):**

Join us on Monday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the basement. For more information, contact Brian S.

- **HELPING HANDS FOR BABIES:**

We will meet on Monday, December 2 at 1:00 p.m. in the Ed. Building. All who love to sew, knit or crochet are welcome!

- **SERVE 2020 TEAM:**

We will meet on Monday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft. For more information, contact Molly H.

- **DEACONS:**

We will meet on December 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

- **MOMS@1<sup>st</sup>:**

MOMS@1<sup>ST</sup> will meet Tuesday, December 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the Loft. For more information, contact Stephanie R.

- **GEMS (1<sup>ST</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY):**

Join us on Wednesday, December 4 from 5:00–7:00 p.m. to help with our soup supper and bake sale. For questions about GEMS, please contact Gail B.

- **TRIBE & OASIS (HIGH SCHOOL & JR. HIGH MINISTRY):**

Join us on Wednesday, December 4 for our mall hunt! If you need a ride, meet at church at 6:30 p.m. or meet us in the food court at 7:00 p.m. We hope to be back at church around 9:00 p.m. For more information, contact Cal B.

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

Men of all ages are invited to study *The Book of Judges*, on December 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Basement.

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

Our last lesson on Nehemiah will be Thursday, December 5 with a wrap-up and dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Loft.

## CHRISTMAS SEASON AT FIRST CRC

### **Advent 2019**

*When Heaven and Earth Meet:*

*The Theophanies of Jesus in the Old Testament*

#### **Sunday, December 1 ~ First Sunday in Advent**

9:30 a.m. Education Hour for Adult Class

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service ~  
Nathaniel T

#### **Tuesday, December 3**

7:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting

#### **Wednesday, December 4**

5:00–7:00 p.m. GEMS Soup Supper

#### **Sunday, December 8 ~ Second Sunday in Advent**

9:30 a.m. Children's Service practice in Ed. Bldg.  
(Children's Church – 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service

#### **Saturday, December 14**

9:30 a.m. Children's Service practice in Sanctuary  
(Children's Church – 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

#### **Sunday, December 15 ~ Third Sunday in Advent**

9:30 a.m. Children's Service practice in Ed. Bldg.  
(Children's Church – 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
5:40 p.m. Children meet in the Church Basement  
6:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Service

#### **Sunday, December 22 ~ Fourth Sunday in Advent**

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
6:00 p.m. Nine Lessons, Carols, & Candles Service

#### **Wednesday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day**

10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship Service  
\*\* Church offices closed \*\*

#### **Sunday, December 29**

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service ~ David W  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service ~ Berny D

#### **Wednesday, January 1 ~ New Year's Day**

\*\* Church offices closed \*\*



CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you to all those who supported the Cadets by buying a poinsettia this year, we are very thankful for what this church does to support these young men. ~ First CRC Cadets

PRAYER CLOSET

- **CLARICE B** is at the CHCC to recover from a broken pelvis and a stroke.
- **RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:** Harold H
- **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, Carl F, Johanna R, Joanne V
- **CORDATA COURT RESIDENT:** Diane S
- **LYNDEN MANOR RESIDENTS:** Edie M, Kristi N, Maggie S, Albert VD, Janet VS, Cora VW
- **MEADOW GREENS RESIDENTS:** Gussie B, Freda G, Grace H, Nellie H, Andy VV, Jo VV, 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**

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 1

**Bus Driver:** Bryan A  
**Nursery Baby:** Jessica and Brielle H  
**Toddler:** Virginia & Sadie H, Jenna K  
**PM:** Jill McKee, Megan P  
**Greeters:** Dick & Jennie B, Jake DH  
**Welcome:** Ken & Jennifer MK  
**Ushers:** Carl R, Dan R, Robert S, Brian S  
**Safety Usher:** Ryan B, Lance H  
**Sound/Video:** Chris F, Jordan H  
**Music AM:** Ken & Lisa Q  
**PM:** Nancy Z  
**Coffee:** Patrick J & Marilyn MC  
**Cookies:** Jennie B, Sara B, Dora B, Pat D

Sunday, December 8

**Bus Driver:** Bryan A  
**Nursery Baby:** Denise & Jessica K  
**Toddler:** Ardelle K, Lori M, Alana K  
**PM:** Mary P, Mary VW  
**Greeters:** Bill & Dora B, Ryan & Sara B  
**Welcome:** Brian & Carly VW  
**Ushers:** Ed VB, Dan VT, Wes VP, Tim VV  
**Safety Usher:** Jacob A, Gene T  
**Sound/Video:** Chris F, Li E  
**Music AM:** Mike H, Nancy Z  
**PM:** Nancy Z  
**Coffee:** Arlene VR, Nikki B  
**Cookies:** Greta E, Elsie D, Vicky D, Kim E

EDUCATION BUILDING A PEANUT-FREE SPACE

Our church family has some with severe peanut allergies. To help keep our children safe, Council is requesting that the Education Building now be 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.* Also remember to wash hands thoroughly after eating any peanut products at home if you or your child will be in the Education Building. We do not want to take food allergies lightly, they can be serious and life-threatening. If you have questions, please contact the church office or talk to your Care District Elder.

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington

Sunday, December 1 – First Sunday of Advent

9:30 Adult Education Hour in Church Basement  
9:30 3 yrs.–6<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas Practice in Ed. Bldg.  
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W  
Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper  
Scripture: *Genesis 32:22-32*  
Message: *When Heaven and Earth Meet: Jacob and the Wrestler*  
Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance  
Love Offering: Luke Society  
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement  
6:00 Worship Service ~ Nathaniel T  
Scripture: *Matthew 6:9-13; Exodus 6:2-8*  
Message: *Our Father*  
Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Monday, December 2

1:00 Helping Hands meets in the Ed. Building  
7:00 SERVE Team meets in the Loft  
7:00 Deacons meet in the Council Room  
7:00 Cadets meet in the Church Basement  
7:00 Lynden Choral Society Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 3

9:30 MOMS@1<sup>st</sup> meets in the Loft  
7:00 Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 4

5:00-7:00 GEMS Soup Supper in the Basement  
6:30 Tribe/Oasis Mall Hunt leaves from Church

Thursday, December 5

7:00 Women’s Bible Study meets in the Loft  
7:00 Men’s Study meets in the Church Basement

Sunday, December 8 – Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 Adult Education Hour in Church Basement  
9:30 3 yrs.–6<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas Practice in Ed. Bldg.  
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W  
Scripture: *Joshua 5:13-15*  
Message: *When Heaven and Earth Meet: Joshua and the General*  
Offering: Ken & Chris Van Weerdhuizen  
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement  
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W  
Offering: Ken & Chris Van Weerdhuizen