

## THANK YOU

Thank you to my church family for all the prayers and kindness over the years; you have been a wonderful church family to me. I will be moving to Mesa City, Iowa to live with my daughter at the beginning of August.

~ Dixie P.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CHURCH PICNIC AT BERTHUSEN PARK – MONDAY:** Everyone is invited to the church picnic on Monday, July 26 at 6:30 at Berthusen's Park. Please bring your own table service plus the following:

Families with last names A-M – – – Salad

Families with last names N-Z – – – Desserts

First Church potato salad will be provided. A donation box will be available to help offset some of the picnic expenses. Activities such as a candy hunt, volleyball, face-painting, crafts, sack races, softball, candy guessing game, and golf ball guessing game will all be at this year's church picnic. There is something for all ages! We might even be able to get the Elders and Deacons to play softball, so bring your baseball glove and your A-game. You are also welcome to bring your frisbees, bocce ball and croquet sets, and lawn chairs to watch all the activities. We hope to see you all there! If you need a ride or more information call the church office at 354-4560.

- **COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE – AUGUST 1:**

Join us on Sunday, August 1 for a community worship service in celebration of 100 years of Christian education at Ebenezer and Lynden Christian Schools. The worship service will be held at 3 p.m. at the NWWashington Fair Grounds with Pastor Gord Terpstra bringing the message. The First CRC Elders have cancelled our usual evening worship service, to allow members to attend this event. Everyone is encouraged to join with fellow believers in a celebration of praise and thanksgiving to our faithful God for generations of Christian education in Lynden.

- **DISCOVERY CLASS FOR NEW MEMBERS:**

Are you interested in knowing more about First Church or in joining our church? A new Discovery Class will be offered in August by Pastor Robert which will cover who we are, how we got here, what we believe and what we do. To sign up, contact the church office or Pastor Robert at 354-4560.

- **60+ CLUB “CRACKED CRAB CRUISE”:**

Please meet at church on Tuesday, July 27 at 4:30 p.m. to leave for the cruise around Bellingham Bay.

- **JULY BIRTHDAY TEA:**

All July birthday ladies 16 & older are invited to the parsonage this Saturday, July 31 at 2 p.m. Please RSVP to hostess, Nicki G. before Wednesday. Let's celebrate another year of God's grace together!

- **GEMS TRACTOR SHOW FUNDRAISER:**

WE NEED YOUR HELP!! Sign-up TODAY to help the GEMS in working at the *Puget Sound Antique Tractor Show* at Berthusen Park on August 4-7. With a small GEMS group this year, your help is needed more than ever! Shifts are 4 hours long and run from 7:45 a.m.–7:00 p.m. If you are willing to help, please sign-up in the back of church or contact Kara H. or Susan B. in the church office at 354-4560.

- **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER:**

Are you able to wave a flag? We could use you at this year's fair parking, which supports our high school youth group. Because of so many students graduating this year, we need help filling our slots. If you can help, please sign up on the Welcome Center. Students and parents are also encouraged to sign up to get the day and time that they can help. If not signed up, parents and students to time slots after August 4. For more information, contact Dan H. at 354-4560.

- **60+ CLUB TRIP TO MARINERS GAME:**

Join us on Wednesday, August 11 for a 12:40 p.m. Mariner's game versus Oakland. If you are interested, sign-up at the Welcome Center. For more information, contact Gert B. or Cora S.

- **WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE IN SEATTLE:**

The theme for this year is *“IMAGINE – because the God who loves you can do far more than you can ever imagine!”* The conference is at Key Arena in Seattle on October 29-30. Call now to get tickets at the group rate of \$89.00 for the conference and lunch both days. For more information or to order tickets, call Liz VP.

- **FAMILY CAMPING TRIP IN CONCRETE, WA:**

Mark your calendars – the dates for this year's family camping trip are September 10-12.

## WEEKLY MEETINGS

- **SUMMER ADULT CLASS – DVD SERIES:**

The DVD scheduled for Aug. 1 is titled *“The Theology Behind Smart Diplomacy with North Korea.”* The speaker is K.A. (Tony) Namkung. He is an internationally known independent consultant on US-Asian relations. In this lecture Namkung takes the surprising view that North Korea was founded by a person with strong religious--even Christian--perspective and has been trying to find a way back into good standing with Western nations.

- **DEACONS MEETING – CHANGE OF DATE:** We will be meeting on Tuesday, July 27 at 7 p.m. in the Council Room.

- **WORSHIP PLANNING MEETING:** We will be meeting on Wednesday, July 28 at 7 p.m. in the Council Room.

- **FINAL CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL GAMES:**

The games this week are Thursday, July 29 at 6:30 p.m. on Field 5 and at 7:30 on Field 5. After the last game, there will be ice cream sundaes in celebration of another great softball season. Everyone is encouraged to come and cheer on the First CRC team to victory then enjoy some ice cream!

## COUNCIL NEWS

- Council accepted the invitation of Third CRC to join with other CR church's for a Christmas Choir Cantata on a Sunday evening in December.
- Council approved a motion from Long Range Planning and Financial Advisory Committees to proceed with as-built and schematic drawings for the new addition for review and approval by council. Last December the congregation authorized this next step when the \$300,000 threshold was crossed. We currently have over \$330,000 in the building fund. Please continue to pray for this project and we thank God for all His blessings.
- Council approved replacement of our 40 year old furnaces to new higher efficiency furnaces.
- Council will not meet in August which is customary.

## CHURCH FAMILY

Birthday greetings to Liz B. who celebrates her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on July 31.

## PRAYER CLOSET

- **TRINITY** (daughter of Jason & Amy) had heart surgery this past week at Children's Hospital in Seattle. We praise God that the surgery went well. Pray that Trinity might have a quick recovery and that there will be no complications with fluid around her heart. Also remember Jason, Amy, and the entire family as they are in Seattle for an extended period of time as Trinity recovers.
- **MAGGIE S.** as she is in the hospital recovering from pneumonia and other medical issues.
- **EDITH W.** is in room 507 of the rehabilitation wing at the Christian Health Care Center. Pray that Edith may continue to gain strength.
- **CASH** (grandson of Jack & Wilma) as he continues with his chemo treatments. Pray that the chemo will be effective against the tumor. Also pray for Cash and his family as they try to keep Cash healthy and occupied during the long hospital stays, and also care for their other children.
- **LYNDEN MANOR RESIDENTS:**  
Bill R. Kristi N.  
Sena S. Len VD.
- **CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE RESIDENTS:**  
Hilda R. Anna VD.  
Edith W.
- **MEADOW GREENS RESIDENTS:**  
Liz B. Ann D.  
Dick D. Jeanne D.  
Tony & Etta F. Emma G.  
Opal L. Betty W.

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If you would like to receive prayer updates through the email or phone prayer chain, contact the church office at 354-4560 or [info@firstcrlcynden.org](mailto:info@firstcrlcynden.org).

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

This Sunday, July 25, 2010

- Greeters:** Glen & Karen B.  
Dick & Jennie B.
- Information:** Bryan & Kim Ahlers
- Nursery Baby:** Sandi A, Peggy B
- 1 yr. old:** Dora B(Lead), Angie W
- 2 yr. old:** Irene D, Larissa D
- Floater:** Tanisha G, Nathan G
- P.M.:** Kevin & Susan B
- Ushers:** Laurie Z, Tim B  
Cal B, Sid G  
Jacob A (on call)
- Bus Driver:** Hank R
- Flowers:** Lori S
- Cookies:** Ann V, Cassie V  
Eleanor V,  
Lena Marie V
- Coffee:** Roger and Mary P
- Sound:** Rick B
- Organ** **A.M.:** Shirley B  
**P.M.:** Shirley B
- Piano** **A.M.:** Nancy Z  
**P.M.:** Betty

Next Sunday, August 1, 2010

- Greeters:** Bill & Dora B,  
Beth B, Betty S
- Information:** Brent & Jolene H
- Nursery Baby:** Kristin H (Lead), Swandel E
- 1 yr. old:** Kathy F, Kasey F
- 2 yr. old:** Jan B, Tiffany B
- Floater:** Taylor F, Brooke B
- Ushers:** Brian S, Wes V,  
John Van W,  
Laurie Z  
Fred Y (On Call)
- Bus Driver:** Bryan A
- Flowers:** Peggy B
- Cookies:** Liz V, Janet V  
Gert V, Joann V
- Coffee:** Cora S
- Sound:** Rob H
- Keyboard** **A.M.:** Nancy Z
- Piano** **A.M.:** Sharon A

## *First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington*

### Calendar for the Week of July 25, 2010

#### **Sunday, July 25**

- 9:30 Calvin College DVD class in Church Basement
- 10:30 Worship Service ~ Pastor Robert Woodyard  
Message: *You Will Know Them By Their Fruit*  
Scripture: *Matthew 7:15-20*  
Offering: Building the Future Fund
- 11:45 Coffee & Cookie Fellowship Time in Basement
- 6:00 Worship Service ~ Pastor Robert Woodyard  
Message: *God's Glory in the Garden*  
Scripture: *Psalms 8*  
Offering: Building the Future Fund

#### **Monday, July 26**

- 6:30 Church Picnic at Berthusen Park

#### **Tuesday, July 27**

- 7:00 Deacons Meeting

#### **Thursday, July 29**

- 6:30 Softball Game at Bender Fields ~ Field 5
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with ice cream social following final game

#### **Saturday, July 31**

- 2:00 July Birthday Tea at the Parsonage

#### **Sunday, August 1**

- 9:30 Calvin College DVD class in Church Basement
- 10:30 Worship Service ~ Pastor Robert Woodyard  
Message: *Empty Words and Empty Hearts*  
Scripture: *Matthew 7:21-23*  
Offering: Tuition Assistance Fund
- 11:45 Coffee & Cookie Fellowship Time in Basement
- 3:00 Combined Worship Service at Fairgrounds