

## THANK YOU

To all the caring members of First Church,  
A heartfelt thank you to all who remembered me when I was in the hospital, and for the visits, well-wishes, and especially the prayers on my behalf. A special thank you to Pastor Robert, Pastor Barry, Patrick Jones, and Bob Smit for the visits. We thank God that we have a loving, caring church family.

~ Bill, Shirley, and Steve S

Thank you to everyone who made the church picnic a wonderful night. Thank you fellowship committee crew for the wonderful meal. Thank you all those that helped with the kids activities and face painting. Thank you Cassie V for using your photo artistry to capture memories through your great photos. Thank you Cal B for getting the softball started. It was a great evening with great food, good friends, and fantastic weather.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### • **COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE – TODAY:**

Join us this afternoon 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 NW Washington Fair Grounds with Pastor Gord T 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 from the area in a celebration of praise and thanksgiving to our faithful God for generations of Christian education in Lynden.

### • **OUTDOOR SERVICE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL:**

Next Sunday, August 8, we will be having an outdoor worship service on the church lawn (weather permitting). We will be celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during the worship service. After the worship service join us for an ice cream social and a time of fellowship on the church lawn. All those who are able, are asked to bring lawn chairs for the worship service.

### • **GEMS TRACTOR SHOW FUNDRAISER – THIS WEEK:**

A reminder to those signed up – this week is the Tractor Show! Check your box for a reminder card for when you are scheduled to work. If you have any questions, contact Kara or Susan 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 before August 4, parents and students will be assigned time slots. For more information, contact Dan H at 354-4560.

### • **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 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 or Cora.

### • **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.

### • **FAMILY CAMPING TRIP IN CONCRETE – SEPT. 10-12:**

Family camp update – we get a 20% discount on our site rentals this year! The cost will be: \$44.80 for a cabin per night, \$25.60 for a full hookup site per night, and \$17.60 for a tent site per night. Sign-up sheets will be in your box next Sunday; all you need to do is fill it out and return the sheet and your money to Dan (Box F14). For more information, contact Dan H at 354-4560.

### • **CHURCH DIRECTORY INFORMATION:**

If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to recheck the contact information that was in your box last week. If you have any corrections, please turn it in to the church office as soon as possible. If you have any questions, call the office at 354-4560.

### • **SYNOD 2010 DECISIONS:**

A summary of the decisions made at Synod 2010 are available online at [www.crcna.org/news.cfm?newsid=192](http://www.crcna.org/news.cfm?newsid=192). If you would like a printed copy, contact Kara or Susan in the church office at 354-4560

## WEEKLY MEETINGS

### • **SUMMER ADULT CLASS – DVD SERIES:**

The final class of the January Series DVD's was this morning. Adult Education classes will resume for the fall session on September 12.

### • **HELPING HANDS FOR BABIES:**

We will meet on Monday, August 2 at 1 p.m. in the Ed. Building. Anyone who loves to sew, knit, or crochet is welcome! For more information, contact Elaine.

### • **COMMITTEE MEETINGS CANCELLED:**

There will be NO committee meetings in August, unless your chairperson has contacted you to schedule a meeting.

### • **EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING:**

We will be meeting on Tuesday, August 3 at 7 p.m. in the Ed. Building.

### • **ELDERS MEETING DATE CHANGED:**

There will be NO Elders meeting on August 3; instead we will be meeting on Tuesday, August 10 at Len's house.

### • **WOMEN'S MINISTRY ADVANCE NOTICE:**

We will meet at the parsonage on Tuesday, August 10 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Phama.

