

## PRAYER CLOSET

- **ERIN VANDER POL** as she is recovering from surgery for a kidney stone this past week.
- **CASE VANDER STELT** is home recovering from a heart procedure done this past week.
- **BEV MATTER** as she is planning to be back at home soon recovering from hip surgery after breaking her hip.
- **TONY FRANSEN** is back home after fracturing his hip. Please pray for continued healing and recovery.
- **TONI TJOELKER** as she is recovering from injuries due to a fall.
- **KEN DE JONG** (son-in-law to Willie Feller) had triple bypass surgery on Monday. Pray for complete healing and health again for Ken.
- **LARRY NYHOFF** had surgery on Monday and was able to come home already. He had vein transplanted in his leg. Please pray that Larry will have a long lasting recovery.
- **COLESON BRINK** (son of Ryan & Sara Brink) as he continues to recover from another round of chemotherapy. Also pray for patience and strength for the entire Brink family and for all the other families with children they come into contact with at Children's Hospital.
- **SCOTT McKEE** (son-in-law of Rich & Coni Hoolsema) as he has now been placed on the heart transplant list. Pray that Scott will continue to improve so he can be moved up higher on the transplant list, and continue to pray for strength and patience for both Scott and Jill.
- **LEN VAN DYKEN** as his is in the CHCC recovering from pneumonia.
- **CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE RESIDENTS:**  
Hilda De Kubber                      Hilda Roberts
- **LYNDEN MANOR RESIDENTS:**  
Cornie Holleman                      Kristi Nieuwendorp  
Bill Roberts                              Sena Sterk
- **MEADOW GREENS RESIDENTS:**  
Liz Baas                                  Ann De Jong  
Dick De Waard                          Jeanne Drouin  
Tony & Etta Fransen                      Emma Gibson  
Anna Van Diest                          Betty Whitman
- **ST. FRANCIS RESIDENT:**  
Elaine Scholten

## CHURCH FAMILY

Birthday greetings to Betty Medema who celebrates her 86<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 21, and to Ann De Jong who celebrates her 84<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 24.

We extend our sympathy to Al & Julie Meyer, Tabin & Jenny Bos and family, Brent & Jolene Hayes and family with the passing of mother and grandmother, Nellie Elgersma this past week.

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for the many expressions of care with flowers, cards, visits and prayer during my recent hip replacement surgery. ~ Bev Matter

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** Join us tonight at 6 p.m. for annual Children's Christmas program.  
\*\* Parents: Please bring your children tonight at 5:45 p.m. to the church basement.
- **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE:** Come let us celebrate the birth of Christ together! Join us on Friday, December 25 at 10 a.m. for our Christmas morning worship service.
- **CHURCH CLOSURES & DEADLINES:** Church offices will be closed Thursday, December 24, Friday, December 25 and Friday, January 1. The deadline for bulletin announcements will be Tuesday at noon both weeks.
- **A SPECIAL GIFT FOR THE BRINK FAMILY:** To help the Brinks stay in touch with our church family during Coleson's treatment for cancer there is a colored church calendar on the information center for everyone to sign. The calendar will then be given to the Brinks in a couple of weeks so sign and write greetings on the calendar A.S.A.P.
- **NEED A CHRISTMAS IDEA?** How about tuition to the Perspectives Course? Sign up by December 25 and get a \$25 discount. Additional discounts available to students and spouses. This outstanding course with world class presenters is being offered for the first time in Lynden beginning Monday evening, January 11 for 15 weeks. Total cost before discounts is \$265. Scholarships are available. You will be blessed and amazed at the insights you gain from this course. Brochures are available at the Information Center. For more information, contact Scott Rempel at 360-318-1704 or Robert Woodyard at 354-4560.

- **“MAXIMUM MARRIAGE”:** A one day seminar for single or married women is coming to Cedar Springs Retreat Center on Saturday, January 9 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The cost is only \$15.00 for breakfast, lunch, snacks, program and material.

## WEEKLY MEETINGS

- **FIRST CHORD:** We will be practicing Christmas morning at 9:30 a.m.
- **TRUTH PROJECT:** The Truth Project will be ending tonight. Come to the parsonage at 7:15 p.m. for video, discussion, and goodies.
- **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** Our next gathering will be on Wednesday January 6. More details will be provided soon. May God bless you this Christmas season and don't forget to stop by or call us when you get bored!  
~ Dan Houston and the youth leaders  
\*\* Ski trip news: High school students – if you have not turned in your money or permission slip for the ski trip (January 22-24), please do so soon. For more information, contact Dan Houston at 354-4560.
- **OASIS:** Our next gathering will be Thursday, January 7 at the Bethel Youth House at 7 p.m. We can't wait to hear about your Christmas and kick off another great season of Oasis with you. For more information, contact Dan Houston at 354-4560.

## DECEMBER COUNCIL RECAP

At its December 15, 2009, meeting, the First CRC Council

- Directed the Long-Range Financial Planning Committee to plan and implement a fund-raising program for the recently authorized building expansion.
- Authorized the Multi-Media Committee to purchase a new laptop computer for Youth Director Dan Houston to replace his old one that has failed.
- Authorized the General Funds Treasurer to renew the church's insurance coverage for 2010.  
Approved the Fellowship Committee's request to schedule the annual Senior's Dinner on Tuesday, April 13, 2010.

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Today, Sunday, December 20, 2009

**Greeters:** Tim & Heather Burger  
Kyle & Swandel Ekema

**Info. Center:** Dustin & Kari Heeringa

**Nursery**  
**Baby:** Mary Plata, Emily Plata  
**1 yr. old:** Krista Kok (Lead), Perlene Hoekema  
**2 yr. old:** Ardelle Kooy, Candi Laird  
**Floater:** Megan Plata, Jesse Plata  
**P.M.:** Joan Maas, Megan Maas

**Ushers:** Cal Buys, Sid Giliam  
Roger Plata, Doug Honcoop  
(On Call) Linsey Hoekstra

**Bus Driver:** Blaine Kooy

**Cookies:** Susan Berendsen  
Vicki Dykstra  
Myrna Brune

**Coffee:** John & Jennie Berendsen

**Sound:** Rick Biesheuvel

**Organ** A.M.: Cheryl Korthuis  
**Piano** A.M.: Dave Korthuis  
P.M.: Nancy Zylstra

### Christmas Day Service

December 25, 2009 at 10:00 AM

**Greeters:** Ken & Louisa Haveman  
Brian & Leeann Bunn

**Info. Center:** Linsey & Kristin Hoekstra

**Nursery**  
**Baby:** Stephanie Rennie, Leah Spady  
**1 yr. old:** Mike & Michelle Seigman (Lead)  
**2 yr. old:** Demetrio & Stephanie Rodriguez  
**Floater:** Colby Spady, Kali Spady

**Ushers:** Cal Buys, Sid Giliam  
Roger Plata, Doug Honcoop  
(On Call) Linsey Hoekstra

**Bus Driver:** Galen Laird

**Sound:** Rick Biesheuvel

**Organ** A.M.: Cheryl Korthuis  
**Piano** A.M.: Dave Korthuis

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Next Sunday, December 27, 2009

**Greeters:** Jeff & Donelle Fast  
Link & Kathy Finsson  
Brent & Jolene Hayes

**Info. Center:**

**Nursery**  
**Baby:** Debbie Maier, Patty Roosma  
**1 yr. old:** Connie Roosma, Brenda Roosma  
**2 yr. old:** Lori Molendyk (Lead), Cheryl Korthuis  
**Floater:** Brady Maier, Pam Roosma  
**P.M.:** Karen Mead, Sharyn Meenderinck

**Ushers:** Cal Buys, Sid Giliam  
Roger Plata, Doug Honcoop  
(On Call) Linsey Hoekstra

**Bus Driver:** Galen Laird

**Cookies:** Dora Brouwer  
Irene De Vries  
Swandel Ekema  
Brad & Lorna Te Velde

**Coffee:**

**Sound:** Jed Scheffer

**Organ** A.M.: Lee Van Beek  
P.M.: Shirley Bierlink

**Piano** A.M.: Perlene Hoekema  
P.M.: Lillian Van Beek

### New Year's Eve

December 31, 2009 at 7:00 PM

**Greeters:** Jake De Hoog  
Elvin & Anna Lee Feller

**Nursery:**

**Ushers:** Lori Scholten, Riley Scholten  
Cal Buys, Sid Giliam  
Roger Plata, Doug Honcoop  
(On Call) Linsey Hoekstra

**Bus Driver:** Hank Roorda

**Sound:** Jed Scheffer

**Piano** Betty Sterk  
**Organist:** Shirley Bierlink

## ***First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington***

### Calendar for the week of December 20, 2009

#### **Sunday, December 20 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:00 Orchestra Practice  
9:30 Children's Christmas Practice  
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard  
Offering: Dara De Boer Watson  
Sermon: *The Patient God*  
*Who Gives Grace*  
Scripture: *Jonah 4*  
11:45 Coffee & Cookie Fellowship Time in Basement  
5:45 Children to Church for Christmas Program  
6:00 Children's Christmas Service  
Sermon: *"The Christmas Gift"*  
Scripture: *Matthew 2:10-11*

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

9:30 First Chord Practice  
10:00 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard  
Offering: Lighthouse Mission  
Scripture: *II Corinthians 4:6; 9:15*  
Sermon: *How Do You Describe  
the Indescribable?*

#### **Sunday, December 27**

10:30 Worship Service ~ Barry Blankers  
Offering: Benevolence  
Sermon: *Simeon Confirms Christmas*  
Scripture: *Luke 2:21-35*  
11:45 Coffee & Cookie Fellowship Time in Basement  
6:00 Worship Service ~ Barry Blankers  
Offering: Benevolence  
Sermon: *Our God Never Changes*  
Scripture: *Malachi 3:1-12*

#### **Thursday, December 31**

##### **~ A Service of Prayer for Past and Future Grace**

7:00 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
Scripture: *Philippians 3:12-14*  
*Jeremiah 29:11-12*