

## CHURCH FAMILY

Birthday greetings to Willie Feller who celebrates her 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday on December 10.

### **Proposed Building Project:**

Now that the congregation has approved building an addition to the church after we have raised sufficient funds, our next step is to obtain those monies so that we can begin. The men in council have already given/pledged \$125,000. Along with money already in the fund we have a total of \$170,000 as seed money to begin this significant undertaking. The financial advisory committee will meet in January to design an overall plan for fundraising.

Some people have indicated they would like to give before the end of the year and before our capital campaign has formally been started. You may bring your contribution to the church offices during office hours, put it in the offering bag before the end of the year or give it directly to one of the deacons by Dec. 31.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who remembered me with cards and visits during my stay in the hospital and now at the Christian Health Care Center. It is very much appreciated.  
~ Hilda De Kubber

"Thank you so much for all your support through the bake sale, for the donations and your time baking. We appreciate all the support we have received the past few months in so many ways. We feel so blessed and thank God that we belong to such a loving church family. Please continue to pray for Coleson. ~ Ryan & Sara Brink and family

Thank you to the congregation for your support of the GEMS at our Soup Supper and Bake Sale! We are so thankful for such a supportive, loving church family for the GEMS girls. Also, thank you to the GEMS moms for bringing desserts and for everyone else that helped out.  
~ GEMS Counselors

The first tuition distribution for the 2009-2010 school year has been sent. Each family received \$406 per student. With grateful hearts we say thank you to our congregation for making this possible. ~ Christian Education Committee

Thank you prayer sponsors for staying after church to meet your prayer partner. It was a great sight to behold adults and students side by side and chatting about life. Prayer sponsors if you did not get to meet your student please touch base with them soon.

With grateful hearts, Larry and I delivered 200 warm, soft blankets along with dozens of toys and gifts to Seattle Children's Hospital. The volunteers who met us and accepted these items were delighted. Our sincere appreciation to all the "Helping Hands" who made this project possible.

Thank you to everyone to come out and helped with the fall clean up day. It was a fantastic event where several people from our church were served by doing yard work and cleaning. A huge thanks to Jill Hagglund for gathering the projects that needed to be done and for organizing the crews. You did a great job Jill!

## WEEKLY MEETINGS

- **CADETS:** We will meet on Monday, December 7 at 7 p.m. in the Ed. Building. All boys in 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome!
- **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** High school youth group this week, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> we will be gathering in the church basement beginning at 7:30 p.m. On Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Party beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement. \*\* Ski trip money and permission slips are due this week Saturday. For more information, contact Dan at 354-4560.
- **OASIS:** We will be having a special Christmas party with the children of "New Way Ministries" on Thursday, December 17 where we will be decorating cookies and hanging out with the children living there. For more information, contact Dan at 354-4560.  
\*\* Oasis leaders meeting this Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Bethel church youth house.
- **FIRST CHORD:** We will meet next week Sunday, December 13 at 4:30 p.m. All who love to sing and praise the Lord are welcome.
- **ORCHESTRA** will practice today at 11:45 a.m.. We will also practice on Sunday, December 13 at 11:45 a.m. and Sunday, December 20 at 9:30 a.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICES:**  
Sunday, December 13 9:30 a.m. Ed. Bldg.  
Saturday, December 19 9:30 – 11 a.m. Church  
Sunday, December 20 9:30 a.m. Ed. Bldg.  
Please bring your children at 5:45 p.m. on Sunday, December 20 to the church basement.
- **60+ CLUB CHRISTMAS POTLUCK:** A fun evening is planned for Friday, December 11 at 6 p.m., so come and join us. No shopping this year! Instead, we will help babies in need stay warm and cozy by through the Helping Hands for Babies by giving monetary gifts. Donation boxes will be on the tables.
- **THE ORIGIN OF MAN** ~ What interesting parallels are there between the Old Testament accounts and the historical legends of the Santal people group of Calcutta, India? How does this affect our mission strategy among this people? Find out at *Perspectives*. Grab a brochure from the church lobby or call Scott Rempel (360) 318-1704.  
<http://www.perspectives.org/site/c.pk10L9MKJpE/b.5496491/k.A0B5/MyClassHome.htm>
- **FIRST CRC DIAPER SHOWER:** A diaper shower for our 2009 babies will be held Saturday, January 23 at 10 a.m. All women of the church are invited. Watch for diapers on sale and buy one bag for a new mom!
- **COUPLES CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> in the church basement beginning at 6:30 p.m. Ham, Turkey and trimmings will be provided couples with the last names of A-L please bring a dessert and M-Z please bring a side dish or salad to share. Child care will be provided please indicate how many children will need child care. To R.S.V.P. please contact the church office or sign up in the back of church. If you are willing to help with the dinner with food, decorating, or setup please let Dan know. We hope to see you there.
- **LIGHTHOUSE MISSION DRIVE:** Join us in gathering items for the Lighthouse Mission for the upcoming winter months and Christmas season. They are in need of the following items: new underwear, socks, T-shirts, toiletries, disposable razors, shaving cream, and toothbrushes. Please put donations in the Mission box in the Ed. Building.

## PRAYER CLOSET

- **COLESON BRINK** (son of Ryan & Sara Brink) has a MRI scheduled for December 8, next Tuesday. Please continue to pray for good results that the tumor has shrunk enough so that no radiation is needed before surgery in January.
- **SCOTT McKEE** (son-in-law of Rich & Coni Hoolsema) as he remains in the hospital. His head doctor said that Scott isn't on the transplant list...but he is getting closer and that to keep up with the improvements he is making. Pray for Scott and Jill as they await word on what will need to be done next for Scott's heart and that his body will respond to the treatments he is receiving.
- **TONY FRANSEN** as he is in the CHCC after cracking a bone in his hip.
- **LEN VAN DYKEN** as his is in the CHCC recovering from pneumonia.
- **LARRY NYHOFF** as he struggles with issues involving his legs.
- **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

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Today, Sunday, December 6, 2009

**Greeters:** Glen & Karen Blankers  
Dick & Jennie Bosch  
Bryan & Kim Ahlers

**Info. Center:**

**Nursery:**  
**Baby:** Roslyn Hayes, Dorothy Gross  
**1 yr. old:** Randy & Kara Humphreys  
**2 yr. old:** Dan & Virginia Houston (Lead)  
**Floater:** Mikaela Humphreys, Taylor Finson  
**P.M.:** Marlys Heeringa, Louisa Haveman

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

**Bus Driver:** Doug Vander Woude

**Cookies:** Jan Bos  
Jennie Bosch  
Bertha Bosman  
John & Karen Mead

**Coffee:** Jed Scheffer

**Sound:**

**Organ** A.M.: Ruth Weidenaar    P.M.: Shirley Bierlink  
**Piano** A.M.: Dave Korthuis    P.M.: Betty Sterk

Next Sunday, December 13, 2009

**Greeters:** Bill & Dora Brouwer  
Beth Boxum

**Info. Center:** Kyle & Swandel Ekema

**Nursery Baby:** Crystal Hilverda, Dawn Honcoop  
**1 yr. old:** Jessica Honcoop (Lead),  
Louise Heeringa  
**2 yr. old:** Bev Honcoop, Marilyn McCoy  
**Floater:** Molly Honcoop, Mindy Honcoop  
**P.M.:** Coni Hoolsema, Denise Kooi

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

**Bus Driver:** Blaine Kooy

**Cookies:** Beth Boxum  
Heather Burger  
Joan De Boer  
Marlys Heeringa, Cora Seigman

**Coffee:** Tim Hagglund

**Sound:**

**Organ** A.M.: Lee Van Beek  
**Piano** A.M.: Nancy Zylstra    P.M.: Dave Korthuis

## *First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington*

Calendar for the week of  
December 6, 2009

### **Sunday, December 6 ~ Second Sunday of Advent**

9:30 Children's Christmas Practice  
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard  
Offering: Tuition Assistance  
Sermon: *The Sovereign God Who Saves*  
Scripture: *Jonah 2*  
11:45 Coffee & Cookie Fellowship Time in Basement  
11:45 Orchestra Practice  
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard  
Offering: Tuition Assistance  
Sermon: *No Pictures Please*  
Scripture: *Exodus 20:4-6*  
*Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 35*

### **Monday, December 7**

7:00 Cadets in Ed. Building

### **Wednesday, December 9**

7:30 High School Youth Group

### **Friday, December 11**

6:00 60+ Christmas Potluck

### **Sunday, December 13 ~ Third Sunday of Advent**

9:30 Children's Christmas Practice  
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard  
Sermon: *The Merciful God Who Loves*  
Scripture: *Jonah 3*  
11:45 Coffee & Cookie Fellowship Time in Basement  
11:45 Orchestra Practice  
4:30 First Chord  
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard  
Sermon: *The Invisible God*  
Scripture: *Exodus 20:4-6*