

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **PULPIT EXCHANGE:** We welcome Pastor BC Cumings, Pastor at Mt. View CRC, to bring the Word of God tonight during our evening worship service.
- **SPECIAL TOWN HALL MEETING:** Immediately following the morning worship, the council will hold a "Town Hall Follow-up Meeting" in the sanctuary to share questions and answers from the three earlier sessions. This will be a very important meeting as the congregation will be voting on November 24 on whether to move forward to the fund-raising stage. If approved, actual construction would not begin until at least 50% of the needed funds are in hand and an additional 25% are pledged. Please plan to stay for a few minutes after morning worship and get the latest information regarding the proposed building project. Child care will be available.
- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** The annual congregational meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, November 24, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Child care will be available. This will be a very important meeting as the congregation will consider both adopting the proposed 2010 budget and moving forward to the fund-raising stage with the proposed building project. The future of First CRC is in your hands, so please plan to attend and vote.
- **CLASSIS VISITORS:** At its meeting on November 17, the First CRC council will meet with classis visitors Pastor Jon Westra and Pastor Doug Fakkema. If any member of the congregation would like to meet privately with the visitation team on November 17, prior to the council meeting, please contact Council Clerk Jim Aguirre to arrange a meeting.
- **PRAYER PARTNER MEET AND GREET:** Due to a scheduling conflict, the Prayer Partner meet and greet time is rescheduled for Sunday, November 29 after the morning service in the fellowship hall.
- **SHOULD YOU TAKE *PERSPECTIVES ON THE WORLD CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT*?** This may be the most comprehensive course available to give you a strategic overview of what God Himself is doing in our world, in our day. You will have a completely fresh understanding of the "news behind the news" as you see how the Living God is moving in all of it! Begins in January 2010 on Monday nights at First CRC.
- **VIEWING MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES:** Morning worship services will now also be broadcast live in the council room for anyone unable to be in the sanctuary.

- **BIRTHDAY CALENDARS:** If you are having an 80<sup>th</sup> birthday or significant anniversary (25, 50, 60+) in 2010 or have any corrections for the church birthday calendar, please contact the church office at 354-4560.
- **IT'S TIME FOR FALL CLEANUP:** Everyone is invited to assist our church members with their outside chores on November 21. We will begin at 9 a.m. with donuts and apple cider in the Ed building. Pizza will be provided for lunch at the parsonage. Bring your tools, kids, and servant heart! Please sign up at the Information Center.

## FUNDRAISERS AND DONATION DRIVES

- **BAKE SALE:** Order forms at the Information Center for the bake sale to help the Brink family. Please place order forms and money in the box provided on the Information Center before November 22. For those who signed up to help with baking, you will be contacted by phone during the week of November 22 regarding what to bake.
- **POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER:** Cadets are selling poinsettias for Christmas. To place an order, contact one of the Cadets, or place your order form and money in the box on the Information Center (order forms available at the Information Center). Orders must be received by November 23!
- **BEAUTIFUL CHURCH CALENDARS:** Support our high school youth students ministry mission trip by purchasing a calendar for \$15. Place your money in Dan's box (F14) and your calendar will be in your box the following week.
- **FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE FOOD DRIVE:** We will be having a food drive until November 29. A box will be available in the back of church for donations. Let's see how many pounds we can give to the Hope Office!
- **TEDDY BEAR DRIVE:** Only two weeks left in the Stuffed Animal/Book/Toy Drive for local children in the hospital this Christmas due to illness. Place donations in the box the Ed. Building kitchen before November 29. Please put a tag on the outside of the package indicating what it is and if it's for a boy or girl; you may wrap your gift, and add a greeting card.
- **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.

## WEEKLY MEETINGS

- **EDUCATION CLASSES:** Adult and student (3<sup>rd</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade) education classes meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Childcare is available for infants – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.
- **FIRST CHORD:** We will practice today at 4:30 p.m.
- **TRUTH PROJECT:** We will be meeting tonight at 7:15 p.m. at Reed's house (note the change of location).
- **HELPING HANDS FOR BABIES:** We will be meeting on Monday, November 16 at 1 p.m. in the Ed. Building. Anyone who likes to sew, knit, or crochet is welcome!
- **COUNCIL:** We will be meeting on Tuesday, November 17 at 7 p.m. in the Council Room.
- **GEMS:** All girls in 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join us on Wednesday, Nov. 18 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. in the Ed. Building..
- **WORSHIP PLANNING:** We will be meeting on Wednesday, November 18 at 7 p.m. in the Council Room.
- **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** We will be having small groups on Wednesday, November 18. All 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade students will meet at Andrew & Stephanie's house, and 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students will meet at Ria's house. For more information, contact Dan Houston at 354-4560. \*\*\*SHHHHH...High school mystery mission trip is scheduled for June 27 to July 3. Remember that you will need to have your passport (we might need it or not) and be ready to travel up to 14 hours by car. More information provided soon.
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Our study of *The Joy of Prayer* concludes this week with a luncheon following our 9:50 a.m. Wednesday morning study and dessert following our 7 p.m. Thursday evening study. Watch for information on a new study beginning in January.
- **DAUGHTERS OF ZION:** Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19 at 10 a.m. in the Ed. Building. Lesson 5, "Conquering Jericho", will be our discussion topic. The second part of the Love Offering will be taken. Hostesses are Leona Oostema and Rose Scheffer.
- **RUTH SOCIETY:** We will meet on Thursday, November 19 at 2 p.m. We will study lesson 5. Servers are Freda Groen and Tina Dykstra.
- **OASIS:** Join us at Bethel's Youth house, Thursday, November 19 at 7 p.m. to crown the winners of our scavenger hunt and discuss discerning what we watch and listen to. For more information, contact Dan Houston at 354-4560.

## CHURCH FAMILY

Birthday greetings to Betty Weg who celebrates her 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday on November 19.

We express our sympathy to Linsey and Kristin Hoekstra and Kyle and Swandel Ekema with the passing of their grandfather who lived in Iowa this past week.

Coleson Brink loves receiving cards and in order to show we care there is a calendar labeled "Cards for Coleson." If you want to participate, please sign up on a day that you are willing to send Coleson a card every month while he is receiving treatment.

## PRAYER CLOSET

- **COLESON BRINK** (son of Ryan & Sara Brink) was able to come home for a few days this week, but began another round of chemo on Wednesday. Pray that Coleson's body may respond positively to the chemo and pray for continued strength for Ryan & Sara.
- **SCOTT McKEE** (son-in-law of Rich & Coni Hoolsema) as he remains in the hospital. 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.
- **HILDA DE KUBBER** as she recovers from a fractured vertebrae. She is at the Christian Health Care Center while she heals.
- **LEN VAN DYKEN** is recovering at home from a recent surgery.
- **CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE RESIDENTS:**  
Hilda Roberts
- **LYNDEN MANOR RESIDENTS:**  
Cornie Holleman                      Kristi Nieuwendorp  
Bill Roberts                              Sena Sterk  
Len Van Dyken
- **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, November 15, 2009

**Greeters:** Bryan & Kim Ahlers  
Jacob & Valerie Anker  
**Info. Center:** Doug & Kelli Visser  
**Nursery Ed.:** Patty Roosma  
**Baby:** Josh & Jill Basart  
**1 yr. old:** Gail Bailey (Lead), Dee Berendsen  
**2 yr. old:** Nicole Bean, Julia Buys  
**Floater:** Johnny Buys, Jocelyn Buys  
**P.M.:** Jennie Berendsen, Peggy Berendsen  
**Ushers:** Josh Basart, Terry Bean  
Luke Berendsen, Tim Burger  
Dirk Anker (on call)  
**Bus Driver:** Hank Roorda 354-5928  
**Cookies:** Jennie Berendsen, Shirley Bierlink,  
Jill Basart  
**Coffee:** Curt & Darlene Meenderinck  
**Sound:** Jed Scheffer  
**Organ** A.M.: Lee Van Beek  
**Piano** A.M.: Dave Korthuis P.M.: Sharon Assink

Next Sunday, November 22, 2009

**Greeters:** John & Jennie Berendsen  
Rick & Ruth Biesheuvel  
**Info. Center:** Jason & Amy Visser  
**Nursery Ed.:** Jessica Mead  
**Baby:** Donelle Fast, Clarice Blankers  
**1 yr. old:** Irene De Vries, Karen Blankers  
**2 yr. old:** Dora Brouwer (Lead), Heather Burger  
**Floater:** Larissa De Vries, Katlyn Fast  
**P.M.:** Tabin & Jenny Bos  
**Ushers:** Josh Basart, Terry Bean  
Luke Berendsen, Tim Burger  
Dirk Anker (on call)  
**Bus Driver:** Bryan Ahlers 318-9085  
**Cookies:** Nicole Bean, Trena Bruinsma,  
Ruth Biesheuvel  
**Coffee:** Connie Roosma, Mary Plata  
**Sound:** Tim Hagglund  
**Keyboard** A.M.: Sharon Assink  
**Organ** P.M.: Lee Van Beek  
**Piano** A.M.: Nancy Zylstra P.M.: Lillian Van Beek

## *First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington*

Calendar for the week of  
November 15, 2009

**Sunday, November 15**  
9:30 Adult and 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade Ed. Classes  
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard  
Offering: Building the Future Fund  
Sermon: *The God of the Impossible*  
Scripture: *Jeremiah 32:17, 27*  
11:45 Town Hall Meeting in Sanctuary  
4:30 First Chord Practice in Sanctuary  
6:00 Worship Service ~ BC Cumings  
Offering: Building the Future Fund  
Sermon: *A Gift That Radiates Joy*  
Scripture: *Hebrews 13:7-19*

**Monday, November 16**  
1:00 Helping Hands for Babies in Ed. Building  
6:30 Lynden Choral Society Practice in Sanctuary

**Tuesday, November 17**  
7:00 Council Meeting in Council Room  
**Wednesday, November 18**  
9:45 Women's Bible Study in Ed. Building  
6:30 GEMS in Ed. Building  
7:00 Worship Planning in Council Room  
7:30 High School Youth Group – Small groups

**Thursday, November 19**  
10:00 Daughters of Zion in Ed. Building  
2:00 Ruth Society in Ed. Building  
7:00 Women's Bible Study in Ed. Building  
7:00 Organ Concert in Sanctuary

**Saturday, November 21**  
9:00 Fall Clean-up Day – meet in Ed. Building

**Sunday, November 22**  
9:30 Adult and 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade Ed. Classes  
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard  
Offering: Back to God Hour  
Sermon: *From Generation to Generation  
for the Glory of God*  
Scripture: *Psalms 78*  
11:45 Coffee & Cookie Fellowship Time in Basement  
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard  
Offering: Back to God Hour  
Sermon: *First Command: No Fake Gods*  
Scripture: *Exodus 20:3*