

## CHURCH FAMILY

Birthday greetings to Bea Vreugdenhil who celebrates her 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday on November 28.

We express our sympathy to Patrick and Marilyn Jones with the passing of Patrick's sister, Billie.

Hilda De Kubber has moved to the CHCC.

"Great News" there are only 7 days on Coleson Brink's Card Calendar (in the back of church). 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.
- **ABSENTEE BALLOTS:** If you will be unable to attend the annual congregational meeting next Tuesday evening, you may submit a signed absentee ballot. Absentee ballot forms will be available at the visitor information center in the church narthex after morning and evening worship. Completed ballots MUST be signed and need to be in the hands of Council Clerk Jim Aguirre not later than the start of the meeting on Tuesday evening.
- **THANKSGIVING DAY:** Join us on Thursday, November 26 at 10 a.m. for a service of worship and thanksgiving.
- **ADVENT SEASON:** Next Sunday, November 29 is the first Sunday of Advent. We will be celebrating the start of the advent season with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
- **CHURCH CLOSURES and DEADLINES:** The church offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26-27 for the Thanksgiving holiday. The deadline for bulletin announcements for Sunday, November 29 will be noon on Tuesday, November 24.
- **PRAYER PARTNER MEET AND GREET:** The Prayer Partner meet and greet is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 29 after the morning service in the fellowship hall.

- **DON'T MISS PERSPECTIVES ON THE WORLD CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT!** This semester class includes dynamic professors, interactive learning experiences, and creative demonstrations that show you how you can find your place of strategic service, using your own experiences, gifts and abilities. Begins in January 11, 2010 on Monday nights at First CRC. For more information, contact Pastor Robert at 354-4560.
- **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!
- **THE JOY OF PRAYER:** Extra copies are available at the Information Center for \$10.00 each. Bless someone on your Christmas list with this inspirational book. Make checks to First CRC, on memo line "Bible study book".
- **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.
- **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.

## 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. **Last class will be next Sunday, November 29.**
- **CADETS:** We will meet on Monday, November 23 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:** We will meet this week, Wednesday November, 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement. Join us for small groups on Wednesday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Check your church mail box for ski trip information and keep checking our youth group facebook page for more information. For more information, contact Dan at 354-4560.
- **FIRST CHORD:** We will meet on Thursday, November 26 at 9:30 prior to the worship service and on Sunday, November 29 at 4:30 p.m.
- **OASIS:** Join us at Bethel's youth house on Thursday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> for our next gathering. We will be having a special Christmas party with the children of "New Way" ministries on Thursday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> where we will be decorating cookies and hanging out with the children living there.

## FUNDRAISERS AND DONATION DRIVES

- **BAKE SALE:** Order forms are due TODAY for the Coleson Brink bake sale. Ordered items will be ready to pick up on Saturday, Dec. 5 in the church basement between 12-4 pm. Volunteer bakers will be contacted by phone this week.
- **POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER:** Last day to order! 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). You make pick up your plants on Saturday, November 28 in the Ed. Building.
- **GEMS SOUP SUPPER:** The annual GEMS Soup Supper will be **Tuesday, December 1** from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Church Basement. You won't want to miss the delicious homemade soups, along with salad and dessert! While there, check out the baked sale table, full of yummy goodies to purchase, including lots of almond sticks! Proceeds from the Soup Supper and Bake Sale will go to the First CRC GEMS, with a portion of the of the proceeds going to our adopted GEMS Club in Africa and the Brinks.
- **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 one week 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.

## PRAYER CLOSET

- **COLESON BRINK** (son of Ryan & Sara Brink) had to return to Children's this week because of a fever, but hopes to be able to come home again this weekend if he continues to improve. 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.
- **LARRY NYHOFF:** Pray for healing of his leg.
- **CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE RESIDENTS:**  
Hilda Roberts                      Hilda De Kubber
- **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

### Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2009

- Greeters:** Randy & Kara Humphreys  
Chuck & Peggy Berendsen
- Info. Center:** Jay & Anna Assink
- Nursery**
- Baby:** Linsey & Kristen Hoekstra
- 1 yr. old:** Kathy Finnson, Kasey Finnson
- 2 yr. old:** Dustin & Kari Heeringa
- Floater:** Taylor Finnson, Kaitlyn Heeringa
- Ushers:** Josh Basart, Terry Bean  
Luke Berendsen, Tim Burger  
Dirk Anker (on call)
- Bus Driver:** Bryan Ahlers
- Sound:** Rick Biesheuvel
- Organ:** Michael Plagerman
- Piano:** Janis Plagerman

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### Today, 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
- 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

### Next Sunday, November 29, 2009

- Greeters:** Tim & Mindy Vander Veen  
Fred & Helene Ypma
- Info. Center:** Melissa Smit
- Nursery Ed.:** Kara Humphreys
- Baby:** Jill Hagglund (Lead), Swandel Ekema
- 1 yr. old:** Elsie Dykman, Anna Lee Feller
- 2 yr. old:** Jan Box, Tiffany Bos
- Floater:** Mikaela Humphreys, Brooke Berendsen
- P.M.:** Sandy Giliam, Lance Giliam
- Ushers:** Josh Basart, Terry Bean  
Luke Berendsen, Tim Burger  
Dirk Anker (on call)
- Bus Driver:** Galen Laird
- Cookies:** Helene Blankers, Jenny Bos  
Karen Blankers
- Coffee:** Dennis & Anna Roulson
- Sound:** Rick Biesheuvel
- Organ A.M.:** Shirley Bierlink
- Piano A.M.:** Sharon Assink    **P.M.:** Nancy Zylstra

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

### Calendar for the week of November 22, 2009

- 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*
- Monday, November 23**
- 6:30 Lynden Choral Society Practice in Sanctuary
- 7:00 Cadets
- Tuesday, November 24**
- 7:00 Congregational Meeting
- Wednesday, November 25**
- 7:30 High School Youth Group
- Thursday, November 26**
- 9:30 First Chord
- 10:00 Thanksgiving Day Service
- Friday, November 27**  
**Church Office Closed**
- Saturday, November 28**  
Poinsettia Pick-up Day in the Ed. Building
- Sunday, November 29 ~ First Sunday of Advent**
- 9:30 Adult and 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade Ed. Classes
- 10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
Offering: One to One Ministries  
Sermon: *The Powerful God Who Pursues*  
Scripture: *Jonah 1*
- 11:45 Coffee & Cookie Fellowship Time in Basement
- 4:30 First Chord
- 6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard  
Offering: One to One Ministries  
Sermon: *First Commandment:  
Only One True God*  
Scripture: *Exodus 20:3*  
*Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 94-95*