

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ADVENT SEASON:** Today is the first Sunday of Advent. We will be celebrating the start of the advent season with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during the worship service this morning.
- **2010 BUDGET, BUILDING PROJECT APPROVED:** At the 2009 annual congregational meeting on Tuesday, November 24, both the proposed 2010 church budget and the proposed building project were approved. The budget was approved with a 96% yes vote, while the building project was approved by a 73% yes vote, easily meeting the council-mandated two-thirds majority. The building project will now move forward to the fund-raising stage. Special thanks is extended to the Budget Committee and the Long-Range Planning Committee for their hard work on the respective proposals.
- **PRAYER PARTNER MEET AND GREET:** Youth and adult will meet for today following morning service in the Education Building. (not the GEMS Prayer Partners)
- **60+ CLUB – VICTORIAN COUNTRY CHRISTMAS:** Please meet at church by 8:15 a.m. on Wednesday, December 2. The bus will be leaving by 8:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Gert at 354-3662 or Cora at 318-8715.
- **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 through the Helping Hands for Babies. Donation boxes will be on the tables. If you need a ride, contact Lena Marie Vander Griend at 354-3758 or Leona Oostema at 354-3303.
- **PERSPECTIVES ON THE WORLD CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT!** What worked? What didn't work? What can we learn from it? *PERSPECTIVES ON THE WORLD CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT* examines God's intervention in history and how it affects nations and governments. Learn practical lessons that apply to how you live today. Classes will meet on Monday nights from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., beginning January 11, 2010. 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 80th 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.
- **WEBSITE UPDATE:** Sermons and bulletins are now on the church website! Audio of the sermons are available to listen to or download as an MP3. Bulletins will be available to view the Friday before and sermons will be available by the Monday following the worship service. Check it out at www.firstcrlcynden.org.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

- **EDUCATION CLASSES:** Today was the last class for both adult and 3rd- 12th grade education classes for the fall session. Winter session will begin on January 3. More information about adult education classes later.
- **FIRST CHORD:** We will meet today at 4:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Diane Aguirre at 398-9875.
- **DEACONS:** We will meet on Monday, November 30 at 7 p.m. in the Council Room.
- **COMMITTEES:** We will meet on Tuesday, December 1 at 7 p.m. For more information, contact your chairperson.
- **ELDERS:** We will meet on Tuesday, December 1 at 8 p.m.
- **WORSHIP PLANNING:** We will be meeting on Wednesday, December 2 at 7 p.m. in the Council Room.
- **GEMS:** Just a reminder that we will not have a regular meeting this week. Instead, join us on TUESDAY, December 1 from 5-7 p.m. at the GEMS Soup Supper. For more information, contact Kara Humphreys at 354-3750.
- **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** Join us for small groups on Wednesday, December 2. For more information, contact Dan at 354-4560.
- **MEN'S STUDY:** We will be meeting on Thursday, December 3 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the church basement to study the Five Aspects of Man. For more information, contact Pastor Robert at 354-4560.

- **OASIS:** Join us at Bethel's youth house on Thursday, December 3 for our next gathering. 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.
- **DAUGHTERS OF ZION and RUTH SOCIETY:** We will have a combined meeting and Christmas luncheon on Thursday, December 3 at 10 a.m. in the church basement. We will be discussing lesson 6; the love offering for the Daughter's of Zion will be for New Way Ministries, and for Ruth Society will be for the Brink Family. Hostesses will be Gert Beanblossom, Cora Seigman and Lillian Van Beek.

FUNDRAISERS AND DONATION DRIVES

- **FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE FOOD DRIVE:** TODAY is the last day of the food drive! Let's see how many pounds we can give to the Hope Office!
- **TEDDY BEAR DRIVE:** TODAY is the last day in the Stuffed Animal/Book/Toy Drive for local children in the hospital this Christmas due to illness. Place donations in the box in the Ed. Building kitchen, with 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 if you would like. For more information, contact Elaine at 354-6562.
- **GEMS SOUP SUPPER:** The GEMS Soup Supper will be **Tuesday, December 1** (NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE) from 5 – 7 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 bake 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 proceeds going to our adopted GEMS Club in Africa and the Brink Family.
- **BAKE SALE FOR BRINK FAMILY:** All items ordered for the Bake Sale can be picked up on Saturday, December 5 between 12 – 4 p.m. in the Ed. Building.
** Bakers – please have your items to church on Friday, December 4 before 3 p.m. so they can be packed up.
- **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.

CHURCH FAMILY

We extend a warm welcome to Ernie & Sharon Buss who have transferred their membership to us from the Tacoma Christian Reformed Community Church. Blessings to you, Ernie and Sharon, as you make your home with us. T

PRAYER CLOSET

- **COLESON BRINK** (son of Ryan & Sara Brink) started round four of chemo on Wednesday. He will be in the hospital for five days this round. Pray that his body again tolerates the chemo and that he is able to come home again for a few days at the end of this treatment.
- **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 De Kubber 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 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 Bos, 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.: Dave Korthuis P.M.: Nancy Zylstra

Next Sunday, December 6, 2009

Greeters: Glen and Karen Blankers
Dick and Jennie Bosch

Info. Center: Bryan and Kim Ahlers

Nursery:

Baby: Roslyn Hayes, Dorothy Gross

1 yr. old: Randy and Kara Humphreys

2 yr. old: Dan and Virginia Houston (Lead)

Floater: Mikaela Humphreys, Taylor Finnsen

P.M.: Marlys Heeringa, Louisa Haveman

Ushers: Jacob Anker
Dan Bailey
Josh Basart
Terry Bean
Luke Berendsen (On Call)
Doug Vander Woude

Bus Driver: Jan Bos

Cookies: Jennie Bosch
Bertha Bosman

Coffee: John and Karen Mead

Sound: Jed Scheffer

Organ A.M.: Ruth Weidenaar P.M.: Shirley Bierlink

Piano A.M.: Dave Korthuis P.M.: Betty Sterk

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Calendar for the week of November 29, 2009

Sunday, November 29 ~ First Sunday of Advent

9:30 Adult and 3rd – 12th 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
Sermon: *Only One True God*
Scripture: *Exodus 20:1-3; Deut. 6:4-6*
Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 94-95

Monday, November 30

6:30 Lynden Choral Society Practice in Sanctuary
7:00 Deacons

Tuesday, December 1

5:00 – 7:00 GEMS Soup Supper and Bake Sale
7:00 Committees Meet
8:00 Elders Meeting

Wednesday, December 2

8:15 60+ Club Meets at Church
7:00 Worship Planning
7:30 High School Youth Group – Small Groups

Thursday, December 3

10:00 Daughters of Zion & Ruth Society
7:00 Oasis at Bethel Youth House
7:00 Men's Study in Church Basement

Friday, December 4

7:00 Lynden Choral Society Concert

Saturday, December 5

12:00 – 4:00 Bake Sale Pick-up Day in Ed. Building
3:00 Cascade Christian Services Concert

Sunday, December 6 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

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
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard
Sermon: *No Pictures Please*
Scripture: *Exodus 20:4-6*