

# First Christian Reformed Church

## December 2024 News & Updates

### *Worship Services*

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Join us on Sunday at 10:30 AM and at 6:00 PM. For anyone unable to attend in person, worship services are live streamed on our website. Past services can be viewed on our livestream library on our website.

### *Childcare and Education Classes*

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#### **NURSERY**

Nursery is available in the Ed. Building during the 10:30 AM service.

#### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Children's Church is available for children 3 years-3rd grade during the 10:30 AM service. Children begin in the sanctuary and then are dismissed to the Education Building during the service, as indicated on the bulletin.

#### **EDUCATION CLASSES**

Education Classes meet at 9:30 AM on Sundays. Feel free to join any of these at any time!

Our last class before Christmas break will Sunday, December 8. We will resume on Sunday, January 12.

- **Adults:** Led by Glenn G in the Church Basement
- **Infants – Kindergarten:** Childcare available in the Ed. Building
- **1st grade - 3rd grade:** Led by Stephanie R in the Ed. Building
- **4th grade – 5th grade:** Led by Andrew R the Ed. Building
- **6th grade – 8th grade:** Led by Glen B in the Ed. Building
- **9th grade – 12th grade:** Led by Mike S in the Loft

### *Prayer Items*

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#### **DEALING WITH ONGOING MEDICAL ISSUES**

- John M is undergoing kidney dialysis three days a week in Bellingham.
- Kristi N is dealing with difficulty swallowing.
- Brent B, son of Jennie, is finishing his chemo regiment but all indications are the treatment has been successful. Following treatment, Brent will go to UCLA for surgery to remove the brain tumor.

#### **REMEMBERING THOSE IN CARE FACILITIES**

- Cascade Christian Home – Amy B
- Lakeside Gardens – Ruth B
- Lynden Adult Family Home – Vernon S
- Lynden Manor – Greta E, Agnes R
- Meadow Greens – Grace H, Perlene H, Ada V
- Orchard Park – Carol Z
- Shuksan Healthcare – Kristi N

**SHUT-IN MEMBERS** who are struggling with ongoing health issues or the effects of aging and keep in your prayers those who need significant assistance and their caregivers.

**PHASE III BUILDING** as we seek God's wisdom, clear leading and sufficient provision for building our future.

**SUMMIT HOUSE** is a discipleship program aimed at helping men and women who are having a difficult time establishing themselves in life, work, and the church. Bethel CRC and First CRC are partnering with Envision Mission for a house for women, located on the Bethel CRC property.

### *Dates to Remember*

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- Sunday, December 1 - First Sunday in Advent, Celebration of the Lord's Supper, 10:30 AM
- Sunday, December 1 - Joint Worship Service at Third CRC, 6:00 PM
- Saturday, December 7 - Children's Christmas Program Practice, 10:00 AM
- Saturday, December 7 - Lynden Lighted Christmas Parade on Front Street, 6:00 PM
- Sunday, December 8 - Second Sunday in Advent

- Sunday, December 8 - Tired and Retired Luncheon in the Loft, 12:00 PM
- Saturday, December 14 - Children's Christmas Program Practice, 10:00 AM
- Sunday, December 15 - Third Sunday in Advent
- Sunday, December 15 - Children's Christmas Program, 6:00 PM
- Sunday, December 22 - Fourth Sunday in Advent
- Sunday, December 22 - Candles and Carols Service, 6:00 PM
- Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day - Church Offices Closed
- Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day Service, 10:00 AM
- Sunday, December 29 - Old/New Year Service, Celebration of the Lord's Supper, 10:30 AM
- Wednesday, January 1 - New Year's Day - Church Offices Closed
- Sunday, January 12 - Education Classes Resume, 9:30 AM

### ***Tithes and Offering***

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#### **OFFERINGS**

- **December 1** - Christian School Tuition Assistance
- **December 8** - Mission and Outreach Fund
- **December 15** - ThereforeGo Ministries
- **December 22** - Building the Future Fund
- **December 25** - Benevolence Fund
- **December 29** - Envision Mission
- **December 29, Love Offering** - Eagle's Wings

Tithes and offerings can be given the following ways:

- placed in the offering bag on Sunday
- mailed to the church office (1010 Front Street, Lynden, 98264)
- dropped off during the week
- electronically through a bill pay service or with Tithe.

### ***Bible Resources***

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#### **HIS WORD IN OUR HEARTS**

As we strive to commit scripture to memory, our monthly verse for December is Isaiah 40:3-5. Printed copies are available on the Welcome Center or from the church office.

#### **BIBLE READING PLAN**

For 2024, we will be reading through the New Testament. You are encouraged to use the Bible reading personally or as a family, and feel free to share this plan with others! Copies available on the Welcome Center.

#### **DAILY DEVOTIONS**

TODAY is a daily devotional produced through ReFrame Ministries. Copies, including large print, are available on the Welcome Center. See link below to read the devotions daily online.

TABLETALK magazine is daily devotional and Bible study resource. A few copies each month are available on the Welcome Center.

## *Volunteer Schedule*

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### **BUS DRIVERS**

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- December 1
- Blaine K
- December 8
- Galen L
- December 15
- Hank R
- December 22
- Robert S
- December 25 - Christmas Day
- Bryan A
- December 29
- Blaine K

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### **GREETERS**

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- December 1
- Glen & Karen B
  - Tabin & Jenny B
- December 8
- Ryan & Sara B
  - Dora B and Family
- December 15
- Cal & Laura B
  - Jake D
- December 22
- Alan & Pat D
  - Ryan & Fritzie E
- December 25 - Christmas Day
- Kyle & Swandel E
  - Elvin & Anna Lee F
- December 29
- Sid & Sandy G
  - Darren & Kelsey G

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### **USHERS**

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- December 1
- Daryl T
  - Landon T
- December 8
- John V
  - Micah K
- December 15
- Fred Y
  - Lane V
- December 22
- Jake D
  - Carter A
- December 25 - Christmas Day
- Alan D
  - Vance E
- December 29
- Ben K
  - Blaine K
  - Ryan E

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### **SAFETY USHERS**

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- December 1
- Darren G
  - Jacob T
- December 8
- Jason V
  - Bryan A
- December 15
- Tabin B
  - Alan D
- December 22
- Patrick J
  - Sid G
- December 25 - Christmas Day
- Randy L
  - Brian K
- December 29
- Ryan B
  - Nick S

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### **VIDEO**

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- December 1
- Brant H
- December 8
- Jordan H
- December 15
- Brandon K
- December 22
- Jeff K
- December 25 - Christmas Day
- Brant H
- December 29
- Jordan H

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### **BABY NURSERY**

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- December 1
- Jenna K
  - Brinley R
- December 8
- Jessica M
  - Levi T
- December 15
- Lisa Q
  - Alivia B
- December 22
- Debbie S
  - Noah A
- December 25 - Christmas Day
- Carly V
  - Easton A
- December 29
- Kim A
  - Samantha T

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### **TODDLER NURSERY**

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- December 1
- Kelsey G
  - Parker S
- December 8
- Swandel and Vaughn E
- December 15
- Mindy V
  - Brant G
- December 22
- Bev H
  - Kendall S
- December 25 - Christmas Day
- Kathryn V
  - Lisa K
- December 29
- Jill K and Ella K

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### **COFFEE SERVERS**

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- December 1
- Kara T
  - Joan A
  - Craig G
- December 8
- Larry & Joanne K
- December 15
- Patrick J & Marilyn M
- December 22
- Tabin & Jenny B
- December 29
- Elvin & Anna Lee F

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### **COOKIES FOR FELLOWSHIP**

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- December 1
- Joanne K
  - Jill K
  - Kristin K
  - Ardelle K
- December 8
- Cheryl K
  - Sara K
  - Candace L
  - Renee L
- December 15
- Vicki L
  - Joan M
  - Pat M
  - Darlene M
- December 22
- Jessica M
  - Linnea M
  - Lori M
  - Jill M
- December 29
- Sade N
  - Leona O
  - Wendi P
  - Mary P