

Destination Rehoboth

Rehoboth Christian School is offering a unique opportunity for inter-generational families to vacation and explore the fascinating cultures and landscapes of the Southwest, using the historical RCS campus as the base. The next campus event is August 2-7. For more information, please contact Deanna, our Campus Program Director at dbenson@rcsnm.org, or by telephone at 505.726.9603.

Denominational News

WORLD MISSIONS - Get out your paints, markers, and crayons... it's Poster Time! Christian Reformed World Missions' 2010 Poster Contest has begun. Create a poster with a missions theme and send it in to CRWM by April 16. Winning posters will be selected according to age categories. For more information, click on the "Get Involved" tab on ww.crwm.org.

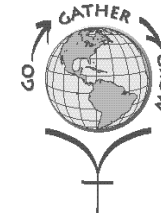
BACK TO GOD HOUR - How will You Respond? Each one of us experiences pain and suffering, but do you ever wonder if there's anything beyond your suffering? We often ask God, "Why?" But what does the Bible tell us about how else we should respond to our pain? Find out on the March 21 Back to God Hour. Go to www.BacktoGod.net for local stations and times.

CALVIN SEMINARY - On April 28, Barnabas Foundation, Calvin Theological Seminary and the Christian Reformed Church in North America are co-sponsoring the 4th Annual Christians & Money Conference. The conference will originate from the Prince Conference Center on the campus of Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich. This year, there will be four additional sites via live broadcast: Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, Ill.; Cedar Hill CRC in Wyckoff, NJ; Living Water Community Church in Orange City, Iowa; and Crosspoint Church in Chino, Calif. For info and registration: www.barnabasfoundation.com/conference or 888.448.3040.

FAITH ALIVE - Save up to 90% on select titles from Faith Alive! Choose from worship resources, small group materials, church resources, inspirational reading, and more. Visit www.FaithAliveResources.org/Sale-Items or call 1-800-333-8300.

KIDS CORNER - Identified Flying Object: What do a broken window, \$300, and a mysterious note have in common? Find out on this week's Kids Corner. Then check out the Kids Corner website at www.kidscorner.net for stories, devotions, puzzles and more.

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of March 14, 2010

Sunday, March 14—Daylight Savings Time begins
Worship: 8:30 & 11:00am, 6:00pm
Children & Worship: during morning worship
Education Hour: 9:45-10:45am
Second Sunday Soup: following 11am service

Monday, March 15
Skate Ministry: 6:30pm
Cadets: 7:00pm

Tuesday, March 16
Men's Prayer & Share: 6:30am
Trustees: 7:00pm
Life Recovery: 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 17
RENEW: 9:45am
Youth Group: 6:30pm
Choir: 7:30pm

Thursday, March 18
Announcements deadline: 9:00am
Coffee Fellowship: 9:30am
Wm's Lunch Hour Study: 11:30am, Lesson 10
Sharon Bible Study: 1:30pm, study lesson 4, chapter 1, 19-22
Skate Ministry: 6:30pm
Third Praying for Third: 7:00pm (*Prayer Room*)

Friday, March 19
Men's Night Out: 5:30-9:00pm (*Fairgrounds*)

Saturday, March 20
Cadet Snow Derby
Handbells: 10:00am

Sunday, March 21
Worship: 8:30 & 11:00am, 6:00pm
Children & Worship: during morning worship
Education Hour: 9:45-10:45am

SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS March 21, 2010

Nursery
8:30am: Infant – Amy Kruse, Roxanne Lenssen
Toddler – Dale & Cheryl Hendricks***, Melinda Kaemingk
11:00am: Wilma Sherer, Joan Fransen
6:00pm: Kathy Marks, Darlys Savery

Welcome Center
8:30am: Don & Bernice Kooy
11:00am: Tarise Hart

Courtesy Guides
8:30am: Bob Lenssen
11:00am: Harlan Kredit
6:00pm: Terry Marks

Techs: Sound	Video
8:30am: Dean Hendricks	Cody Kaemingk
11:00am: Joel Spoelstra	Luke Boersma
6:00pm: Larry Faber	



I am home again after 6 months of recuperation from September surgery and Swine Flu. Your faithfulness in prayers for my recovery were such a comfort when I couldn't pray myself. Thank you, dear church family, for those prayers, as well as cards and calls. I am looking forward to worshipping with you again.

With gratefulness to you and to our Lord for bringing me through,
Kay Schlamm

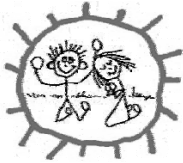
Happy Birthday to:
Mittie Erickson
March 16—75 yrs.





March 21 AM: Our current series continues with “The Cost of the Way Home”—Luke 15:1-3; 11-32; Philippians 3:8-14. The ultimate price paid for our pilgrimage “home” to our Father is paid by the Father, through Jesus. The “price” we bear is that of surrendering our own ego and plans to the One who has a better plan, a better way. (*Offering: Third Church Missionaries*)

March 21 PM: We welcome Mary Hulst, Chaplain of Calvin College, to share the Word with us (“The Suffering Servant”—Isaiah 53). Accompanying her are several Calvin students involved in the worship program at Calvin. (*Offering: NW Hispanic Ministries*)



CHILDREN & WORSHIP today

“Jesus and Zacchaeus” (Luke 19:1-10) - Jesus met Zacchaeus, a deceitful chief tax collector, and stayed with him in his home. The people of Jericho were angry that Jesus would spend time with a man who did bad things. However, as the result of Jesus’ visit, Zacchaeus repented with words and actions. Jesus responded to Zacchaeus, “Today you are saved. You are right with God, and you are right with people.” And to the people Jesus said, “I, the special Son of God, have come to find and to save everyone who is lost.” Then Jesus continued His “JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM.” God loves those who we may find difficult to love.

Prayer Quilt

Today’s prayer quilt is for one of our long time members, Jo Douma. She celebrated her 94th birthday last December and lives at Meadow Greens. By tying a knot in the quilt and signing the card, you can assure her of your prayers and concern for her.



Second Sunday Soup

Today all are invited for food and fellowship at our monthly soup luncheon following the 11:00am service.

Library News

There are currently at least 30 library books missing or lost! Please books ASAP.

Leadership Nominations

March 17 is the deadline for submitting nominations for the office of elder, deacon and trustee. Extra forms available at the Welcome Center.



Third Praying for Third

Thursday, March 18, at 7:00pm there will be a prayer time for family and friends of Third Church. We’ll meet in the Prayer Room and pray about things on the Prayer Page, Prayer Chain, for missionaries, and any other prayer requests you might have. All members of Third are welcome to join us. Questions or prayer requests: call Bob & Carol 354-5646 or c.roosma@comcast.net.

Save the Date

Fifth and Sixth graders (and any parents) - we will be serving at the Lighthouse Mission on Sunday, March 21, from 4:30 - 6:30. Please meet in the church parking lot at 3:45 to carpool.

Attention Students in 6th – 8th Grade

Did you hear the news?? Together with a number of the other youth groups in Lynden we are going to be hosting our yearly Middle School Winter Retreat on Friday March 26 to Saturday March 27. It IS going to be AWESOME! You should receive more information in the mail about this, but if you haven’t, there are extra registration forms in the church foyer near the Missions bulletin board. Friends are welcome to attend, so if you have one or twenty, invite them to come.



Note that the registration deadline is **today**. We want everybody to be able to participate, so if cost is an issue, there are scholarships available. Please contact Pastor Shawn at church (354-1448 Ext. 13) or on his cell (920-1696). We hope to see you all there!

Attention High School Youth

This morning we will continue our regular format and meet in between the services to continue our study of the Exodus story.

For Youth Group this week we will go to Planet Lazer in Langley, BC to play laser tag. The cost is \$10 per/person which includes travel cost, 2 games, Tim Horton’s Donuts, and beverages. We’ll meet at church at 6:30pm and leave from there. Since we are crossing the border, I need to know **ahead of time** who is participating. If you are planning on going and/or bringing a friend, please e-mail (shofing9@gmail.com) or call (360.354.1448) with the following info: Name, Home Phone,



Parents, City of Birth, Birth Date. At that time I will also send you a liability/permission form which you **MUST** have filled out in order to cross the border. You also **MUST** have your passport or a birth certificate and photo ID. Copies of the liability/permission form will also be available at Sunday School today.

Women in Company

All women of Third and their friends are invited to a craft night on Tuesday, March 30, at 7:00pm. Michelle (Lenssen) Wright will demonstrate how to make a bag using fabric, staples and duct tape. Sound a little strange?! Come that night and you’ll learn how to make this sturdy no-sew bag which can be used for a variety of purposes and also makes a great gift.



See the display in the foyer. Last chance to sign up is **next week, March 21**. You can sign up in two ways: please indicate whether you will buy your own fabric and straps or if you would like the committee to purchase those items for you. If you are buying your own fabric, don’t forget to pick up the iron-on vinyl at the sign up table. Fees range from \$4-8 and will be collected the night of the event. You’re also invited to sign up to help with goodies or clean up.

Habitat for Humanity Needs You

Habitat’s 28th home in Whatcom county is nearing completion, but still needs over \$5000. You’re invited to donate the cost of one or more panels of sheetrock at \$12.50/sheet and/or participate as a volunteer on Sat., March 20. See the flyer at the Welcome Center.



New Address

James & Chandra Dunn
110 Main St.
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Home phone: 760-975-9475



Prayer Page

Week of February 14, 2010

*“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”
~ Colossians 4:2*

Praise

Praise God for all his many blessings to you in your life (Psalm 42:11).

Confession

Confess that you don't always feel like praising God.

Commit yourself to living in hope every day.

Ask God to surround you with his presence—and then respond to him with praise.

Thanksgiving

Thank him that he is your God and that there is nothing that can ruin your relationship with him.

Thank God for answered prayers for Bertha Bratt who had surgery to put in a stent in arteries leading to her kidney. *Pray* for a quick recovery.

Thank God that Pastor Bill Vande-Bos was able to return home after testing and some adjustment in medications.

Give thanks for Carol Bratt's faithful commitment and dedication to the Worship Team. *Pray* that as she leaves this team, that God will continue to grant her other opportunities in which to use her gifts for His kingdom.

Church Family

“The Lord is the strength of his people.” Psalm 29:1

As you *pray* for our members living at Lynden Manor, *ask* that God will give each one an intimate sense of his presence. *Pray* for:

- Egbert Maas
- Les Hendricks
- Pete Stuurmans

Pray for Bernie Schuyleman, who was taken to the ER last week to undergo tests. *Pray* for good results as he goes for rehab to the CHCC.

Ask that Nella Schuyleman will adjust well as she was transferred from Bellingham Health Care Center to the CHCC.

Pray for Kevin Pawlowski as he has bi-lateral hip surgery Tuesday. *Ask* God to guide the hands of Dr. Joel Hoekema as conducts this surgery, and *pray* also for Kevin's recovery in the following weeks.

Pray for Bea Bylsma's grand-niece, Becky (Buys) Hansen, who has experienced severe headaches and several surgeries to correct a malfunction in a shunt that she has had since infancy. *Pray* that what has been done will prove effective and that Becky will be able to return home soon.

Prayer of the Week:

The Olympics

Pray for safety and unity among the nations. *Ask* that, in the midst of all the activities, God will make his presence known. *Pray* for opportunities for Christians to share the Good News.

Spirituality & Ministry

Pray for Bible Study groups as they meet this week. *Ask* that God will reveal himself in new ways to each member.

Prayer Requests - Guatemala:

Intercede for Joel and Marilyn VanDyke, Joelito and Sophia, in their ministry to those whose lives have been forgotten in Guatemala.

Pray specifically for the family of a troubled young man in their “colonia” (just three doors down) who was mistaken for a gang member and shot to death by police.

Ask that God will give Marilyn opportunities to minister to a single mother who was recently diagnosed with cancer and cares for a severely disabled autistic son.

Pray for the family of a disciple of gang chaplain Pastor Erwin “Shorty” Luna. This disciple was gunned down and killed in a case of mistaken identity. *Ask* that the home church that he started will grow together and be strengthened even in this difficult time. *Pray* that his younger brother does not seek to take revenge.

Give thanks for God's intervention in the life of Psycho, a prisoner in

Boqueron prison who was anointed with oil during Third's last visit to Guatemala. He was set up to be killed after a forceful removal from prison but was taken to a new “super max” prison and is reportedly leading a Bible study there. *Pray* that Joel will be given the opportunity to visit him.

Give thanks that the G7 countries, including Canada and the US, have pledged to cancel the debts that Haiti owes them and to work with international financial institutions to ensure that Haiti's multilateral debt is cancelled as soon as possible.

Persecuted Church:

Laos

Pray for Christians in the village of Katin who had guns put to their heads during their Sunday morning service and were forced into an open field. The officials confiscated all personal belongings from 11 homes of these Christians and destroyed six of the homes. *Give thanks* that despite their efforts, the officials were unable to cajole them into renouncing their faith. They were forced to walk about four miles and were left on the side of the road. Local police have been posted at the entrance of the village to keep the Christians from returning. The men, women and children of the church have been sleeping on the ground in the woods with hardly enough food or tools to survive. *Pray* for their safety and an end to their suffering.

*“The more we receive in silent prayer,
the more we can give in our active life.” ~Mother Teresa*

Lenten Cross



To be used for Good Friday and Easter Services

SIZE: Under 10' and over 2'

Bring the week of March 28 - April 1

During this season of Lent we are hoping that members of Third Church will be moved to create/design crosses that they will be willing to share with the church. Most of us do not consider ourselves to be artists. But we all have mediums or materials with which we are very familiar through our work or hobbies. The cross is probably the most simple and basic of shapes, and can be easily formed. Our challenge to you is to use what you know to create your own special cross.

Hopefully every adult in the church will contribute to the making of at least one cross for Lent. They can be done individually, as couples or families, or as groups. Children are encouraged to participate as well. We would encourage you to give this project prayer and contemplation. We hope to fill the sanctuary and narthex area with these crosses for Good Friday and Easter.

We hope, but do not require, that you write a brief description and explanation of your cross as well as your name. If possible, please help provide anything needed to display the cross like a hanger or stand.

If you have questions or need help getting it to church, please contact John DeJong or Lynda Schlomer (worship@third-church.org).

We believe this will be a wonderful and growing spiritual experience for you as you design and make your cross and for all of us together as we view the finished works and contemplate in this season what Christ has done for us by his death on the Cross.

~ The Worship Planning Team

WHAT'S NEW

VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY

AND AUCTION: Bethel CRC's youth group is hosting a volleyball tournament from 6 to 8 p.m. and an auction night from 8 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, March 20, at the Lynden Christian Middle School gym. Auction items include various desserts, a "Phantom" retractable screen with installation, delivery of 12 yards of screened topsoil, Microfurr blankets, art work, two dozen free-range eggs per month of fresh organic eggs for a year, and much more. Please register your team ASAP for the tournament. Proceeds go to youth group activities and summer mission trips. For questions and registration, contact Yuanita Gitamara (201-0698 or yg@bethelcrc.org).

MESSIAH CONCERT: The Lynden Choral Society and the Starry Night Chamber Orchestra invite you to the second half of Handel's "Messiah" during this year's Lenten season. There will be a concert on March 26 at 7 p.m. at First CRC and another one March 27 at 7 p.m. at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 2600 Lakeway Drive, Bellingham. A donation will be taken at the door to cover costs. For details, contact Ethan at 410-8537 or Crystal@lyndenchoralsociety@live.com.

MEN'S PRAYER

BOOTCAMP: Men of Whatcom County are called to come together for a prayer bootcamp on March 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Christ the King Community Church in Bellingham. Minister Dick Simmons and Jason Hubbard of the Light of the World Prayer Center will be the speakers at this free training

workshop. Registration is not required.

CALLING JUNIOR

HIGHERS: Oasis is a seventh- and eighth-grade ministry of Bethel CRC, First CRC, and Amor Viviente that is looking at what it would be like if being a Christian was illegal. Through games, studying heroes of faith such as William Tyndale, and doing a simulation of what it would be like to live in a country where you have to worship in secret, students will gain appreciation for the religious freedoms we have in America. They will meet at Berthusen Park (the circle entrance) from 7 to 8:30 p.m. this Thursday, March 18, and on April 1, 15, and 29. If you would like to join or would like more information, please contact Dan Houston (354-4560, ext. 2) or Yuanita Gitamara (201-0698).

PRAYER SUMMIT AND

WORKSHOP: The People's Prayer Summit, an unscripted worship experience for pastors and prayer-ministry leaders, will be held April 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. and May 1 from 8 a.m. to noon. It will be followed by the Prayer Leaders' Training Workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. Both events will take place at the First Conference Center, 4605 Cable St., Bellingham. The cost for both the Summit and worship (including two meals Saturday) is \$25 per person. For more information, call Alvin VanderGriend (354-5072) or Jason Hubbard (961-72442).

VAN POLEN PICTURES:

The Ebenezer Christian School Eagle Boosters are proud to sponsor the pictures of Don and Fran Van Polen on March 26 at the Lynden Middle School Auditorium with shows at 4 and 7 p.m. For "The Psalms Around

Us," Don and Fran have blended together the landscapes of America with the beloved psalms of David into a thoughtful meditation using ancient words for a contemporary world. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults and can be purchased at the door. For more information, call Jessica at 393-0466.

CADET SNOW DERBY: The Northwest Cadet Council is holding its bi-annual snow derby on Saturday, March 20, at Mount Baker. Please check with your head counselors for details and carpool arrangements. Pray for safety and snow.

LC LOOKING FOR

RECIPES: Please contribute your favorite family recipes to the Lynden Christian Centennial Cookbook. Fill out and submit a form from the latest Home Bulletin or drop it off at the Central Office. For directions to submit online, call the Central Office. The deadline is March 31.

FOSTER CARE

WORKSHOP: Those interested in starting a ministry to foster children in their church are invited to the Power Of One workshop on April 26. The workshop is free and will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with lunch provided at the Mill Creek Foursquare Church, 1415 164th St. SW, Lynnwood. To register, call (425) 462-1612, ext. 1319, or e-mail Shirley-Stoddard@olivecrest.org. For details, contact Sonlight Community CRC's Hope 1.27 orphan ministry at Hope127@Sonlightchurch.com.

LEAD WORSHIP AT CHCC:

The Christian Health Care Center is in need of afternoon worship leaders for the months of April and May. Pastors, small groups, interns or anyone interested in leading worship can

minister to CHCC residents. This program is an excellent way for small groups to serve their community and put their faith in action. To reserve a date or to get more information, contact volunteer coordinator Kathy Marks at 354-4434, ext. 328.

EAGLE FORUM TALK: The Eagle Forum is hosting a briefing with Bob Williams, founder of Evergreen Freedom Foundation, on Tuesday, March 16, at 7 p.m. at the Quality Inn Baron Suites, 100 E. Kellogg Road, Bellingham. For more information, call 354-8505.

CRC NEWS

WORLD MISSIONS

POSTER CONTEST: Get out your paints, markers, and crayons ... the CR World Missions' 2010 Poster Contest has begun. Create a poster with a missions theme and send it in to CRWM by April 16. Winning posters will be selected for 6 and younger, 7-9, 10-12, and 13 and older. For more information, click on the "Get Involved" tab on www.crwm.org.

DISCIPLESHIP

WORSHIP WORKSHOP:

Calvin College chaplain Mary Hulst and a small group of college worship apprentices will present "Growing In Faith Together: Worship Words, Music And Art," a worship workshop for teenagers through senior citizens, on March 22 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Immanuel CRC in Langley, B.C. Explore how words, music, drama, dance, visual arts and technology can enable and support people to enter more fully into worship. To sign up, contact Elaine Smit (604-271-0283 or elaine_smit@hotmail.com) or Peter Riezebos (604-534-3635 or riezebos@telus.net).

WORLD RELIGIONS

COURSE: Pastor Steve Van Vleck of Evergreen Community Church is teaching a course on world religions every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the

Lynden Community Center, 401 Grover St. The class is free to members; non-members are welcome for just \$1 donation per session. To register or for more information, call 354-4501 or visit the website www.lyndencommunitycenter.org.

MINISTRY

EBENEZER SEEKS

TEACHER: Ebenezer Christian School is accepting applications for a half-time second-grade teacher. Applications will be accepted through March 26 and can be downloaded at www.ebenezerchristianschool.org. For details, call the school (354-2632).

LIFE LINE SCREENING:

Life Line Screening, painless ultrasound screenings for stroke, vascular disease and heart rhythms, will be held at Sonlight Community CRC on March 29. For an appointment, call (800) 635-0475.

FELLOWSHIP

MEN'S NIGHT OUT:

Speaker Bernie Bovenkamp, who ministers to Haitian orphans, and country music singer Kenny Hess will highlight this year's Men's Night Out on Friday, March 19. Join men of all ages at the Northwest Washington Fairgrounds (Henry Jansen Building) from 5:30 to 9 p.m. There will be free food, lots of sports and outdoor hobbies on display, and great fellowship. Admission is one can of food or a \$1 donation; proceeds will go to Haitian relief ministries. For details, call 366-3357.

CONCERTS

HELP HOUSE DORDT

CHOIR: The Dordt College concert choir will perform on Tuesday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m. at Bethel CRC. The 51-voice choir (including Lynden High graduate John Rutgers) under the direction of Lynden native Benjamin Kornelis will perform classical works,

folk songs, American spirituals and other traditional selections from around the world. Admission is free; a freewill donation will be taken to defray tour expenses. Host families are needed for Monday and Tuesday. If you are willing to host at least two students, call Sherry Vos at 354-1456.

HELP HOUSE LINFIELD

CHOIR: The Linfield College concert choir of McMinnville, Ore., will give an evening concert at the United Methodist Church on March 23. Among the 36 students is Heidi VandenBos, granddaughter of Pastor Bill and Mary VandenBos. If you can open up your home for two of the students for one night, please call Nell Veenstra (778-3382) or Mary VandenBos (354-3445).

SCHOOLS

EBENEZER OPEN HOUSE:

Ebenezer Christian School will host its annual open house on Thursday, March 18, at 9:30 a.m. Special sessions for pre-K and kindergarten begin at 10 a.m. Ebenezer is accepting applications for preschool, kindergarten, and all upper grades. For details or to reserve your attendance, call 354-2632 or visit www.ebenezerchristianschool.org.

MEETINGS

GRIEF SUPPORT: Tuesdays, 7 p.m., and Wednesdays, 2 p.m., Health Education Center, 3333 Squalicum Parkway, Bellingham. 733-5877.

DRUG, ALCOHOL RECOVERY:

Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Third Christian Reformed Church, Lynden. 354-1448.

HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT: Second and fourth Wednesdays of month, 1:30 p.m., Lynden Community Center. 354-4501.

SENIORS DISCUSSION GROUP:

Thursdays, 1 p.m., St. Luke's Education Center. 734-5400, ext. 2457.

GRIEF MINISTRY: Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., North County Christ the King Church prayer center. 318-9446.

PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL: Third Sunday of the month, 2 p.m., outside Mount Baker Planned Parenthood Health Center, Bellingham. 671-4836.

DEADLINE FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS: WEDNESDAY NOON ♦ GUIDELINES FOR PUBLICATION AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

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