

God's Word Gives Our Lives Direction



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Worship Services
10:30 AM
6:30 PM

Church School: 9:30 AM
September—May

**I BELIEVE
IN JESUS CHRIST,
HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD**

**APOSTLES'
CREED**

October 6, 2019

The Loop System is provided for those using hearing devices by using the telephone mode on your device. This is available beginning in row 5 on either side of the sanctuary.

Next Week is Communion Sunday!



Creation groans

waiting for the children of God to be revealed

Creation groans

*waiting to be born again;
waiting to be released from the bondage
of sin and decay.*

Creation groans

*in wars and rumors of war, in signs and wonders.
These are the birth pangs that
come before all things are made new.*

Creation groans

*in expectation of being fully restored,
renewed, and reborn.*

We groan too

*for the Spirit of God is in us
And moving toward all that is yet to be.*

Come Celebrate!

***Christ has died, Christ is Risen,
Christ will come again!***

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

Pastor John Knoester

Oct. 6, 2019

10:30 AM Worship Service

* Please stand in body or in spirit

"Amazing love!"

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

* Call to Worship

* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #581:1-3

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!
2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ, our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

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1824, adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867, alt. P.D. CCLI #678905

* God's Greeting/We Greet Each Other

* Opening Songs of Worship

I John 3:2-3

"Living Hope"

1. How great the chasm that lay between us.
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven
and spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.
2. Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
to wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven.
The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Chorus (2x)

*Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain.
There's salvation in Your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.*

3. Then came the morning that sealed the promise,
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
declared the grave has no claim on me.
(REPEAT)
Jesus, Yours is the victory!

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LUYH #559:1-3 *“Ten Thousand Reasons”*

Refrain

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name.*

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Refrain

2. You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing—
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Refrain

3. And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing your praise unending—
Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

Refrain

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name,
Worship your holy name
Worship your holy name.*

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"How can it be?"

Call to Confession:

In repentance and rest is your salvation,
in quietness and trust is your strength,
but you would have none of it.

Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you;
he rises to show you compassion.

For the LORD is God of justice.

Blessed are all who wait for him!

—Isaiah 30:15, 18, NIV

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Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: Colossians 1:9-14

⁹ For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; ¹⁰ That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; ¹² Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: ¹³ Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: ¹⁴ In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

God's Will for Our Lives:

LEADER: What is the great and first commandment?

PEOPLE: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

LEADER: What is the second commandment like it?

PEOPLE: Love your neighbor as yourself.

LEADER: What does this mean?

PEOPLE: Love is the fulfilling of the law.

LEADER: To what does this call us?

PEOPLE: To a life of faith working through love.

—based on Matthew 22:37-40

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Song of Thanksgiving: LUYH #227:1,3,4 **“He is Lord”**

1. He is Lord, he is Lord,
he is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

3. He is Love, he is Love,
he has shown us by his life that he is Love!
All his people sing with one voice of joy
that Jesus Christ is Love.

4. He is Life, he is Life,
he has died to set us free, and he is Life!
And he calls us all to live evermore,
for Jesus Christ is Life.

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* We Profess our Faith: Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
buried; he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

* Song of Preparation: LUYH #770:1-4 *"In Christ Alone"*

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on the cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground His body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
then, bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no human plan,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
'til He returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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"That you my Lord,"

Scripture Readings: John 1:1-2 & 10-13 (p. 1049),
I John 3:1-3 (p. 1208), John 6:16-24 (p. 1056)

Message: ***“We Believe in Jesus Christ – His Only Son, Our Lord”***

Time of Prayer

“Should die for me?”

* Song of Application: LUYH #695:1-4 ***“And Can it Be”***

1. And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Savior’s blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain—
for me, who caused his bitter death?
Amazing love! How can it be
that you, my Lord, should die for me?

Refrain

*Amazing love! How can it be
that you, my Lord, should die for me?*

2. He left his Father’s throne above—
so free, so infinite his grace—
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam’s helpless race!
What mercy this, immense and free,
for, O my God, it found out me!

Refrain

3. Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature’s night.
Your sunrise turned that night to day;
I woke—the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, your voice I knew;
I rose, went out, and followed you.

Refrain

4. No condemnation now I dread,
for Christ, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

Refrain

*Amazing love! How can it be
that you, my Lord, should die for me?*

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* God's Blessing

* Parting Praise: LUYH #223:1-4 ***“Crown Him with Many Crowns”***

1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.
2. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
who rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died and reigns on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.
3. Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes
at mysteries so bright.

4. Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

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* Postlude

Welcome to a time of praise and worship of the Lord our God. Let us fill His house with songs of praise and feast upon His word. We especially welcome every visitor today. We are very glad you came. May the peace and joy of the Lord be yours. After the morning service all are invited to the fellowship hall next to the sanctuary for a cup of coffee or juice and continued fellowship.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Apostles Creed is probably the most well-known ecumenical statement of our faith. It is called the "Apostles Creed" not because it was produced by the apostles themselves, but because it contains a brief summary of their teachings. It's a beautiful statement of what Christian believers in all times and places profess to believe.

In the weeks to come, we are going to make our way through the Apostles Creed and reflect on each statement of belief. Through the use of various scripture texts and confessional teachings we're going to remind ourselves of some of the central tenants of our faith.

Listed below is a 'tentative' schedule of our study, but it could easily change depending on how far we get each week. May God bless us as we embark on this study together.

In Christ,

Pastor John Knoester

Sept. 15 – "Introduction to the Apostles Creed – "We Believe"

Sept. 22 – "We Believe in God the Father almighty, Creator ..."

Sept. 29 – "We Believe in Jesus Christ – Savior

Oct. 6 – "We Believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord"

Oct. 13 – "We Believe in the Incarnation of Jesus"

- Oct. 20 – “We Believe in the Suffering and Death of Jesus”
- Oct. 27 – “We Believe in the Resurrection, Ascension, and Reign of Jesus”
- Nov. 3 – “We Believe in the Holy Spirit”
- Nov. 10 – “We Believe in the holy catholic church and communion of saints”
- Nov. 17 – “We Believe Christ is coming again”
- Nov. 24 – “We Believe in the resurrection of body and life everlasting”

Family Visiting - The following is the current family visiting schedule. If your family is included in the list, please expect a call from the listed Elder to arrange the day and time for the visit. If you have questions about the schedule, please call the listed Elder or call Henry Hammingh at 360-424-3019.

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2019 FAMILY VISITS	
Elder	Family
Dave V	De Kok, Dennis & Melba
Dave V	Donaldson, Spencer & Janelle
Kevin K	Droog, Jeff & Monica
Kevin K	Hilsinger, Nick & Kristi
Henry VZ	Strong, Joe & Nellie
Henry VZ	Vander Pol, Larry & Margaret
Tim VH	Van Zanten, Henry & Pam
Tim VH	Kuipers, Henry & Sharon
Darrel L	Speck, Brandon & Julie
Darrel L	Klunder, John & Dena
Pastor John	Houck, Kermit & Julie
Pastor John	Klunder, Jill
Henry H	Vander Griend, Clarence
Henry H	Haagsma, Jill

OUR CHURCH EVENTS

Following the service today there will be a **Church Potluck** in the Fellowship Hall. If you are visiting with us today, you are welcome to join us for lunch.

Youth Group will meet tonight at 6:15 PM.

Friendship House - Today, following the morning service, you will have an opportunity to sign up to prepare a casserole, or dessert to bring for the Friendship House this week. Servers are also needed. Any monetary donations to help with expenses will be accepted also. Please bring the food to the church kitchen on Wednesday, October 9 by 4:00 PM. Have your casseroles cooked and hot.

Cadets will meet Wednesday, October 9 at 7:00 PM.

ADVANCED NOTICES

Donations for Neighbors in Need - Next week, October 13, you will have opportunity again to bring your donations of canned and non-perishable items for the food drive for "**Neighbors in Need**". Please bring your donations in the morning or evening to the church and place them in the basket located in the foyer and the Fellowship Hall.

Attention all who love to sing! Choir will begin practicing for our fall season on Sunday, October 13. We practice in the sanctuary after coffee time! Looking forward to having you join us! Any questions, talk to Joni Beezhold. "Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly." Psalm 149:1

Council will meet October 14 at 7:00 PM.

Men's Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, October 16 at 6:30 AM at Sheri's Restaurant in Burlington.

Golden Hour will meet Wednesday, October 16 at 1:30 PM. They will be working through lesson 3.

GEMS will meet Wednesday, October 16 at 6:30 PM.

The youth group would like to invite you to their annual **Chili Contest and Pumpkin Carving Competition** on Friday October 18 at 6:00 PM. Chili check-in starts at 5:50 PM. Prizes will be awarded for "favorite" as well as "most spicy". As in years past, the Koinonia room will be set up with tables and tarps for a place to create your favorite pumpkin carving decoration. The youth group has tools and will handle the messy clean up. Templates will be provided for the kids. Prizes will be awarded for CRC themed designs and favorite design (as voted on by the youth group). If you need a pumpkin(s), please call, text or email Eliot Blom (206-552-5954 or eliotb31@yahoo.com) by Thursday October 17, no later than 10 PM.

Cookies or Bars - We will be having a coffee time following our joint Reformation Service on the evening of October 27. If you are willing to bring 2-3 dozen cookies or bars, please sign up on the sheet provided in the Fellowship Hall.

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

Groundwork: We Are the House of God - Jesus Christ makes clear that the firmer our foundation, the more secure we will be when the storms of life come our way. Join Groundwork in studying Ephesians 2:13-20, Matthew 7:24-27, and 1 Timothy 3:14-15 to discover the true foundation of our faith life, both individually and as a body of believers. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Who needs a Best Friend? - Who is your best friend? What's the best part about being best friends? Help Liz figure out how to be a best friend on this episode of Kids Corner. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. Download this month's Life of Jesus Coloring Book.

At-home Faith Formation Tip - Today is World Communion Sunday. If you have kids at home, check out the picture book *God's Very Good Idea: A True Story of God's Delightfully Different Family* by Trillia Newbell. It's part of a wonderful series called "Tales that Tell the Truth" from The Good Book Company, all of which would be great additions to your picture book library. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

Tour the Biblical Lands of Israel - March 9–20, 2020. Experience a refreshing renewal of your faith, and gain a deeper understanding of the Bible, as you tour the biblical lands with teaching host, Pastor Peter Tuininga, and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See many of the biblical places (Jerusalem, Galilee, Caesarea, Jericho and much more), and gain spiritual and historical insights which will make the Bible come alive for you. For complete information, cost, and registration, go to toursofisrael.wordpress.com or call Peter Tuininga at 1 289 877-8433 or e-mail peter.tuininga@gmail.com .

Essay Contest - The H. Henry Meeter Center for Calvin Studies proudly announces our 28th annual High School Senior Scholarship Essay Contest. This year's topic is Calvin and the Biblical Patriarchs. Deadline for submission is February 3, 2020. Winners will be awarded scholarships to one of several Reformed colleges and universities, as listed on our website. Details: calvin.edu/centers-institutes/meeter-center/fellowships-scholarships/high-school-seniors/

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENT

Thank you from the Holwerdas - A sincere "thank you" to the consistory and congregation for the lovely and very meaningful card received in honor of our 70th anniversary. We have many wonderful memories of our time serving First Mount Vernon. There are names missing, in the card, who we know have gone to glory. Those people we are also thankful for. God does continue to bless us with a measure of good health, which we thank him for daily. Thank you again for thinking about us. We can only say, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow".

Love in Christ,

Rev. Robert & Joyce Holwerda

"FREE" Music Program - Save the date and come on out Friday, October 25, 2019 @ 7pm for an "An-a-Cappella Barbershop Fall Music Show" at First Christian Reformed Church in Mount Vernon. This evening will feature a couple of local Men's Acapella Choruses, the "An-O-Chords" and the "Mount Baker Toppers" along with a local grown quartet "Free Advice". The music that is sung is in Four Part Harmony in a Barbershop Style. Contact Henry Van Zanten for any questions or if you would like to have a Digital Flyer to help promote this event or to email out to friends. Hardcopy flyers are also available in the breezeway. So, come on out, bring a friend and enjoy an evening of fun music.

Birch Tree Birdhouse - A very special thank you to Mr. John Orange for making the birdhouse from a branch of the birch tree. It is on display on the piano in the social hall. Thanks John, great job!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN	9:30AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Morning Service
	11:45 AM	Church Potluck
	6:15 PM	Youth Group
	6:30 PM	Evening Service
TUES	7:00 PM	Vida Nueva Bible Study
WED	4:00 PM	Friendship House
	7:00 PM	Cadets

NURSERY

Today: Brooke Knoester, Caleb Link, Kyler Houck

Next Week: Elly Cuperus, Jordan Feddema, Nathan Van Beek

GREETERS

Today - Rovers: Larry & Margaret Vander Pol

AM: Kermit & Julie Houck, Clarence & Eleanor Klunder

Next Week - Rovers: Greg & Tish Ackermann

AM: Kevin & Glenda Kok, Katie Jungquist, Martha Haarsma

USHERS

Today: Henry Hammingh, Darin Kuipers, Larry Greidanus

Next Week: Henry Van Zanten, Jr., Tim Hibma, Wiebe Van der Hoek

SOUND SYSTEM

Today: Henry & Devin Van Zanten

Next Week: Tim Hibma, Henry Hammingh

PROJECTION

Today: Tim Hibma

Next Week: Josh Hammingh

VIDEO TAPING

Today: Carson Blom

Next Week: Brandon Speck

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Today: Teacher: Tim Van Hofwegen

Assistants: Monica Droog, Julissa Oostra

Next Week: Teacher: Tim Van Hofwegen

Assistants: Shanna Visser, Tessa Speck

COFFEE HOSTS

Today: Kevin & Glenda Kok, Darin & Michelle Kuipers, Joe Le Clair

Next Week: Henry & Sharon Kuipers, Keith & Jean Rasmussen,
Marinus & Jill Rouw

VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE

Today: Jayne & Josh Hammingh

Next Week: Sylvia & Devin Van Zanten

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Today: Kayla Van Hofwegen; Accompanist: Sylvia Van Zanten

Next Week: Dennis De Kok; Accompanist: Shirley Boonstra

TRANSPORTATION CARE TEAM

October 6: Larry & Maxine Greidanus

October 13: Henry & Jayne Hammingh

October 20: Shirley Boonstra

October 27: Dennis & Melba De Kok

OCTOBER OFFERINGS:

AM: General Fund; **PM:** New Earth Recovery

October 13- Second AM Offering: Benevolent Fund

6:30 PM Worship Service

* Please stand in body or in spirit

Pianist: Sylvia Van Zanten

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Kayla Van Hofwegen

LUYH# 709 *"Jesus Loves Me"*

LUYH# 559 *"Ten Thousand Reasons"*

LUYH# 360 *"You are my King (Amazing Love)"*

Scripture Readings: Romans 3:21-26, Ephesians 2:4-5

II Corinthians 5:16-21

Confession Reading: Belgic Confession

Article 20: *The Justice and Mercy of God in Christ*

We believe that God—

who is perfectly merciful

and also very just—

sent his Son to assume the nature

in which the disobedience had been committed,

in order to bear in it the punishment of sin

by his most bitter passion and death.

So God made known his justice toward his Son,

who was charged with our sin,

and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us,

who are guilty and worthy of damnation,

giving to us his Son to die,

by a most perfect love,

and raising him to life

for our justification,

in order that by him

we might have immortality

and eternal life.

Message: ***“The Justice and Mercy of God in Christ”***

Time of Prayer

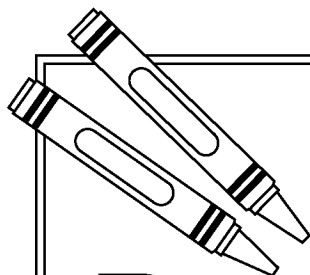
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Song of Application: LUYH #695:1-4 ***“And Can It Be”***

* God’s Blessing

* Parting Praise: LUYH #965

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”



Just for **KIDS**

Be transformed

It's the beginning of a new school year, and you'll be growing and changing every day. Below is an important lesson that God wants you to remember.

Color in the letter boxes that have an asterisk (*).

Then write the letters that are left on the lines below to finish Romans 12:2.

c	h*	o	n	d*	f	t*	q*	o	s*	r	a*	b*	r*	m
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"Do not _____ any longer to the _____
of this _____, but be _____
by the _____ of your _____. Then you will be able
to _____ and _____ what _____' will is — his good,
_____ and _____ will." *Romans 12:2, NIV*

Answers: conform, pattern, world, transformed, renewing, mind, rest, approve, God's, pleasing, perfect



How can we **PRAY** for you?

People to be remembered with prayers, cards, letters & words of encouragement. Call the church office at (336-2405) or e-mail: secretary@firstcrmv.com by Thursday of each week with your prayer items.

NEW REQUESTS:

Pray for our missionaries as they serve both locally and around the world.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Adelaida Vega (Michelle Kuiper's mother) received the results from her CT Scan. The cancer is shrinking, and she will need to continue treatments to attack what cancer is still there.

Continue to pray for **Case Lanting** as he recovers from a stroke.

Continue to pray for strength and healing for **Todd Klunder**.

Continue to pray for **Ryanne Vander Pol** as she continues with her IV therapy and some radiation treatments.

SHUT INS:

Nell Annema at Birchview Memory Care in Sedro-Woolley; **Wilma De Boer** at Creekside in Burlington; **Mary Koopmans** at Where the Heart Is in Burlington; **Wilma Paul** at Life Care Center in Sedro-Woolley; **Sally Reehoorn** at Creekside in Burlington; **Adrianna Swanson** at Creekside in Burlington; **Bev Van Slageren** at family in Grandview, WA; **Duane Van Dyke** at Where the Heart Is in Burlington; **Lona Vander Griend** at Home Place in Burlington.

OTHER REQUESTS:

Classis Pacific Northwest: The members of our Classis will be meeting on October 10. Pray for all who will be in attendance.

Leadership Development: (All Nations Heritage) In the CRC today we celebrate All Nations Heritage Sunday. We are a diverse people from different tribes and nations united as one body in Jesus Christ. We are witnesses to the world in times of peace and persecution, announcing that salvation comes from the Lord. May the peoples praise you, God; may all the people praise you.

Resonate Global Mission: (Cambodia) Resonate missionary Justin Van Zee, working with young Christian leaders in Cambodia, asks: "Please pray for my work with my partner organization, Dove. Ask God for good relationships with staff and a creative way forward as we develop new programs."

World Renew: (Latin America) Praise God for relative peace in Haiti, Honduras, and Nicaragua over the past few months. There are occasional protests in Honduras, but they have had minimal impact on World Renew's ability to work. Underlying causes of unrest have not been resolved, however, so prayers for solutions are still needed. Please pray for peace and safety in the region.

CRC Communications: (Pastors) October is often celebrated as Pastor Appreciation Month. Thank God today for the pastor(s) of your church and for pastors who have blessed you throughout your life. Pray for everyone in church leadership, that they may guide in God's wisdom and strength.

Resonate Global Mission: (Legacy) Resonate and the CRC are celebrating an important anniversary this fall: 100 years of international mission work on the field! In 1919, Johanna Veenstra followed God's call to Nigeria, where she served for more than 10 years. Give thanks for her legacy of equipping the global church, and pray for the missionaries who are carrying on that legacy today.

Back to God Ministries International: (Chinese ministry) A Chinese ministry follower shared, "Over the past few days, I have been helping a missionary from rural China who is dealing with depression. Your article answers many of the questions in my mind. It seems like God is using it to help me." Pray that this missionary will be encouraged.

Resonate Global Mission: (Honduras) Give thanks that students at the International School in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, are learning about Jesus' love for them. Resonate missionary Hannah Damsteegt said that six students in her class asked Jesus into their hearts this year.