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We'll update this information regularly and encourage everyone to remember and honor our

seniors with a visit or other forms of communiation. Call us with updates you may know, but understand we only provide life updates given by individuals or family.

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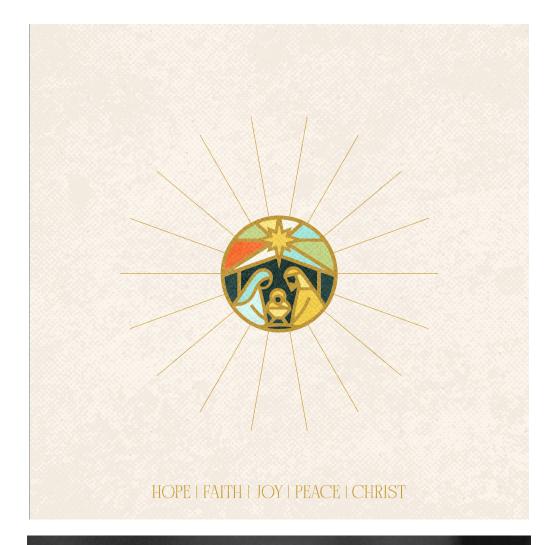
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The Bellingham at Orchard: (848 West Orchard Drive, Bellingham, 98225) Rm 10 - Teri Hilt

# PRAYER & PRAISE

This Christmas season, let's spread a little extra love!

We're inviting you to take a moment to bless our widows and shut-ins—whether that's through a card, a note of encouragement, or any meaningful way you feel led. Let's make their season a little brighter together! Grab a flyer at the Connection Center with a list of our widows and shut- ins.



# **SUNDAYS**

8:45 & 11:00 AM

WELCOME TO FIRST REFORMED CHURCH!

GET TO KNOW MORE ABOUT US BY SCANNING THE CODE!



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### **WEEKLY PRAYER TIME BETWEEN SERVICES**

We would love to have you join us! There will be prayer time today between services in the Adult Library. We will be praying over our church and for spiritual growth within our church body.

### COMMUNION

We will be serving communion at both our services today. If you or someone you know is not able to attend and would like an elder to serve you or them please reach out to Lise@Lyndenfrc.org.

We also wanted to let you know that our communion elements are gluten-free for anyone who needs that.

#### MEXICO MISSION TRIP MEETINGS!

- Spring break trip TODAY, between services, 10:15-11:00 AM in U2, located upstairs across from the Loft.
- Mid-winter break trip TODAY, after the second service, 12:15-12:45 PM in the Daybreak room.

If you're considering joining either of these teams, we'd love to have you come to these meetings. Applications are due December 30th!

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

- Today Sunday School & EXHIBIT resumes
- Tuesday, December 9 at 12:30 PM Caleb Christmas Luncheon
- Sunday, December 14 Youth Sunday
- Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Eve Service 2:30 PM & 4:00 PM No childcare - but children are welcome in the service!

#### ADVENT PACKETS FOR FAMILIES - GRAB YOURS TODAY!

Parents, we still have Advent packets available at the back of the church for you to use with your children. Be sure to grab yours! It's a simple and meaningful way to slow down, reflect, and keep the focus on Jesus throughout the Christmas season.

#### **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION - CHRISTMAS GIFT!**

We have a special Christmas gift waiting for all our volunteers at the back of the church! Be sure to grab yours today—we're excited to share this Advent devotional with you as we prepare our hearts for the Christmas season. One per family.

#### **ANGEL TREE - GIVING OPPORTUNITY!**

You will notice we have our Angel Tree up! The 'angels' look different this year, but everything is still the same. Grab a tag, and purchase the items on it to bless local children for Christmas. The tree will be up for four weeks and all gifts will need to be returned by Sunday, December 14.

#### TANZANIA MISSION FUNDRAISER

Join us this Wednesday, December 10, from 5:30-6:30 PM for our Wednesday night meal as we support our Tanzania mission team! It's a wonderful opportunity to come together as a church family, enjoy a meal, and partner with our team as they prepare for their trip.

#### CHRISTMAS CAROL & FELLOWSHIP TIME!

To wrap up our first semester of ministry, we are having a time to gather and sing carols, eat treats, fellowship, OR if you have a child in the Kids Club, you are welcome to head down and help them create Christmas Cards for the widow's and shut in's of FRC.

- Wednesday, December 10
- 6:30-7:15 PM Fellowship & treats in the lobby
- 7:15-8:00 PM Caroling with Scripture reading

### MINISTRY OVERVIEW **SUNDAYS**

NURSERY (BIRTH-2YRS) | TODAY AT 8:45 & 11:00AM | Nursery PreKIDS (3-PREK) | TODAY AT 8:45 & 11:00AM | L8-L6 SUNDAY SCHOOL | 10:00AM

Adult Sunday School | Daybreak room

Nursery (0-2)

PreKIDS (3-PREK) | L6 Kidsclub (K-5) | Clubhouse

Youth Sunday School (6th-12th) | The Loft PRAYER TIME 10:00AM | Adult Library EXHIBIT | 6:00-8:00PM | The Loft

### 12/7

## The Nursery (Birth-2 Years)

8:45 a.m.: Kirstyn Garcia, Kyle & Morgan Mark, Meagan Rossi, Kelsie Kooiman 11:00 a.m.: Brenda Roosma, Marcy Kok, Ashly & Hilary Huartson, Audie Hendricks

### PreKIDS (3-PreK) | L8

8:45 a.m.: Erin, Taya & Case VanderKooi 11:00 a.m.: Andria & Liv Martin, James Spoelstra

Safety: Jarrod Karuza

### Welcome |

8:45 a.m.: Heinz Family, Nancy Smith Middle Lobby: Sandi Clark

11:00 a.m.: Tad & Lisa VanderGriend,

John & Bev Vree

Middle Lobby: Darcy Lindenmuth, Bonnie Wilson

Coffee | Keven Tjoelker

Deacons | Marshall Norman, Brett VanWeerdhuizen

### **WEEKLY MINISTRY**

### WEDNESDAYS

FELLOWSHIP MEAL | 5:30PM DISCIPLESHIP FOR ALL AGES | 6:30PM Men's Bible Study | Church next door Women's Bible Study | Sanctuary & classrooms Adult Co-ed Bible Study | Daybreak room JAM (6th-8th) | Loft

#### **THURSDAYS**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY | 9:30AM | Lower level Fellowship Hall CROSSROADS - College & Career Bible study | 7:00PM | Daybreak Room

### 12/14

### The Nursery (Birth-2 Years)

8:45 a.m.: Kristin Foote, Katie Wester, Leisha & Jack Rutledge, Felicia VanWingerden, Kortnee Tolsma 11:00 a.m.: Bev Vree, Audrey Elmer, Leslie & Kaden VanWeedhuizen

### PreKIDS (3-PreK) | L8

8:45 a.m.: Tory & Ariana DeBoer, Avery

Rutledae

11:00 a.m.: Shelli VanBeek, Grant

Heeringa, Dakota Beck

# Safety: Ethan Foote

### Welcome |

8:45 a.m.: Heeringa Family, Jerry & Julie

Roetcisoender

Middle Lobby: Michael & Lucy Pontious 11:00 a.m.: Duane & Melva Bouma, Kaiden & Mackenzi VanDalen Middle Lobby: Darcy Lindenmuth

Coffee | Michael & Marcy Kok

Deacons | Dan VanBeek, Ryan Heeringa

# ADVENT - FAITH IN DARKNESS, FAITH IN LIGHT PASTOR DANNY MARTINEZ

Faith begins with \_\_\_\_\_ and grows in the

Faith \_\_\_\_\_\_to the promises of God.

Faith \_\_\_\_\_\_ to God.

Faith looks forward to .

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What stood out to you most in today's message, and how has the Holy Spirit been prompting you in response to this Advent teaching?

2. How has God used a season of "darkness" in your life to strengthen the faith He's already planted in you? In what ways did God meet you, teach you, or reshape your trust in Him when things were unclear, difficult, or painful?

Scripture Reference: 1 Peter 1:6-9; James 1:2-4

3. In what areas of your life is it hardest to exercise faith, and how does remembering God's character help your faith remain steadfast? Consider the situations, relationships, or uncertainties that feel slow, frustrating, or beyond your control. How does remembering that God is faithful, unchanging, and true to His Word help your faith hold firm, even when you cannot see the full picture? Scripture Reference: Numbers 23:19; Hebrews 6:18; Isaiah 9:6

