First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington April 12, 2020

PRAYER CLOSET

- OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Rut W, who passed away on Wednesday, April 8. A family graveside service is planned for Tuesday, April 14.
- EDIE M has been diagnosed with COVID-19.
- ALBERT V is in the hospital dealing with hydration and pneumonia.
- **DEALING WITH CANCER:** Rick B, John B, Susan B, Ralph H
- ASSISTED LIVING AND CARE CENTER RESIDENTS:

Cascade Christian Home – Amy B

Christian Health Care – Jennie B, Mary K, Bennie M, Johanna R, Joanne V

Cordata Court - Diane S

Lynden Manor - Anna G, Edie M, Kristi N, Maggie S, Albert V, Janet V, Cora V

Meadow Greens - Gussie B, Freda G, Grace H, Nellie H, Andy V, Jo V

Orchard Park - Eleanor & Carol Z

Silverado Care - Casey V

- **SHUT-IN MEMBERS:** Pray for our elderly members who are now especially separated from loved ones and assistance.
- CARE HOME AND HOSPITAL CAREGIVERS:

St. Joseph's Hospital – Kim E, Kim A, Riley S, Roger P (Construction)

Christian Health Care Center - Julie S, Kari H, Anna E

Meadow Greens – John & Karen M

- ** please let the office know if there is anyone else that should be added to the list
- ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Pray for God's will and leading to bring us the man of His choosing.
- **PHASE III BUILDING:** Pray for God's wisdom and clear leading and for His sufficient provision for building our future.
- **SERVE 2020**: Serve at First CRC has been cancelled for 2020. Pray for the students and leaders that intended to come and serve here this summer as they deal with the loss of this trip and pray that they would find other ways to serve this summer. Also pray for the Serve Leadership Team as they deal with the emotional loss of Serve this year and as they transition to looking ahead and planning for Serve 2021.
- MOMS@1st: Pray for God to nurture a fruitful ministry to all the moms and children involved, especially now as they minister to them remotely.
- HAUSA PEOPLE GROUP: Pray that God would open doors for the Gospel to reach the Hausa people in northern Nigeria.
- FIRST CRC MISSIONARIES: Jeff & Melissa, Ray & Angie, Steve & Sandy, Gary & Mary, Memli & Luiza, Al & Julie, Tim & Charlene, Eric & Penny, Mitchell & Rochelle, John & Jean, Ken & Chris, Snehakunja Home

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10:

Join us via live stream on Friday, April 10 at <u>7:00 p.m.</u> as we remember the sacrifice Christ made that first Good Friday. Pastor Robert will be presenting a monologue of the Roman Centurion. https://c.streamhoster.com/embed/media/WxsdDd/mc8FcKJsixL/F9Dehoscddy 5?preview=1

• EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12:

Come and celebrate the joy of the resurrection of Christ and his joyful victory over death on Easter Sunday, April 12 via live stream at 10:30 a.m.

https://c.streamhoster.com/embed/media/WxsdDd/mc8FcKJsixL/F9Dehoscddy_5?preview=1

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES AVAILBALE ONLINE:

If you are not able to join us live on Sunday mornings or if would like to re-watch or share a service, past streamed services are now available to view at either of the following links: https://c.streamhoster.com/embed/list/WxsdDd/mc8FcKJsixL/OFrOSgTsiln_2_1?preview=1
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1w17T5LLWjzcIKxxAeUx3End3DZCLORyb

• CHURCH OFFICE AND BUILDING CLOSURE:

The church office and church buildings are closed and locked until further notice. Kara and Susan have complete access to the church computer, phone messages and emails and will be checking voice messages and email several times a day. We will get back to you as soon as possible. We encourage you to call and leave a message or email if you have any needs or prayer requests. You can also reach Kara or Susan by phone at home. The church staff is still here to help our church family in any way we can, just now from our homes!

Church Phone - 360-354-4560

Church Email - info@firstcrclynden.org

• CHURCH EMAIL, WEBSITE, FACEBOOK PAGE:

- ** With this fluid situation and in an effort to stay connected, the church office will be sending out regular email updates on schedule changes, sending out a link to our live services and bulletins, announcements, box items, and prayer updates. If you know someone from church that is not receiving our emails, contact the church office to get them added to our email list. For those without email, the church will be mailing bulletins and announcements.
- ** For more information, check out the church website (<u>www.firstcrclynden.org</u>)! The website has bulletins, announcements, sermons, and lots of other information posted.
- ** Check out our Facebook page (First Christian Reformed Church Lynden) for information, updates, and to stay connected to our First Church Family!

CHURCH OFFERINGS:

- April 12 Building the Future
- April 19 Seafarers Ministry
- April 26 GEMS (dependent on it being GEMS Sunday)

Just a reminder that if even though we are not having worship services together, the needs of the church operating expenses remain the same. Please mail your tithes and offerings to the church at: 1010 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264. If you drop off please place in the mailbox, envelopes will fall to the bottom and be secure, do not use the drop box on the side of mailbox, as it is not secure.

SERVE 2020 UPDATE:

After a lot of discussion and prayer, SERVE 2020 has been cancelled. Unfortunately this means that we will not be doing SERVE like we have in the past, but that does not change the need to do good work in our community. Even though SERVE won't be the same this year, we have something up our sleeves, so keep an eye out for ways to get involved!

FACE MASKS AVAILABLE:

Pastor Robert has about 140 non-medical face masks for anyone who would like some. They can be picked up at the parsonage or he will gladly deliver them to you. Please contact Pastor Robert or the church office if you are interested in them.

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER:

Please hang on to your baby bottles until further notice. We will collect them at a later date.

• MEAL DELIVERY:

At this time the Fellowship Team has suspended all meal deliveries. If you have questions, please contact Marilyn M.

• THE DEACONS NEED YOUR HELP AGAIN!

The deacons have come into possession of another motorized wheelchair. It isn't doing much good sitting unused, and we want to put it to good use! If you know someone who could use it, whether they be inside the congregation or out in the community, contact any of the deacons.

• FIRST FAMILY CAMP - SEPTEMBER 11-13:

Join us at First Family Camp September 11-13, 2020 at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Concrete (www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/parks/howardmiller.htm). This is a great time to be blessed with God's family whether you come for a day, an evening, or stay for the entire weekend! For more information or to make reservations, contact Amy V.

MEETING INFORMTATION

MOMS@1ST:

We will have a virtual meeting on Tuesday, April 14 via ZOOM. Our topic will be *The Life Changing Power of Table Setting*. For more information about MOMS@1st, please contact Stephanie R.

• CADETS (1st - 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY):

Cadets have suspended cadet meetings until further notice. For more information about Cadets, contact Brian S.

• GEMS (1ST - 8TH GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY):

Watch announcements and emails for more information about future GEMS meetings. For more information about GEMS, contact Gail B.

• OASIS 2.0 (JR. HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY):

While we can't meet in person, we hope to connect online during this time. For more information about Oasis 2.0, contact Jeff or Renee L or Patty R.

TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY):

Watch your email for more information how we will be "meeting" for Tribe. For more information about Tribe, contact Cal or Laura B.

• THURSDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

The Thursday evening Women's Bible Study is cancelled for this semester. For more information about Women's Bible Study, contact Phama W.

MEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY:

Men's Thursday evening Bible study is cancelled until further notice. For more information about Men's Bible Study, contact Pastor Robert at 360-354-4560.