

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
May 31, 2020

CHURCH FAMILY & PRAYER CLOSET

- **WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY** to Rick & Ruth B and the V family with the passing of their brother and brother-in-law, Pete G this past week.
- **THANK YOU** for praying for our daughter, Gina B. After nine weeks of illness she is now back to normal. She still is a little weak, but she has recovered from whatever illness she had. For God has answered your prayers for her. We really appreciate you and your concern for our family.
Warmly, Gary & Mary
- **BETH B** is scheduled to have shoulder surgery on Tuesday, June 2. Pray for a successful surgery, relief from pain, and a quick recovery.
- **JOANNE K** is recovering from gall bladder surgery this past Thursday.
- **RUTH B** is back at home and continues therapy for a fractured hip.
- **JEAN V** as she recovers from pneumonia.
- **PASTOR PHIL K** (former First CRC Pastor and father to Jeff and Brian K) was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. Pray for wisdom for the doctors as well as peace and comfort for the family as they deal with this diagnosis.
- **DEALING WITH CANCER:** Rick B, John B, Susan B
- **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, Janet V, Cora V, Albert 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 members who are separated from loved ones and assistance.
- **CARE HOME AND MEDICAL FIELD WORKERS:**
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
Stafford House – Janice S
Cascade Connections – Tiffany B
- **2020 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:**
Congratulations to the following students who are graduating from local high schools this year:
 - Tate – Lynden Christian High School
 - Will – Lynden Academy
 - Kim – Lynden High School
 - Davis – Lynden Christian High School
 - Kelli – Lynden Christian High School

- **2020 COLLEGE/TECH GRADUATES:**

Congratulations to the following students who have completed their degrees or certifications:

- Kimberlee E on receiving her Doctor of Nursing Practice from Boise State University
- Anna E on receiving her Associate in Arts degree from Whatcom Community College
- Mindy H on receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Biola University

- **ASSOCIATE PASTOR:** Pray for God's will and leading to bring us the man of His choosing. Currently the team is in the interview phase of the process. At this point, two candidates have been interviewed for the position via Zoom. Pray for wisdom for the team as they make the decision on how to proceed, especially in a time where travel and larger meetings are difficult.
- **PHASE III BUILDING:** Pray for God's wisdom and clear leading and for His sufficient provision for building our future.
- **SERVE:** Lynden Serve 2020 has been cancelled. 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!
- **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

COUNCIL TIDBITS

- Elections for office bearers for the Council 2020-2021 season. Fred Y elected as President of council. Blaine K continues as Vice-President. Doug V continues as clerk. Bill V elected as Vicar. Jason V continues as general fund treasurer. Tabin B elected as special funds treasurer. The President, Vice-President and Vicar for deacons will be decided at the next deacon's meeting.

- Care districts are assigned:

FAMILIES

Aguirre – Boonstra
Bos – Ekema
Fast – Hewitt
Hilverda – Kudsk
Laird – Nydam
Olson – Schweigert
Seigman – Tutt
Van Beek – Van Zanten
Veldhuizen– Zylstra

ELDER

Neil M
Brad T
Fred Y
Jeff F
Blaine K
Tim V
Bill V
Larry S
Doug V

DEACON

Mike S
Dave R
Matt H
Jason V
Mark T
Tabin B
Brent H
Linsey H
Brian K

- New elders and deacons were assigned to various ministries teams.
- Three new ministries teams were created to continue with the Phase III project: Promotion Team, Fundraising Team and a Building Team.
- It was approved for the Multi-Media Ministry Team to pick a website developer to update and/or create a new website for the church that will be mobile friendly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **PENTECOST – SUNDAY, MAY 31:**

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost, the day (50 days after Easter) when the Holy Spirit came and filled the believers, as a gift from heaven. Red is the color of Pentecost and signifies the tongues of fire rested on the heads of those gathered. We encourage you and your family to wear something red (even at home!) to help celebrate Pentecost.

- **COUNCIL INSTALLATION/ORDINATION – SUNDAY, MAY 31:**

Installation/ordination for the new elders and deacons will take place this Sunday, May 31 during our live-stream service.

- **SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES AVAILABLE ONLINE:**

If you are not able to join us live on Sunday mornings or if you would like to re-watch or share a service, past streamed services are now available to view at either of the following links or on our website:

https://c.streamhoster.com/embed/list/WxsdDd/mc8FcKJsixL/OFrOSgTsiln_2_1?preview=1

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1w17T5LLWjzclKxxAeUx3End3DZCLORyb>

- **CHURCH OFFICE AND BUILDING CLOSURE:**

The church office and church buildings are closed and locked until further notice. The church staff is still here to help our church family in any way we can, just now from our homes! 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.

Church Phone – 360-354-4560 Church Email – info@firstcrclinden.org

- **CHURCH EMAIL, WEBSITE, AND SOCIAL MEDIA:**

** With this fluid situation and in an effort to stay connected, the church office will be sending out email updates, link to our live services and bulletins, announcements, church box items, and prayer updates. If you know someone from church not receiving our emails, contact the church office to get them added to our email list. For those without email, the church will mail bulletins and announcements.

** For more information, check out the church website (www.firstcrclinden.org). The website has bulletins, announcements, sermons, and lots of other information posted.

** Also remember to check out our Facebook page (First Christian Reformed Church – Lynden) and follow us on Instagram (firstcrclinden)!

- **CHURCH OFFERINGS AND WAYS TO GIVE:**

May 31 – Benevolence

** Just a reminder that if even though we are not having worship services together, the needs of the church operating expenses remain the same. Titles and offering can be mailed to the church office (1010 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264), dropped off (place in the mailbox, envelopes will fall to the bottom and be secure), through a bill pay service, or electronically with Tithe.ly (see below).

** The church has teamed up with Tithe.ly to allow giving electronically. You can give by going to the tithe.ly website (www.tithe.ly) or through the Tithe.ly app (available for iPhone and Android). Set up an account and link it to either a credit or debit card or your bank account. Follow the instructions and you are good to go. There is a fee for using this service (97-99% of your gift goes to First CRC). The deacons will also gladly help you set it up if this is something you want to do.

- **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:**

If you or someone in our church family needs financial assistance during this economic crisis, please do not hesitate to contact a deacon. They are ready to help in any way they can.

- **2020 GRADUATE RECOGNITION:**

- ** BLESS OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

- You have an opportunity to bless our high school graduates by writing a word of blessing, a Bible verse, a note of encouragement or wisdom to be added to their Graduate Journals. Please either send your note to the church office by email or regular mail by June 5.

- ** ARE YOU GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE OR TECH SCHOOL THIS YEAR?

- Let us know where you are graduating from and what degree or certificate you will receive. Contact the church office at 360-354-4560 or info@firstcrclinden.org with your graduation information.

- **JUNE MEMORY VERSE, PRAYER GUIDE AND DEVOTIONALS:**

- ** The monthly verse for June (Hebrews 13:17) and the June Prayer Guide will be emailed or printed and mailed with these church announcements or can be found on the church website.

- ** The June copies of Table Talk and the May/June Today devotionals are available. Please contact the church office to arrange pickup or mailing. Below you will find a link for the TODAY devotions and a link for kid's activities through The Back to God Hour Ministries.

- TODAY Devotional Online - <https://today.reframemedia.com/>

- Kid's Activities - <https://kidscorner.reframemedia.com/>

- **CHURCH PICNIC AND PICTURE DIRECTORY INFORMATION:**

- In light of the presence of restrictions, a couple of decisions have been made regarding our regular plans for upcoming activities. Since we do not know how long the restrictions that have been placed upon us will last, there are some things we want you to know so that you can plan accordingly.

- ** The first is that **there will be no church picnic** this year. That is due to the fact that that Berthusen Park is closed until further notice. Also, it is not particularly easy to find a new place/time.

- ** Secondly, since the photo company taking the church pictures are closed until August 1st, we have opted to **delay the new church directory until next year.**

- We are fully convinced that this is the safest route and trust that you too will see the wisdom of these two decisions. We wish you God's blessing as we walk through this together. May you be encouraged by the words from Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." ~the Fellowship Team

- **MEETING INFORMATION:**

- All church group and ministry team meetings are cancelled or will be held online until further notice. If you have any questions about a meeting, please contact your group leader or chairperson.

- **SEARCH TEAM:**

- The Search Team will meet on Thursday, June 4 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. For more information, contact Gene T.

- **ELDER MEETING:**

- The elders will meet on Tuesday, June 9 instead of June 2 at 7 p.m.

- **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.