

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
September 13, 2020

CHURCH FAMILY & PRAYER CLOSET

- **WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHY** to Wayne & Joyce V and Evan & Kimberly, Anna, Josh and Li E and family with the passing of their mother and grandmother, Joanne Von September 8.
- **VERNON Sis** waiting for results from scans this week after a large mass was found on his kidneys. Pray for peace as they await the results and wisdom in determining treatment.
- **PAT M** completed her radiation treatments this week. Pray for renewed strength and healing.
- **RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:** Jo V (rotator cuff), Ada V (elbow)
- **DEALING WITH CANCER:** John B (continuing chemotherapy), Susan B (continuing immunotherapy), Rick B (cancer dormant and subsiding), Ruth B (determining treatment), Pastor Phil K (former First CRC pastor - undergoing immunotherapy), Al M (First CRC missionary - undergoing chemotherapy and immunotherapy)
- **ASSISTED LIVING AND CARE CENTER RESIDENTS:**
Cascade Christian Home – Amy B
Christian Health Care – Jennie B, Mary K, Bennie M, Johanna R
Cordata Court – Diane S
Lynden Manor – Anna G, Edie M, 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
Shuksan Healthcare – Kristi N
- **SHUT-IN MEMBERS:** Pray for those separated from loved ones and assistance.
- **CARE HOME AND MEDICAL FIELD WORKERS:**
St. Joseph's Hospital – Kim E, Kim A, Riley S, Roger P
Christian Health Care Center – Julie S, Kari H, Anna E
Meadow Greens – John & Karen M, Kirstyn H
Stafford House – Janice S
Cascade Connections – Tiffany B
- **ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH TEAM:** Pray for God's wisdom and clear leading as we as a church family confirm who we believe God is calling to be Associate Pastor at First CRC.
- **PHASE III BUILDING:** Pray for God's wisdom and clear leading and for His sufficient provision for building our future.
- **MOMS@1st:** Pray for God to nurture a fruitful ministry to all the moms and children involved.
- **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

- **VOTING FOR ASSOCIATE PASTOR:**

Voting to call the Associate Pastor will be done entirely by absentee voting. **If you have not returned your ballot yet, please do so THIS WEEKEND!** You can drop off your ballots anytime in the church mailbox outside the Grover Street doors or drop it off in the basket on the Welcome Center on Sunday. Ballots will be counted at the Council meeting on Tuesday, September 15.

- **UNITED IN PRAYER –THIS SUNDAY!**

Join with us on Sunday, September 13 from 1:00-1:30 p.m., as people from every Lynden church and every background line Front Street, from downtown to Fairway, seeking God's protection and giving thanks for His continued grace. Starting at the Phoebe statue at 6th Street and Front Street, spread out, being sensitive to COVID distancing guidelines. Feel free to bring a blanket or chairs. We would love to see Front Street lined with praying people from downtown to Fairway and beyond! A suggested prayer outline can be found at www.lyndenprayer.com or contact the office for a copy. The bells of First Reformed Church will signal the beginning and close of the prayer time.

- **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**

Parents, a form concerning financial assistance for Christian education was emailed a few weeks ago. ALL parents are asked to fill out this form, so we know where First CRC children are attending school. If you do not receive a form, contact the church office. Please fill out and sign the form electronically, or print out and return to Jake D's church mailbox (C17) or to the church office **this week**.

- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES STARTING THIS WEEK:**

Matchless: The Life and Love of Jesus – Thursday afternoons

All women are invited to join *Matchless: The Life and Love of Jesus* Bible study by Angie Smith on Thursdays from 2:00–3:00 p.m. in the **Education Building** starting September 17. This 8-week study can be done in-person or remotely. There is also a companion book available for teen girls. Childcare will be provided. Contact Stephanie R with any questions or to sign-up.

Suffering and the Sovereignty of God – Thursday Evenings

A new Women's Bible Study on *Suffering and the Sovereignty of God* begins on Thursday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the **Education Building**. We invite you to join us... praying that in our study/sharing together we see God's grace and love more clearly in our lives and that indeed brings us a spirit of hope. The sign-up sheet and books are in the back of church before and after Sunday worship services. Looking forward to this time together! For more information, contact Jeanne J.

- **SEAFARERS NEED YOUR HELP:**

Those on the ships currently cannot get off the oil tankers in Ferndale/Cherry Point. Since May the Seafarers Ministry have been getting back on board to bring encouragement, hope and the love of Christ to those on these ships. You can help in the following ways:

- Pray for the workers on the huge waters away from families for as long as thirteen months
- Prayer for more volunteer ship visitors.
- Donate: warm hats, gloves, toiletries, DVDS, CDs, magazines, funds for Bibles

Donations can be mailed or brought to: Seafarers, C/O Project Hope,
205 S. B.C. Ave. Lynden, WA., 98264

For more information, contact Pastor John V.

- **CROSS CONNECTIONS FALL NEWSLETTER:**

The fall issue of Cross Connections was sent to you via email or regular mail. Additional copies are available on the Welcome Center, if you would like a printed copy.

MEETING INFORMATION

*Everyone is encouraged to wear masks and asked to keep a safe distance at all church meetings.
If you have any questions, please contact your chairperson or group leader.*

- **EDUCATION CLASSES:**

All education classes for 3rd – 12th grade have been postponed until further notice.

- **MOMS@1ST LEADERSHIP TEAM:**

We will meet on Tuesday, September 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the Education Building. For more information, contact Sade N.

- **COUNCIL:**

The Council will meet on Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

- **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY):**

All high school students are invited to join us next week Wednesday, September 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the **church basement**. For more information, please contact Cal or Laura Bor Andrew R.

WORSHIP SERVICES & CHURCH INFORMATION

- **IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13:**

On Sunday, September 13, we welcome to the pulpit Von Golder for both morning worship services. We will also be having our Staff Appreciation this Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

Currently, we are having two identical worship services at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. on Sundays.

During the hour between services, the sanctuary and high touch surfaces are thoroughly cleaned.

The congregation has been divided alphabetically for the worship services. If you cannot attend at your assigned time, you are welcome at the other worship service.

September 13	9:00 a.m. service	last names A – K
	11:00 a.m. service	last names L – Z
September 20	9:00 a.m. service	last names L – Z
	11:00 a.m. service	last names A – K

- **STREAMING WORSHIP SERVICES:**

For those that do not feel comfortable or are unable to attend worship, the morning worship service will be live-streamed at **9:00 a.m. and be replayed at 11:00 a.m. using the same live stream link.**

The service can be viewed at the following link or on our website:

https://c.streamhoster.com/embed/media/WxsdDd/mc8FckJsixL/F9Dehoscdy_5?preview=1

Past streamed services are available to view at the following link or on our website:

https://c.streamhoster.com/embed/list/WxsdDd/mc8FckJsixL/OFrOSgTsiln_2_1?preview=1

- **OFFERINGS AND WAYS TO GIVE:**

Tithes and offering can be given on Sundays in the back of church, mailed to the church office (1010 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264), dropped off at church (place in the outside mailbox), through a bill pay service, or electronically with Tithe.ly (www.tithe.ly or on the app). If you have questions about these options, contact any deacon or the church office. Please note, the deacons prefer to have a check designated to each offering, including different ones for weekly offerings and blue and green envelopes. Thank you for your consideration.

Upcoming Offerings: September 13 – Steve & Sandy
 September 20 – Ray & Angie
 September 27 – Benevolence
 October 4 – Christian School Tuition Assistance

