

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
September 20, 2020

CHURCH FAMILY & PRAYER CLOSET

- **THANK YOU** to the church council and congregation for the generous gifts given to us during staff appreciation. ~ First CRC Staff – Kara H, Susan B, Nelda S, Nancy Z
- **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS** to Pete W who will celebrate his 95th birthday on September 21.
- **WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHY** to Ron & Jane S and family with the passing of their infant great-granddaughter, Eleanor Grace H, on September 11.
- **VERNON S** was diagnosed with metastatic kidney cancer that has spread around his kidney, bones and lymph nodes. Pray for the family as they wait for the appointment with oncologists.
- **ANNA G** is steadily declining and is now on hospice care.
- **PHAMA W** will have knee replacement surgery this week Thursday, September 24.
- **RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:** Jo V (rotator cuff)
- **DEALING WITH CANCER:** John B (continuing chemotherapy), Susan Be (continuing immunotherapy), Rick B (beginning immunotherapy), Ruth B (determining treatment options), Vernon S (determining treatment options), 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
- **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

- **RESULTS OF VOTING FOR ASSOCIATE PASTOR:**

Ballots for Mike B as Associate Pastor were counted at the Council meeting on Tuesday, September 15 and it was approved by a high percentage.

- **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.

COUNCIL NEWS

- October 4 we will celebrate Worldwide Communion Sunday.
- Classis Cascade North meeting is October 8 at First CRC.
- Organ update: The installation of the pipes and console will begin on September 28.
- A small remodel of the “dead” space (behind the NW exit door by the piano) hall has been approved. This space will be incorporated into the flex office for more storage/bookcase space.
- Results of the Associate Pastor voting was approved with a high percentage and a call was extended to Michael B.
- There will be 3 “Sanitation” boxes placed in the Loft, Ed. Bldg. and church basement for ministry groups to use as needed. They will include face masks, hand sanitizer, thermometer, nitrile gloves and other cleaning items.

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.*

- **OASIS (7TH-8TH GRADE MINISTRY):**

All 7th-8th grade students are invited to join us at Oasis this Monday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. If you have a student in 7th or 8th grade and have not received information about Oasis this year or if you have any questions, please contact the Oasis leaders, Jeff & Renee L or Patty R.

- **MOMS@1ST:**

MOMS@1st will be meeting this week Tuesday, September 22 at 9:30 a.m. in the church basement. For more information, contact Sade N.

- **EXECUTIVE TEAM:**

The Executive Team will meet this week Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement for the annual staff evaluations.

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

All high school students are invited to join us on Wednesday, September 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement. For more information, please contact Cal or Laura B or Andrew R.

- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES:**

- ***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. 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.

- ***Suffering and the Sovereignty of God – Thursday Evenings***

- A Women's Bible Study on *Suffering and the Sovereignty of God* meets on Thursdays 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. For more information, please contact Jeanne J.

WORSHIP SERVICES & CHURCH INFORMATION

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

- 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 20	9:00 a.m. service	last names L – Z
	11:00 a.m. service	last names A – K
September 27	9:00 a.m. service	last names A – K
	11:00 a.m. service	last names L – Z

- **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/F9Dehosccdy_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). 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. Thank you!

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

- **FLOWERS FOR CHURCH:**

- If you have any issues getting your flowers to church, please contact the church office.

- Upcoming flower schedule: September 20 – Kara H
 September 27 – Susan B

- **CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION:**

- Office Hours Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 p.m.
 - Office Phone 360-354-4560 (For all office staff)
 - Church Email info@firstcrcllynden.org
 - Church Website www.firstcrcllynden.org
 - Church Facebook Page First Christian Reformed Church – Lynden
 (<https://www.facebook.com/First-Christian-Reformed-Church-Lynden-108591740760643/>)
 - Church Instagram firstcrcllynden (<https://www.instagram.com/firstcrcllynden/>)