

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
**Lynden, Washington**  
**January 3, 2021**

**CHURCH FAMILY & PRAYER CLOSET**

**THANK YOU:**

Thank you to all of you who helped make this Advent season special in so many different ways, from those who decorated the church, put up the lights outside, read the Advent readings and lit the candles, played special music, and many other ways behind the scenes. The use of your time and talents blessed us as a church family this Christmas season.

Dear First Church Family,

What a blessing all of you are to our family. We rejoice in being able to share this wonderful season with you. Thank you very much for all the cards, pictures, notes, goodies and gifts. What a great church family you are. We are looking forward to experiencing God's steadfast love and grace with you in 2021. May God richly bless each of you and your families. We love you. ~ Pastor Robert & Phama and family

**DEALING WITH CANCER:**

- John B is undergoing a new chemo treatment.
- Rick B has completed his immunotherapy but is continuing additional treatment.
- Ruth B continues to recover from surgery and plans to start chemotherapy in January.
- Berny D is undergoing chemotherapy.
- Vernon S is undergoing immunotherapy.
- Pastor Phil K (former First CRC pastor) is declining in health.

**ASSISTED LIVING AND CARE CENTER RESIDENTS:**

- Bellingham Adult Family Home – Metdy S
- Cascade Christian Home – Amy B
- Christian Health Care – Jennie B, Mary K, Bennie M, Johanna R
- Lynden Manor – Edie M, Nellie H, Maggie S, Albert VD
- Meadow Greens – Gussie B, Freda G, Grace H, John & Jean VH,  
Andy VV, Jo VV
- Orchard Park – Eleanor & Carol Z
- Shuksan Healthcare – Kristi N

**SHUT-IN MEMBERS** that are separated from loved ones and assistance during this time.

**CARE HOME AND MEDICAL FIELD WORKERS:**

- St. Joseph's Hospital – Kim E, Kim A, Riley S, Roger
- Cascade Connections – Tiffany B
- Christian Health Care Center – Julie S, Kari H, Anna E
- Meadow Greens – John & Karen M, Kirstyn H
- Northwest Laboratory – Kendra S
- Stafford House – Janice S

**PHASE III BUILDING** and God's wisdom, clear leading and sufficient provision for building our future.

**HAUSA PEOPLE GROUP** that God would open doors for the Gospel in northern Nigeria.

**FIRST CRC MISSIONARIES**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS** needed for the Thursday afternoon Women's Bible Study. Providing just one hour of childcare on Thursday afternoons would help make this Bible study accessible to moms with young children. If you are willing to help from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. on Thursdays, please contact Stephanie R.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** As most of you are aware, the Denominational Shares Fund has now become part of the Operating Fund starting in 2021. As a result, you will just have 12 envelopes in your church mailbox for the Operating Fund. We are planning to use up all the envelopes eventually, so you will likely see green envelopes (with new labels) at some point in the future once we use up the blue ones. Remember, the total budget between both funds has not changed - they are just combined into one fund.

### **2021 BIRTHDAY CALENDARS and BIBLE READING PLAN:**

The calendars and Bible reading are ready but this year we are doing things a little different. We will be emailing/mailing at the beginning of each month the single monthly birthday calendar and the month reading plan. But as usual we have printed copies of the entire 2021 calendar and 2021 Bible reading plan available at the Information Center or at the church office.

**CHANGES OUR EMAIL SYSTEM NEXT WEEK:** Starting next week, the church office is planning to use a new email system. *We will still be using the same email address*, but you may notice that our mass emails will look different. Our hope is that this new system will make things easier for you to read and will be smoother for the office to use.

\*\* If you notice that you are not receiving emails from church in the next few weeks, please first check your spam folder and then make sure we are listed as a trusted source. If you still are not receiving emails, contact the church office and we will make sure your contact information did not get lost in the shuffle to the new system. Thank you for your patience as we learn this new system!

### **2021 VIRTUAL JANUARY SERIES:**

The January series begins on January 6 and goes through January 26. Register online to watch from your own location on your own device. Visit <https://calvin.edu/january-series/> to register.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**MOMS@1<sup>ST</sup>** will be meeting this Tuesday, January 5 at 9:30 a.m. in the church basement. For more information, contact Sade N.

**MINISTRY TEAMS** will meet this Tuesday, January 5 at 7:00 p.m., unless you hear otherwise from your chairperson.

**ELDERS** will meet on Tuesday, January 5 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

**TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)** will meet again this Wednesday, January 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement. For more information, contact Cal & Laura B or Andrew R

### **NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES:**

\*\* All women are invited to join us in studying "*Ephesians: The Thoughts We Think, the Words We Speak*". We will be meeting on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Education Building, starting on Thursday, January 7. For more information or sign up, contact Stephanie R.

\*\* All women are cordially invited to join us in studying "*Be Amazed: Restoring an Attitude of Wonder & Worship*" (readings from six of the Minor Prophets). We will be meeting on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft, starting on Thursday, January 7, 2021. Sign up in the church foyer, or for more information contact Jeanne J. Looking forward to sharing & growing with you!

**MEN OF ALL AGES** are invited to join Pastor Robert in a study of *Job: A Man of Colossal Faith in the Face of Overwhelming Tragedy*. Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 7 from 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the church basement. Please read Job 4-14 for this week. If have any questions, contact Pastor Robert (360-354-4560)

## **WORSHIP SERVICES & CHURCH INFORMATION**

*If you have cold-like or flu-like symptoms stay home until you are symptom free.  
The state mandates that facial coverings are required (available at the Welcome Center).  
Please linger as briefly as possible in the narthex.*

### **IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES:**

Currently, we have two identical worship services at 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. During the time between services, the sanctuary and high touch surfaces are thoroughly cleaned, and masks and safe distancing are encouraged at all worship services. The congregation has been divided alphabetically for the worship services. If you cannot attend at your assigned time, you are welcome to attend the other service.

January 3	9:00 a.m. service	last names A – K
	10:30 a.m. service	last names L – Z

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January 10	9:00 a.m. service	last names L – Z
	10:30 a.m. service	last names A – K

### **STREAMING WORSHIP SERVICES:**

Sunday worship services are streamed at 9:00 a.m. and replayed at 10:30 a.m., all using the following link:  
[https://c.streamhoster.com/embed/media/WxsdDd/mc8FcKJsixL/F9Dehosccdy\\_5?preview=1](https://c.streamhoster.com/embed/media/WxsdDd/mc8FcKJsixL/F9Dehosccdy_5?preview=1)

Past streamed services are available to view at the following link:

[https://c.streamhoster.com/embed/list/WxsdDd/mc8FcKJsixL/OFrOSgTsiln\\_2\\_1?preview=1](https://c.streamhoster.com/embed/list/WxsdDd/mc8FcKJsixL/OFrOSgTsiln_2_1?preview=1)

### **WINTER WEATHER POLICY:**

The office will try to send an email if a church service or meeting is cancelled. Otherwise, please listen to Praise 106.5, KGMI 790 or contact your district elder or group leader for more information.

### **NURSERY AVAILABLE:**

A nursery is available for children under 3 years during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The following are the safe practices for the nursery: no children with a cough or runny nose allowed, temperatures will be taken of ALL children, parents, and volunteers before entering, volunteers are required to wear masks, all toys and surfaces will be sanitized following the service, no food is allowed, and cups or bottles need to be labeled.

Upcoming Nursery Volunteer Schedule:

January 3 – Bev H, Nathalie and Shannon T  
January 10 – Sara B and family  
January 17 – Jill B and family  
January 24 – M Seigman and family  
January 31 – Carly and Lane V W

### **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), or electronically through Tithe.ly ([www.tithe.ly](http://www.tithe.ly)) or a bill pay service. The deacons prefer to have a check designated to each offering, including different ones for weekly offerings. If you have questions, contact any deacon or the church office.

Upcoming Offering Schedule:

January 3 – Christian School Tuition Assistance	January 24 – Benevolence
January 10 – Al & Julie M	January 31 – Cadets
January 17 – Lynden Human Life	

### **CHURCH OFFICE AND STAFF SCHEDULES:**

The church office will be closed on Friday, January 1. Pastor Robert plans to be on vacation from December 25 – January 4. If you have a need during that time, please contact your district elder or the church office.

### **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	<a href="mailto:info@firstcrcllynden.org">info@firstcrcllynden.org</a>
Church Website	<a href="http://www.firstcrcllynden.org">www.firstcrcllynden.org</a>
Church Facebook Page	First Christian Reformed Church – Lynden
Church Instagram	firstcrcllynden ( <a href="https://www.instagram.com/firstcrcllynden/">https://www.instagram.com/firstcrcllynden/</a> )