



# **First Christian Reformed Church**

*Lynden, Washington*

## **January news & updates**

### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

Currently, there are two identical worship services at 9:00 & 10:30 AM on Sundays. During the time 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 to attend the other service.

*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.*

#### **January 10**

9:00 AM - last names L - Z  
10:30 AM - last names A - K

#### **January 17**

9:00 AM - last names A - K  
10:30 AM - last names L - Z

#### **January 24**

9:00 AM - last names L - Z  
10:30 AM - last names A - K

#### **January 31**

9:00 AM - last names A - K  
10:30 AM - last names L - Z

For anyone unable to attend in person, our worship services can be streamed at 9:00 AM or replayed at 10:30 AM, using the link on the church website ([www.firstcrcllynden.org](http://www.firstcrcllynden.org)).

#### **\*\* WINTER WEATHER CANCELLATIONS \*\***

In case of inclement weather, the church office will send an email and update the church website with information about worship services or meetings cancellations, otherwise tune in to Praise 106.5 or KGMI 790.

### **Prayer & Praise Items**

#### **DEALING WITH CANCER**

- John B continues chemotherapy.
- Rick B has completed immunotherapy but is continuing additional treatment.
- Ruth B continues to recover from surgery and plans to start chemotherapy in January.
- Berny D anticipates starting chemotherapy on January 15.
- Vernon S continues 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 Center](#) – Jennie B, Mary K, Bennie M, Johanna R
- [Lynden Manor](#) – Edie M, Nellie H, Maggie S, Albert V
- [Meadow Greens](#) – Gussie B, Freda G, Grace H, John and Jean V, Andy V, Jo V
- [Orchard Park](#) – Eleanor and 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 P
- [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

- Jeff & Melissa
- Ray & Angie
- Steve & Sandy
- Dustin & Melissa
- Memli & Luiza
- Al & Julie
- Tim & Charlene
- Eric & Penny
- Mitchell & Rochelle
- John & Jean
- Ken & Chris
- Snehakunja Home

## Childcare and Education Classes

A nursery is available for any children under 3 years during the 10:30 AM worship service.

*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.*

Currently, there are no education classes for students or adults during the Education Hour or during the worship services.

## Volunteer Schedules

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

[January 10](#) - Sara B and family  
[January 17](#) - Jill B and family  
[January 24](#) - Michelle S and family  
[January 31](#) - Carly and Lane V

### SAFETY USHERS

[January 10](#) - Ryan B, Nick S  
[January 17](#) - Jacob A, Gene T  
[January 24](#) - Len H, Ted S  
[January 31](#) - Jason V

## Tithes and Offerings

### UPCOMING OFFERINGS

[January 10](#) - Al & Julie M  
[January 17](#) - Lynden Human Life  
[January 24](#) - Benevolence

Note: 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.

Tithes and offering can be given the following ways:

Sundays in the back of church, mailed to the church office (1010 Front Street, Lynden, 98264), dropped off at church (outside mailbox), electronically with Tithe.ly (online or the app) or a bill pay service.

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.

## ***Bible Reading and Prayer Resources***

### **BIBLE READING PLAN**

For 2021, we will be reading through the Old Testament again, but this time we will read through it backwards, or starting with the minor prophets and working our way forward to Genesis. Each month will have 25 daily readings with a relatively short passage from the Old Testament and some verses from Psalms or Proverbs. We all get busy and only having 25 reading will give you a few catch-up days. You are encouraged to use the Bible reading personally or as a family, and feel free to share this plan with others! Printed copies of the Bible Reading Plan (monthly or yearly versions) are available on the Welcome Center or in the church office.

### **HIS WORD IN OUR HEARTS**

As we strive to commit scripture to memory, our monthly verse for January is Nahum 1:7. We challenge you to find some way to get this verse in front of you this month. You are encouraged to print out the verse or go to our website to save it as your phone or computer wallpaper.

### **DAILY DEVOTIONS**

*TODAY* is a daily devotional produced through ReFrame Ministries. Copies are available on the Welcome Center or in the church library. Visit their website ([www.todaydevotional.com](http://www.todaydevotional.com)) to read it online. \*\* Please note the Jan/Feb issues have not come in yet, but the office is expecting them by January 10.

*TABLETALK* magazine is daily devotional/Bible study resource. A few complimentary copies are available each month on the Welcome Center. They also offer a 3 month free trial or you can read it their website for free ([www.tabletalkmagazine.com](http://www.tabletalkmagazine.com)).

### **PRAYING THROUGH THE MONTH**

The Christian Reformed Church of North America provides a daily prayer guide with prayer requests for ministries and their needs. Monthly copies can be picked up in the church office or on their website (<https://www2.crcna.org/get-involved-crc/pray>)

## ***Ministry Partners News and Updates***

We are blessed to have many missionaries and ministry partners and we love to hear updates from them. Below are the newsletters and updates we have received this month. Copies of their letters can be picked up at the church office. Remember to keep these and all our ministry partners in your prayers!

- Envision Mission - January 2021
- The Leland Letter - January 2021