

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
October 18, 2020

CHURCH FAMILY & PRAYER CLOSET

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to Bert K who will celebrate his 86th birthday on Thursday, October 22.

THANK YOU: We are grateful to God and feel so blest to be members of a loving, caring, praying church family. Thank you for your prayers, support, calls and cards and to Larry & Debbie S for their timely visit. ~ Lamar & Eleanor V

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH. Let's show our appreciation to Pastor Robert as an ongoing, day by day, attribute of a healthy, loving church family.

MIKE & SHELBY B, Associate Pastor beginning November 1, as they pack and prepare to move to Lynden to be part of the ministry here at First CRC.

JANET V is on hospice and staying with family at their condo in Birch Bay.

RENA S is back at home and doing better after a few days in the hospital.

UPCOMING SURGERIES:

- Perlene H will have surgery on her parathyroid on Wednesday.
- Ruth B will have surgery for her cancer on Wednesday.

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:

- Bennie M is back at the CHCC and is now in rehab after a fall and partial hip replacement.
- Phama W continues rehab for her knee replacement.

DEALING WITH CANCER:

- John B is continuing chemotherapy.
- Susan B is continuing immunotherapy through December.
- Rick B is having more tests and waiting for results
- Ruth B is having surgery on Wednesday at UW Medicine.
- Vernon S had a bone biopsy last Friday (Oct. 9) and is waiting for a treatment plan.
- Al M (First CRC missionary) is back home in Belgium and undergoing more tests.
- Pastor Phil K (former First CRC pastor) is continuing immunotherapy and undergoing tests.

SHUT-IN MEMBERS: Pray for those separated from loved ones and assistance.

ASSISTED LIVING AND CARE CENTER RESIDENTS:

- Cascade Christian Home – Amy B
- Christian Health Care – Jennie B, Mary K, Bennie M, Johanna R
- Lynden Manor – Edie M, Maggie S, 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

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, Dustin & Melissa, Memli & Luiza, Al & Julie, Tim & Charlene, Eric & Penny, Mitchell & Rochelle, John & Jean, Ken & Chris, Snehakunja Home

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY READY!

The new directories are in your church mailbox. If you are not able to pick up your directory on Sunday, additional copies are available in the church office Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., or contact the church office to make other arrangements.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES:

TRIBE (First CRC high school youth group) is putting together care packages for our college age students and would love to have the whole church family be a part of this ministry. You can help by writing a note to one or more students or donating financially for purchase of items and gift cards. Due to the current situation, we are asking for financial help this year instead of donated items. **Please have any notes and financial donations turned in to the college care box, located in the back of church, no later than this Sunday, October 18.** If you have any questions, please contact Swandel E, Coni H, or Laura B.

TIRED BUT NOT RETIRED PUMPKIN CARVING NIGHT – OCTOBER 24:

All those in your 50's, 60's or 70's are invited to join us for our annual pumpkin carving night on Saturday, October 24 at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Rich & Coni H. Enjoy appetizers, delicious soups, pumpkin & apple desserts, and prizes for most creative carving! Bring your own pumpkin, carving tools, and call Liz V or Dawn H to sign up and to find out what to bring!

CADET POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER:

Cadets (First CRC 1st-8th grade boys ministry) are selling red, pink, white, and jingle bell poinsettias in 6" pots for \$10.00 each. To place an order, contact one of the Cadets, or place your order form and payment in the box on the Welcome Center. Order forms are available on the church website or in the office. Poinsettias will be available for pick-up on Friday, November 27 in the Ed. Building. Orders and payment must be received by Sunday, November 22. This fundraiser covers all expenses our Cadet Club encounters (books, badges, shirts, fun nights, rockets, International Camporee and Sumas Camp). We don't require kids to pay for anything.

MOMS@1ST LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS:

MOMS@1st is seeking ministry workers at Kids@1st to help with childcare every other Tuesdays from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. If you are willing to help, please contact Sade N or Carla Z.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOE BOXES:

If you did not get a shoebox and still want to participate, there are a couple at the church office You can also use a shoebox from your closet or buy a \$0.99 plastic shoeboxes at some discount stores and fill that. Below is the link for labels if you choose to do your own box. The Operation Christmas Child website (<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/>) is full of resources and ideas on what to buy (and what not to include), and how to pack a shoebox. You can also build a shoebox on-line if you choose.

Please return the shoeboxes to church (back of church or the office) when you have filled them. Don't forget a label and check (if you did not pay on-line). If you have any questions, please let Lisa Q know. The shoeboxes must be returned by **Sunday, November 15.**

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.*

MOMS@1ST will be meeting this week Tuesday, October 20 at 9:30 a.m. in the church basement.
For more information, contact Sade N.

COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, October 20 at 7 p.m. in the church basement.

TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY): Join us this Wednesday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement. For more information, contact Cal & Laura B or Andrew R.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES:

Matchless: The Life and Love of Jesus Bible study meets on Thursdays from 2:00–3:00 p.m. in the Ed. Building. Childcare provided. For more information about this study, contact Stephanie R.

A Women's Bible Study on *Suffering and the Sovereignty of God* meets on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Ed. Building. For more information about this study, contact Jeanne J.

MEN'S STUDY: 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*. Join other brothers as we explore the challenges men face as brothers, husbands, fathers and leaders. The Book of Job may be the oldest book in the Bible, widely regarded as a masterpiece of human literature. It's message is as relevant and practical as ever. This book perhaps more than any other explores the topics of the sovereignty of God in the light of pain, suffering and evil, and how we persevere when life just doesn't make sense. These are topics that aren't satisfied with trite answers, there is no varnish in the book of Job. Join us as we wrestle with the Word of God and seek wisdom for our lives today. And of course we will get to know in a deeper way the Lord and Savior of all the earth who suffered for us. Our next meeting will be Thursday evening, October 29 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the church basement. If you are interested or if you have any questions, contact Pastor Robert.

WORSHIP SERVICES & CHURCH INFORMATION

IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES:

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, 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 worship service.

October 18	9:00 a.m. service	last names L – Z
	11:00 a.m. service	last names A – K
October 25	9:00 a.m. service	last names A – K
	11:00 a.m. service	last names L – Z

** Starting **November 1** the second service time will change from 11 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. We will continue to clean between each service and alternate last names each week. If you have questions or concerns please contact your district elder.

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 following live stream link:

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). 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: October 18 – Jeff & Melissa
 October 25 – Building the Future

FLOWERS FOR CHURCH:

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

Upcoming flower schedule: October 18 – Nancy Z

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/)