

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
October 25, 2020

CHURCH FAMILY & PRAYER CLOSET

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.

THANK YOU: Dear Wonderful First Church Family, Thank you so much for your continued prayers, encouraging cards and gifts of food throughout my knee surgery and recovery. I have missed seeing you all but have been strengthened by your loving kindness and the Lord's faithfulness! With deepest appreciation ~ Phama W

MIKE & SHELBY B, Associate Pastor beginning November 1, as a team is in California this weekend helping them get moved. They plan to arrive in Lynden on Tuesday or Wednesday.

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

BERNY D was diagnosed with a tumor in his sinus cavity. Pray for Berny and Vicky and for the doctors. They are currently in South Dakota as Berny serves as interim pastor there.

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:

- Perlene H is recovering from surgery on her parathyroid this last Wednesday.
- Bennie M is in rehab at the Christian Health Care Center 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 undergoing more tests and waiting for results.
- Ruth B is recovering from surgery for her cancer this last Wednesday at UW Medicine.
- Vernon S started radiation this week and plans to start immunotherapy within a few weeks.
- Al M (First CRC missionary) is back home in Belgium and undergoing 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 – Resonate Global Missions
Ray & Angie – East-West Ministries International
Steve & Sandy – African Island Mission
Gary & Mary – Frontier Ventures
Dustin & Melissa – Converge International Ministries
Memli & Luiza – Missionaries in Albania
Al & Julie – Operation Mobilization
Tim & Charlene – Youth Dynamics
Eric & Penny – Pacific Island Ministries
Mitchell & Rochelle – Envision Mission
John & Jean – Seafarers Ministry
Ken & Chris – JAARS/Wycliffe
Snehakunja Home – Kidstown International

** Especially remember Ken & Chris as Ken fell last week from a ladder and broke his pelvis. He did not need surgery, but it will be a slow recovery. Pray for patience, healing and their continued work with Wycliffe and JAARS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 @ 2:00 AM:

Just a reminder that next Sunday, November 1, Daylight Savings Time will be coming to an end. Please remember to set your clocks back one-hour Saturday night and enjoy an extra hour of sleep, prayer, Bible study, or time with your family!

TIRED BUT NOT RETIRED PUMPKIN CARVING NIGHT – THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24:

All those in your 50's, 60's or 70's are invited to join us for our annual pumpkin carving night **this 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!

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 25** (The deadline was been extended by one week!). If you have any questions, please contact Swandel E, Coni H or Laura B.

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.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We are looking for people willing to help in the nursery, couples or families are welcome (children middle school or older only please). Volunteers will be required to wear masks and follow all the safe practices listed in the nursery announcement below. Since nursery will only be available during the 10:30 a.m. service, volunteers will have the option of attending the 9:00 a.m. worship service. If you are willing to help or have any questions, please contact the church office (360-354-4560 or info@firstcrclynden.org).

** Please note, we are NOT using the current nursery volunteer list, this is a temporary list while we are in Covid restrictions. If you are on the current nursery list, you will need to contact us to be added to this list. Thank you!

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 Welcome Center or can be printed from our website (<http://www.firstcrclynden.org/ministries/cadets-ministry-to-1st-8th-grade-boys/>). Poinsettias will be available for pick-up on Friday, November 27 in the Education 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. Thanks for helping us provide for the Cadets!

SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOE BOXES:

If you did not get a shoebox and still want to participate, you can use a shoebox from your closet or buy a \$0.99 plastic shoebox and fill that. Here is the link for labels and resources on what to include (and *what not to include*), and how to pack a shoebox: (<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/>). Please return the boxes to the back of church or church office when you have filled them. Don't forget a label and check (if you did not pay on-line...if you want to track your box). I can also pick them up for you if you cannot get to church to drop them off. If you have any questions, please let Lisa Q. The shoeboxes must be returned by Sunday, November 15, as we will be delivering them to the drop-off location that week.

DEVOTIONALS:

The November/December copies of Today devotionals and Large Print devotionals are available on the Welcome Center or contact the church office to arrange pickup or mailing. Below you will find a link for the TODAY devotions and a link for kid's activities through The Back to God Hour Ministries.

TODAY Devotional Online - <https://today.reframemedia.com/>

Kid's Activities - <https://kidscorner.reframemedia.com/>

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY:

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

COUNCIL NEWS

Nursery to start on November 1 at the 10:30 a.m. service for children babies up - 3 years old (see announcement below for more details).

There will be no Harvest Dinner this year.

Classis will meet again on November 5 at First CRC.

Mike B will preach on December 27 which will be part of his ordination process.

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.

DEACONS will be meeting on Monday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

OASIS (7TH-8TH GRADE MINISTRY): Meet us at "The Chance" this week! Second Chance that is. We will be doing an hour of service work there and enjoying a delicious snack. **Please meet us at Second Chance** (408 1st Street, Lynden), by the donation door on the side of the building on Monday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. Parents, please pick up your student at Second Chance at 8:30 p.m. We can't wait to see you there! Please bring liability forms and COVID forms, if you haven't turned them in. For more information, contact Jeff & Renee L or Patty R.

TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY): Join us this Wednesday, October 28 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 Loft. 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*. You are still invited to join other brothers as we explore the challenges men face as brothers, husbands, fathers and leaders. Our next meeting will be Thursday evening, October 29 from 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the church basement. Please read Job 1-2 for this week. If you are interested or if you have any questions, contact Pastor Robert.

SERVE LEADERSHIP TEAM will meet on Thursday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ed. Building. For more information, contact Molly H.

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 25	9:00 a.m. service	last names A – K
	11:00 a.m. service	last names L – Z
November 1	9:00 a.m. service	last names L – Z
	10:30 a.m. service	last names A – K

**** Starting November 1 the second worship service time will change from 11:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** We will continue to thoroughly clean the church between each service, and we will still 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 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

NURSERY AVAILABLE STARTING NOVEMBER 1:

Starting on November 1 we will be having a nursery available at the 10:30 am worship service only. Nursery will be available for 3 years and younger and the following safe practices will be used: no children with a cough or runny nose will be allowed (even if only teething), temperatures will be taken of ALL children, parents, and volunteers before entering the nursery, volunteers will be required to wear masks, all toys used and surfaces in the nursery will be thoroughly sanitized following the service, no food will be allowed and all cups or bottles will need to be labeled. We anticipate only one nursery will be used with only a small number of children.

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 25 – Building the Future
 November 1 – Christian School Tuition Assistance

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/)