

**First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
November 1, 2020**

CHURCH FAMILY & PRAYER CLOSET

WELCOME TO MIKE & SHELBY B! November 1 will be Mike's first day as the new Associate Pastor here at First CRC. Mike's office will be located next to Pastor Robert's office.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to Freda G who celebrates her 90th birthday on November 2.

WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHY to Agnes R and rest of the family with the passing of her sister, Janet V on Sunday, October 25. A small family memorial service will take place on Thursday, November 5 at 11:00 a.m. at First CRC.

THANK YOU NOTES:

Thank you to our church family for all the cards and prayers with Jo's surgery and especially to Pastor Woodyard for his visit. We also want to thank whoever dropped off the adorable, handmade pumpkins – we are really enjoying them! ~ Gussie B and Jo V

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and concern shown to me with my recent surgery. I really appreciate all the love from my church family. ~ Perlene H

Thank you for all the donation and cards for the college-age care packages. We appreciate your support for our students and for Tribe. ~ Tribe and the Care Package Team

WATSON FAMILY: Pray that their home in Illinois will sell quickly.

DIANA G will be having foot surgery on Wednesday, November 1.

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:

- Perlene H is at home recovering from surgery on her parathyroid.
- Bennie M is in rehab at the Christian Health Care Center after a fall and hip surgery.
- 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 recovering from surgery for her cancer.
- Berny D plans to starting chemo next week in Menno, SD for lymphoma in his sinuses.
- Vernon S is undergoing radiation and plans to start immunotherapy within a few weeks.
- Al M (First CRC missionary) is back home in Belgium. He will continue testing and be undergoing procedures to help with his cancer.
- Pastor Phil K (former First CRC pastor) is continuing immunotherapy and continues testing.

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

** Especially remember Ken & Chris as Ken fell from a ladder and broke his pelvis. Pray for patience, healing and their continued work with Wycliffe and JAARS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1:

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

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 volunteer list, this is a temporary list during Covid restrictions. If you are willing to help, 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.firstcrlcynden.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 the church office when you have filled them. Don't forget a label and check (if you did not pay on-line or 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, contact Lisa Q. Shoeboxes must be returned by Sunday, November 15, as we will be delivering them that week.

TODAY DEVOTIONALS:

The November/December copies of Today devotionals and Large Print Today devotionals are available on the Welcome Center, in the church library or you can contact the church office to arrange for 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.

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, November 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the church basement. For more information, contact Sade N.

MINISTRY TEAMS will be meeting on Tuesday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m., unless you hear otherwise from your chairperson.

ELDERS will be meeting on Tuesday, November 3 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY): Join us this Wednesday, November 4 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.

OASIS (7TH-8TH GRADE MINISTRY): All 7th – 8th grade students are invited to join us at Oasis on Monday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. For more information, contact Jeff & Renee L or Patty R.

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*. Our next meeting will be Thursday evening, November 12 from 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the church basement. If you are interested or if you have any questions, contact Pastor Robert (360-354-4560).

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.

November 1	9:00 a.m. service	last names L – Z
	10:30 a.m. service	last names A – K
November 8	9:00 a.m. service	last names A – K
	10:30 a.m. service	last names L – Z

** Starting **THIS SUNDAY, November 1**, the second service time will change from 11:00 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 replayed at 10:30 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 this Sunday, November 1 a nursery will 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:

- November 1 – Christian School Tuition Assistance
- November 8 – Ken & Chris
- November 15 – Dustin & Melissa
- November 22 – Building the Future
- November 26 (Thanksgiving) – Thanksgiving Envelopes
- November 29 – Benevolence