

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
November 8, 2020

CHURCH FAMILY & PRAYER CLOSET

WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FOLLOWING:

John & Greta E and family with the passing of Greta's brother, Calvin J on October 30.
Cheryl R and family with the passing of her sister-in-law, Jayne R on October 19.

THANK YOU NOTES:

Thank you very much for all of the cards, gifts, expressions of love and appreciation and especially for the generous gift certificate for pastors' appreciation month. We are tremendously thankful to our church family for your prayers, love and support that you give us. We are humbled and grateful to God for the privilege of serving Him here. You are all a blessing to us and we appreciate you too!
~ Pastor Robert & Phama W

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

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:

- John V fell this week and broke his hip and had surgery on Wednesday.
- Diana G is recovering from foot surgery this past week.
- Bennie M is in rehab at the Christian Health Care Center after a fall and hip surgery.

DEALING WITH CANCER:

- John B is continuing chemotherapy.
- Susan B is continuing immunotherapy through December.
- Rick B will be starting immunotherapy in Seattle on November 9.
- Ruth B is recovering from surgery for her cancer.
- Berny & Vicky D plan to return to Washington next week so Berny can begin his chemotherapy in Bellingham. Pray for safety as they travel back from South Dakota.
- 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 that are separated from loved ones and assistance during this time.

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 and God's wisdom, clear leading and sufficient provision for building our future.

MOMS@1st and the moms and children involved that God will nurture a fruitful ministry.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 on 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 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. Thanks for helping us provide for the Cadets!

GEMS ALMOND STICK FUNDRAISER:

Come support the GEMS as they will be selling frozen unbaked almond sticks on Saturday, December 5 from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in the Education Building. This is the last year that Mary Vander Woude is making these delicious pastries for our GEMS group. There will be a limit of 2 sticks per person. We hope to see you there.

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.**

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, 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!

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.*

OASIS (7TH-8TH GRADE MINISTRY): Join us at Oasis for a lesson, games and snacks on Monday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the basement. For more information, contact Jeff & Renee L or Patty R.

TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY): Join us this Wednesday, November 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement. For more information, contact Cal & Laura B or Andrew R.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES:

NEW WOMEN'S STUDY BEGINNING! All women are invited to join us in an Advent Bible study, *Pointing to the Promise*, on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m., starting on November 12 for 6 weeks. To sign up, contact Stephanie R. You can request a book for \$13 or purchase one yourself online (<https://www.p31bookstore.com/products/pointing-to-the-promise-an-advent-study-guide>).

A Women's Bible Study on *Suffering and the Sovereignty of God* will meet for the last time on Thursdays, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft. For more information, 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*. 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.

COUNCIL will be meeting on Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

** If you have any items for the Council meeting, please have them turned into the church office or the Council Clerk, Doug V by Thursday, November 12.

WORSHIP SERVICES & CHURCH INFORMATION

IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES:

Currently, we are having 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 worship service.

November 8	9:00 a.m. service	last names L – Z
	10:30 a.m. service	last names A – K
November 15	9:00 a.m. service	last names A – K
	10:30 a.m. service	last names L – Z

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/F9Dehosccddy_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:

A nursery is now available for children under 3 years at the 10:30 a.m. worship service only. The following safe practices will be used for the nursery: 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.

Upcoming Nursery Schedule:

November 8 – Carly and Lane V
November 15 – Brenda R and Pam R
November 22 – Mary V and Reagan V
November 26 (Thanksgiving) – Kim and Carter A
November 29 – Ken Q and Bev H
December 6 – Kelsey G and Brinley R

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 8 – Ken & Chris
November 15 – Dustin & Melissa
November 22 – Building the Future
November 26 (Thanksgiving) – Thanksgiving Envelopes
November 29 – Benevolence

**** Thanksgiving Day Offering** – A write up of suggested causes will be emailed this week.

Thanksgiving envelopes will be available at the Welcome Center in the back of church or at the church office. If you would like a printed copy of the causes or if you need additional envelopes, contact the church office or the deacons. All loose money on Thanksgiving Day will go toward Christian School Tuition Assistance.