

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
November 15, 2020

CHURCH FAMILY & PRAYER CLOSET

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Shirley B and Betty Swith the passing of their brother, Ted M, on Tuesday, November 10.

THANK YOU FROM HELPING HANDS FOR BABIES: Elder Ken S challenged us 14 years ago to “make a difference”. Even through this unusual year, the Helping Hands ladies never slowed: 387 blankets and 7 sweaters were sent out to needy families and parents of sick babies, 2437 hats were sent to school children through World Vision and Operation Christmas Child, and 8 afghans went to Whatcom Hospice. We are thankful for your continued monetary support, material donations and prayers. Servant hands, sharing the love of Jesus to those we will never meet, so they may glorify our Father in Heaven.

WE WELCOME Michael & Shelby B, as their communicant membership has been received from their church in Escondido, California to our fellowship here at First CRC. The elders have accepted them as full members.

PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Pray that Watson’s home in Illinois will sell quickly.
- Nella D, sister of Helene Y, is undergoing a treatment for MAC, a complex bacteria that affects the lungs. Pray for strength and peace for Nel as she deals with a lot of procedures and for successful treatment and wisdom for the doctors.

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:

- Diana G is recovering from foot surgery.
- Bennie M is in rehab at the Christian Health Care Center after a fall and hip surgery.
- John V is rehab at the Christian Health Care Center after a fall and surgery.

DEALING WITH CANCER:

- John B is continuing chemotherapy.
- Susan B is continuing immunotherapy through December.
- Rick B is doing immunotherapy in Seattle.
- Ruth B is recovering from surgery for her cancer.
- Berny D will be starting chemotherapy in Bellingham.
- Vernon S is undergoing radiation and plans to start immunotherapy soon.
- Al M (First CRC missionary) is 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 are selling red, pink, white, and jingle bell poinsettias in 6" pots for \$10.00 each. To order, contact a Cadet, or place order and payment in the box on the Welcome Center. Forms are on the Welcome Center or <http://www.firstcrclinden.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 **next Sunday, November 22**. This fundraiser covers all expenses of our Cadet Club (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 3 sticks per person. We hope to see you there.

SOCKS AND GLOVE DONATIONS NEEDED:

Cal B and Robert S are collection donations of **unused, WARM** socks (men's size 7-12) and gloves. Donations can be put in the box in the back of church. They would also appreciate prayer for their Tuesday night street ministry in Bellingham. If you have any questions, contact Cal B.

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 plastic shoebox and fill that. The following is the link for labels and what to pack in your box: (<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/>). Please return filled boxes to the back of church. Don't forget a label and check (if not paying online). 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@firstcrclinden.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!**

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.

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

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

TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY): Join us this Wednesday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement. For more information, contact Cal & Laura B or Andrew R.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: All women are invited to join us in an Advent Bible study, *Pointing to the Promise*, on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. To sign up, contact Stephanie 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, December 3 from 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the church basement. Please read Job 3 for the next meeting. For more information, contact Pastor Robert.

WORSHIP SERVICES & CHURCH INFORMATION

STREAMING WORSHIP SERVICES:

The morning worship service will be live-streamed at 10:30 a.m. using the following live stream link:

https://c.streamhoster.com/embed/media/WxsdDd/mc8FcKJsixL/F9Dehosccdy_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:

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 was emailed this last week; printed copies are available on the Welcome Center or contact the church office. Thanksgiving envelopes are 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.

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@firstcrclinden.org
Church Website	www.firstcrclinden.org
Church Facebook Page	First Christian Reformed Church – Lynden (https://www.facebook.com/First-Christian-Reformed-Church-Lynden-108591740760643/)
Church Instagram	firstcrclinden (https://www.instagram.com/firstcrclinden/)