

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
**Lynden, Washington**  
**November 22, 2020**

**CHURCH FAMILY & PRAYER CLOSET**

**WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY** to Vernon & Metdy S and Johanna R and families with the passing of their sister, Betty H, in Montana and their brother, Henry H, in Tacoma this past week.

**THANK YOU:**

We as a family want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and other acts of kindness following the death of our sister, mother and grandmother, Janet V. She is now without pain. We thank Rev. Robert W for his visits and beautiful service. ~ the family of Janet V and Agnes R.

Thank you to the congregation and the Mission Team for supporting Youth Dynamics again this year. We appreciate the emphasis you put on missions so that ministries like ours can continue.  
~ Tim N, Youth Dynamics

**PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

- Those in our community and around the world that are sick with the Covid virus.
- Dave & Dara W and family will sell their home in Illinois soon.
- Nicole B will find a new place to rent for her and her sons in Lynden, Sumas or Everson.
- 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 trying to meet with doctors in Seattle and start a different course of treatment after test reports were not as they had hoped.
- Susan B is continuing immunotherapy through December.
- Rick B is continuing immunotherapy in Seattle.
- Ruth B is recovering from surgery for her cancer.
- Berny D is back home from South Dakota and is doing better. He plans to start his chemo treatments on December 2.
- Vernon S has completed radiation and has started immunotherapy.
- Al M (First CRC missionary) will be having ongoing procedures to help with his cancer.
- Pastor Phil K (former First CRC pastor) is continuing immunotherapy and testing.

**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

**SHUT-IN MEMBERS** that are separated from loved ones and assistance during this time.

### **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@1<sup>st</sup>** 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**

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – DECEMBER 1:**

The annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. to vote on the proposed 2021 church budget. This weekend an email will be sent to all members with the proposed budget. Printed copies of the proposed budget will also be available on the Welcome Center or can be picked up at the church office.

\*\* Absentee ballots are available on the Welcome Center or at the church office. Please contact the church office if you need to make other arrangements. Absentee ballots must be returned in signed envelopes to Council Clerk, Doug V (box O10) prior to the meeting on December 3.

### **CADET POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER – ORDERS DUE SUNDAY!**

The Cadets are selling beautiful red, pink, white, and jingle bell poinsettias in 6" pots for \$10 each. To order, contact any Cadet or counselor, 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 off from our website: <http://www.firstcrclynden.org/ministries/cadets-ministry-to-1st-8th-grade-boys/>. **Orders and payment must be received by this Sunday, November 22.** Poinsettias will be available for pick-up this week Friday, November 27 in the Education Building. This fundraiser covers all expenses of our Cadet Club (books, badges, shirts, fun nights, rockets, International Camporee and Sumas Camp).

### **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. There will be a limit of 3 almond 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.

## **MOMS@1<sup>ST</sup> LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS:**

MOMS@1<sup>st</sup> is seeking ministry workers at Kids@1<sup>st</sup> to help with childcare every other Tuesdays from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. If you are willing to help, please contact Sade 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, contact the church office (360-354-4560 or [info@firstcrcllynden.org](mailto:info@firstcrcllynden.org)).

## **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 (7<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MINISTRY)** will not meet this week Monday but we will see you again Nov. 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. For more information, contact Jeff & Renee L or Patty R.

**SERVE LEADERSHIP** will meet on Monday, November 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ed. Building. For more information, contact Mindy H.

**MOMS@1<sup>ST</sup>** will be meeting Tuesday, December 1 at 9:30 a.m. in the church basement. For more information, contact Sade N.

**TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)** will not meet this Wednesday because of Thanksgiving, but we will be meeting next week Wednesday, December 2. 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. For more information, 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 (360-354-4560).

## **WORSHIP SERVICES & CHURCH INFORMATION**

### ***Recommendations for Worship and Singing:***

*Please read Pastor Robert's devotional for Friday, November 20, 2020 regarding the necessity of singing in Christian worship. Pastor Robert will share more about the elder's decision to continue singing in worship Sunday morning.*

*If you have cold-like or flu-like symptoms stay home until you are symptom free. We encourage wearing a mask while entering and exiting worship (masks are available at the Welcome Center).*

*We encourage lingering as briefly as possible in the narthex, feel free to fellowship outside.*

### **IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES:**

Currently, we have 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 22	9:00 a.m. service	last names A – K
	10:30 a.m. service	last names L – Z
November 29	9:00 a.m. service	last names L - Z
	10:30 a.m. service	last names A - K

## **STREAMING WORSHIP SERVICES:**

The 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/F9Dehosccdy\\_5?preview=1](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](https://c.streamhoster.com/embed/list/WxsdDd/mc8FcKJsixL/OFrOSgTsiln_2_1?preview=1)

## **THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP SERVICE:**

Join us in person or online this Thursday, November 26 as we gather to praise and thank God for the abundance and grace He has given us this year. Please note that we will have **only one worship service at 10:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day**. A nursery will be available for children under 3 years. As is our tradition, a special Thanksgiving offering will be taken using the Thanksgiving envelopes; please see the announcement below for more information

The Thanksgiving Day worship service will be live-streamed at 10:00 a.m. using the following link:

[https://c.streamhoster.com/embed/media/WxsdDd/mc8FcKJsixL/F9Dehosccdy\\_5?preview=1](https://c.streamhoster.com/embed/media/WxsdDd/mc8FcKJsixL/F9Dehosccdy_5?preview=1)

## **NURSERY AVAILABLE:**

A nursery is now available for children under 3 years at the 10:30 a.m. worship service and at the Thanksgiving Day service. The following safe practices will be used for the nursery: no children with a cough or runny nose will be allowed, temperatures will be taken of ALL children, parents, and volunteers before entering, volunteers will be required to wear masks, all toys used and surfaces 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 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  
December 13 – Debbie S and Nicole B  
December 20 – Kristin and Jessica H  
December 25 (Christmas Day) – Dara W and Swandel E  
December 27 – Brenda R and Pam 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](http://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 22 – Building the Future  
   November 26 (Thanksgiving) – Thanksgiving Envelopes (see below)  
   November 29 – Benevolence

**\*\* Thanksgiving Day Offering** – A write up of suggested causes is 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	<a href="mailto:info@firstcrcllynden.org">info@firstcrcllynden.org</a>
Church Website	<a href="http://www.firstcrcllynden.org">www.firstcrcllynden.org</a>