

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
November 29, 2020

CHURCH FAMILY & PRAYER CLOSET

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

Bea V celebrated her 93rd birthday on Saturday, November 28.
Bud K will celebrate his 86th birthday today, November 29.

OUR SYMPATHY to Doug & Mary V, Brian & Carly V and families with the passing Cora V on November 26.

THANK YOU:

Sincere thank you to our church family for the expression of sympathy shown to us at the passing of our dear brother, Ted M. ~ Betty S and Shirley B

Thank you for your loving support and prayer for our project in East Asia during the last seven years. We appreciate your faithfulness to the Gospel of Christ and your fellowship in the Gospel. Thank you so much! We have retired from support-based ministry and plan to take a Sabbatical in 2021 D.V. ~ Gary & Mary

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: Thank you for the prayers on behalf of Helene Y's sister, Nella. She continues to cope with MAC bacteria in her lungs.

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:

- Liz V had surgery on Tuesday for an infection in her foot.
- Gussie B is home following a time in the hospital to have a pacemaker put in and to deal with swelling.
- Bennie M is in rehab at the Christian Health Care Center after a fall and hip surgery.
- John V is being released this weekend from Christian Health Care Center after a fall and surgery.

DEALING WITH CANCER:

- John B is planning 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 plans to start his chemo treatments on December 2.
- Vernon S is undergoing 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@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

ADVENT SEASON:

This Sunday is the start of the Advent season, in preparation for Christmas Day and the celebration of Christ coming as a babe to our world. The theme for our Advent season this year is "What Child is this? Babies that Changed the World". This Sunday, November 29, we will also be celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper as we begin this Advent season.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1:

The annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. to vote on the proposed 2021 church budget. This weekend an email will be send 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 1.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE PAYMENT:

The first payment for the 2020-2021 school year has been made from the Christian Education program. This year First CRC has 46 students in the program and \$13,802 was distributed, with \$310 given per student. Thank you for your faithful support of our students.

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 almond sticks per person. We hope to see you there. For more information, contact Gail B.

SOCKS AND GLOVE DONATIONS NEEDED:

Cal B and Robert S are collection **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.

ANGEL TREE DONATION:

If you would like to bless those less fortunate in our community this Christmas, you are invited to take an Angel Tree ornament and purchase the items listed. Angel Tree gifts need to be returned to church no later than December 15. Please do NOT wrap the gifts. Thank you!

2021 BIRTHDAY CALENDAR UPDATES:

If you have any corrections, additions, deletions or any 80+ birthdays or significant anniversaries for the church birthday calendar, please contact the church office (360-354-4560 or info@firstcrclynden.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 (7TH-8TH GRADE MINISTRY) students are invited to join us this Monday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft for a game night. No first aid kit will be needed this time. For more information, contact Jeff & Renee L or Patty R.

DEACONS will meet on Monday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

MINISTRY TEAMS will not meet in December, unless you hear otherwise from your chairperson.

ELDERS AND COUNCIL will not meet in December.

MOMS@1ST 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 meet this Wednesday, December 2 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. 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

*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 (available at the Welcome Center),
and 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 service.

November 29	9:00 a.m. service	last names L – Z
	10:30 a.m. service	last names A – K

December 6	9:00 a.m. service	last names A – K
	10:30 a.m. service	last names L – Z

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER TODAY:

Sunday, November 29 we look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper together at both worship services. To do so in as safe a manner as possible, the elders will distribute the elements to each person. They will wear facemasks and gloves as they walk down the empty pews and hand out the elements.

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 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

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 29 – Ken Quehrn and Bev Honcoop
- December 6 – Kelsey Groen and Brinley Ryskamp
- December 13 – Debbie Smit and Nicole Bean
- December 20 – Kristin and Jessica Hoekstra
- December 25 (Christmas Day) – Dara Watson and Swandel Ekema
- December 27 – Brenda Roosma and Pam Roosma

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 Offering Schedule:

- November 29 – Benevolence
- December 6 – Christian School Tuition Assistance

**** Thanksgiving Offering Envelopes can be put in the offering baskets on Sunday or brought to the church office by noon on Monday to be included in the Thanksgiving offering.** If they are received after Monday, they will be included with the December offerings.

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/)